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A Scholar/Practitioner? Learning and Organization Effectiveness: Sustainable Leadership, Adult Development and Transformative Learning

Biography

Kathy D. Geller, Ph.D. joined Fielding Graduate University as Program Director of the Human and Organization Development Programs in September 2021. Prior to her ?return? to Fielding, (she is a HOS graduate from 2004), she was Associate Clinical Professor at Drexel University from 2010 to 2021 in the Ed.D in Leadership and Management Program. She designed and delivered sustainable leadership and research courses for the hybrid programs in Sacramento and Philadelphia. and also taught fully online cohorts integrating transformative learning pedagogy into the delivery of experientially designed courses. From 2016 to 2019, she was Program Director for Drexel?s 350-person EdD program, which received the Carnegie Project for the Education Doctorate (CPED) Program of the Year Award for 2019. During her tenure, Dr. Geller chaired more than 50 dissertation committees and served as a faculty reader on another 25 committees. Before joining the Drexel team, Dr. Geller was a part-time Lecturer in the Columbia University Teachers? College Summer Principals' Academy, a leading-edge Master?s Program (2005 - 2008). She also served as Adjunct Professor teaching core doctoral courses in Leadership for the EdD Doctoral program at Nova Southeastern University in both Asia and the United States (2004 - 2010). As a practitioner, Dr. Geller brings a breadth and depth of experience in leadership development and organizational effectiveness. She served as Associate Vice President for Organizational Effectiveness and Learning at Stanford University (2008 - 2010). For ten years, she lived in Asia and during that time she served as Vice President/Global Head of Management Development and Chief Curriculum Architect for a 70,000-person British financial services organization focused on Asia, Africa, and the Middle East (1998 - 2003); and was Founder and Managing Principal for Areté Leadership International Ltd, (2004 ? 2012) a consultancy whose clients included Microsoft, The United Nations, UBS Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Stanford University, and other organizations in Asia and the U.S. Dr. Geller has authored and edited two books, Transnational Leadership Development (AMA, 2009) and Innovations in Transformative Learning: Space, Culture and the Arts (Peter Lang, 2009), both related to her Doctoral research and her ongoing commitment to integrating transformative learning practices in leadership development.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Professional Training and Coaching, Training and Development, Research

Areas of Expertise

Transformative Learning, Transnational Leadership, Leadership Development, Adaptive Leadership, Adult Development, Qualitative Research

Affiliations

Academy of Management (AOM), International Leadership Association (ILA), Association for Human Resources Development (AHRD)

Event Appearances

Synchronous and Asynchronous Teaching in a VUCA World (with Lewis-Grant, K. , Phillips, J.)
International Symposium, August 2022

Carnegie Project for the Education Doctorate (CPED) (with Phillips J., Grant, K., Gould, J.)
CPED Program of the Year, October 2019

When Qualitative Research is Taught Virtually: Drawing on Experiential Design to Build Deeper Knowledge of Qualitative Approaches (with Lewis, K., Phillips, J.)
The Qualitative Report Conference, January 2019

Exploring How Ed.D. Learning Experiences Support Career Accomplishment, Adaptability and Advancement
Hawaii International Conference on Education, January 2016

Beyond the Content: Creating Communities of Practice to Foster Adult Learning (with Bureau, W.E.)
Lilly Conference on Teaching Excellence, May 2015

Appreciating Self & Other through Mask Making (with Fisher-Yoshida, B.)
Transformative Learning Conference, November 2007

Praxis, Inquiry & the Performative Arts: A crucible for transformative education and learning (with Fisher-Yoshida, B. Shapiro, S. et al)
Management Education & Development / Academy of Management, August 2007

Diverse Applications of Transformative Learning: Community Action, Transnational Leadership Development, and Non-traditional Graduate Education (with Fisher-Yoshida, B., Schapiro, S.)
Transformative Learning Conference Proceedings, August 2007

Educating Leaders for the 21st Century: A Transformative Learning Process
Academy of Management, August 2005

Leadership Development in Multi-national Corporations in the 21st Century (with Fisher-Yoshida, B.)
Society for Organization Learning, First Global Forum, June 2003

Education

Fielding Graduate University
PhD Human & Organization Systems

Fielding Graduate University
MA Human & Organization Systems

University of Maryland, College Park
Advanced Graduate Specialist Counseling & Student Development

George Washington University
MA College Student Personnel

University of Maryland, College Park
BA Psychology

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