

CHIFOO 2004 Speaker Series



Human Development and Technology
in the Information Age

Series Overview

The adoption of all things Internet has raised America's love affair with technology to a fevered pitch. No area of our daily lives is untouched by the rapid changes in technologies, but few are as important to our long term financial and developmental health as education. In this 10-month series, CHIFOO invites psychologists, educators, researchers and technologists to provide insight into the rapidly changing landscape of technology and learning. This wide-ranging series examines technology in the classroom, in brain development, and in adult and community education.

Each talk showcases a technology in the context of the learning objectives for a defined audience. Speakers also present the methods they used to evaluate the effectiveness of the technology.

This series is a must for students, educators and professionals interested in specific technologies, and the role technology can play in creating effective and appropriate learning experiences.

Leo Frishberg, CHIFOO Program Chair

Time and Location

5:30 PM CHIFOOd

No-host dinner & informal networking
Old Chicago Pizza (Tanasbourne)
17960 NW Evergreen Pkwy, Beaverton

7:00 PM PreFOO: Networking and social time

7:30 PM CHIFOO Program

PCC Capital Center Auditorium
Room 1508
18524 NW Walker Rd. at 185th Ave.,
Beaverton

Admission \$5

Members free
Membership \$20

Check the CHIFOO web site - www.chifoo.org -
for updates and further information.

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Blocks of Wood: Leveraging Low Technology to Enrich the Growing Mind

Ginni Sackett & Cathy Newman

Can a simple block of wood promote a learning experience? Montessori lecturer, trainer, and Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) examiner Sackett joins Montessori lecturer and administrator Newman to show how this block can serve wildly variant ages and "learning styles." The speakers raise the question: what how can digital technologies improve the experience?

Ginni Sackett holds a BA in History, an MA in Asian Studies, and the AMI Primary Diploma in Early Childhood Education. She is currently the Executive Director and Director of Primary Training at the Montessori Institute Northwest in Portland, Oregon.



Cathy Newman has been involved in the Montessori community since 1985 when she began her career as an assistant in a Children's House program in Chicago, Illinois.

After her elementary level training in Bergamo, Italy, Cathy returned to Near North Montessori and worked as a guide in a 6-9 class for 3 years. Heeding the call of the Pacific Northwest, she relocated in 1990 to guide a small elementary program at SunGarden Montessori in West Linn, Oregon.

When SunGarden expanded its operations into Portland, Cathy became the 9-12 year old classroom guide at the new school - Two Rivers Montessori. Cathy served as 9-12 year old classroom guide for 6 years at Two Rivers until she focused her energies on her own family.

In 2002, Newman joined Odyssey Montessori's Board of Directors, and then served as one of the school's co-administrators. In 2003, she becomes Odyssey's Administrator, working closely with staff and parents to support Odyssey's mission of excellence.



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Computer-Human Interaction Forum Of Oregon

The Oregon and Southwest Washington chapter of ACM SIGCHI facilitating the exchange of practical and theoretical ideas about human-computer interactions.



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