

34th Annual ACT Conference
October 20 & 21, 2017
Fullerton College, Fullerton, CA



Conference Theme – Constructing Ideas in the Natural World

Thank you to our California Planning Team: Tom Chiaromonte, Cris Lozon, Seun Chun-Burbank and Elizabeth Echternach!!

Submit your Proposal for ACT 2017!

<https://sites.google.com/site/assocforconstructteaching/2017-act-conference>

From the President

Dear ACT Members and Friends,

Welcome to the first monthly newsletter! We hope to provide you with frequent updates of information and activities. Please share your ideas and information to include in future issues! I ask you to scan the newsletter monthly. As you see here, a lot is going on to move Constructivism forward. You may find people with whom to collaborate. You will have items to share! You are important to the mission of ACT!

Thanks to Kate Chechak, Christian Schmid and Jim Pelech for the upcoming launch of the new website! Welcome to the ACT Board, Cris Lozon!!!

Start making your plans and proposal to attend ACT 2017 in Fullerton, California!

So nice to share with you in ACT!

Carolyn Black, President

Upcoming Events

Wonder of Learning-Hundred Languages of Children June 16 – August 26

As part of the University of Michigan Bicentennial, in Ann Arbor, MI

The traveling exhibition was created in Reggio Emilia, Italy, world-renowned for its early childhood education.

wonderoflearning.umich.edu

Seong Bock Hong, ACT Treasurer, is a partner in this event.

2017 Critical Explorers Summer Workshop for Teachers August 14-16

With Eleanor Duckworth at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA

workshop@criticalexplorers.org

(I attended last summer – it was inspiring and beneficial! Carolyn)

A team from Vermont presented with their high schoolers at ACT 2016!

ACT and Board Member News

Beth Vanmeeteren, University of Northern Iowa

Received an \$800,000 STEM grant to bring Ramps and Pathways to early childhood teachers in the state of Iowa.

Meir Muller, University of South Carolina

Leads a group of 12 early childhood, middle and high school pre-service teachers on a study abroad to Reggio Emilia, Italy. Students are shadowing for 15 hours in Reggio Schools, are involved in 12 hours of language and culture lessons and visit the world renowned Reggio preschools. Students each gather data for a research paper while in Reggio and are exploring issues of race, immigration, technology, and family involvement.

Jennifer Thompson, Harborview Elementary, Juneau, Alaska

“My first graders are finding information about a sea creature they found on our field session at the beach. They are using books, the app Pebble Go and photos we took to write, draw, and some want to make a giant paper sculpture to show the details of how it moves! Energy is high for spring and I'm happy to get young children outside to play, explore and enjoy our returning light!”

Happy 20th Birthday to the University of Houston Charter School!

Send your news and events for the June issue! cfblack@uh.edu