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\_\_\_\_\_ **Wednesday, February 4, 2009** \_\_\_\_\_

**8:30-9:00 Registration, Coffee**

**9:00-10:30 OPENING GENERAL SESSION**

**Welcome and Introductions**

*International Society for Self-Directed Learning*

Lucy Guglielmino, Florida Atlantic University

**Keynote Address: *The Beginning of Understanding***

Huey Long, University of Oklahoma (Emeritus)

**Conference Announcements**

Naomi Boyer, University of South Florida

Lucy Guglielmino, Florida Atlantic University

Lorraine Lander, Silent Auction Chair, Empire State University

**10:30-11:00 BREAK**

**11:00-11:45 CONCURRENT SESSIONS I**

**A. *Ready, Set, Goal: Self-Directed Learning in Diverse Females of Color who Ultimately Pursue and Complete Education Doctorate Degrees***

Jo Ann Bamdas, Florida Atlantic University

**Reactor:** Rita Kop

**B. *Andragogy, Web 2.0, and Self-Directed Learning***

Richard Durr, Campus Management

**Reactor:** Terry Redding

**C. *Relationships of Learner Autonomy to Selected Aspects of Academic Performance in Foreign Language Studies***

Gary Confessore, George Washington University; Eun Mi Park, Johns Hopkins University; Seongha Rhee, Kilryeong Lee, and Hae Dong Kim, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

**Reactor:** Jo Anne Larsen

**11:45-1:00 LUNCH**

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## 1:00-1:45 CONCURRENT SESSIONS II

### A. *Self-Directed Learning in Italy: Problems and Possibilities*

Chiara Biasin University of Padova, Italy

**Reactor:** Ralph Brockett

### B. *Second Language Acquisition and Self-Directed Learning*

Barry Rowe, University Sainte-Anne

**Reactor:** Peter Zsiga

### C. *An Agentive Perspective of Self-Directed Learning as Applied to Children*

Michael Ponton and Christine Schuette, Regent University; Gary Confessore, George Washington University

**Reactor:** Paul Bouchard

## 1:45-2:00 BREAK

## 2:00-2:45 CONCURRENT SESSIONS III

### A. *Self-Directed Learning and Leading Among Managers and Executives of Non-Profit Organizations*

Peter Zsiga and Theresa Liddell, Florida Atlantic University; Kenny Muller, Martin Memorial Medical Center

**Reactor:** Jonathan Taylor

### B. *Pedagogy Without a Teacher: What Are the Limits?*

Paul Bouchard, Concordia University

**Reactor:** Michael Ponton

### C. *Introducing Self-Directed Learning to College Freshmen: An Exploratory Inquiry*

Susanna Lai-Yeung Wai Ching, The Open University of Hong Kong

**Reactor:** Terry Redding

## 2:45-3:15 Break

## 3:15-4:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV

### A. *Enhancing Self-Directedness Among Nursing Students in a Remedial Program: An Exploratory Study*

Allie Brown, University of Tennessee; Tiffani Conner, Lincoln Memorial University; Jonathan Taylor and Ralph Brockett, University of Tennessee

**Reactor:** Dave Armitage

### B. *Learner Autonomy and Chinese University Students' English Proficiency: A Quantitative and Qualitative Study*

Jing Liu, Northfield Mount Hermon School; Gail Derrick, Regent University

**Reactor:** EunMi Park

### C. *The Challenges of Facilitating Self-Direction in an Expanding Online Environment*

Joyce McKnight, Empire State College

**Reactor:** Keara Sodano

## 4:00-4:15 BREAK

**4:15-5:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS V**

**A. *What Teaching is Not: Teaching in the Absence of Self-Directed Learning (SDL)***

Bernardo Blanco, Florida Southern College

**Reactor:** Gary Confessore

**B. *Adult Learners' Perception of Their Employers' Leadership Behaviors and Their Own Readiness For Self-Directed Learning***

Joyce Mayhew, Indiana Wesleyan University

**Reactor:** Barry Rowe

**5:30-6:30 WELCOME RECEPTION**

**Marriott Manager's Reception** in the Jupiter Room and pool area

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**8:30- 9:00 COFFEE, CONVERSATION, AND SILENT AUCTION BIDS**

**9:00- 10:15 GENERAL SESSION**

***A Conversation on Self-Directed Learning***

Sharan Merriam, University of Georgia and Rosemary Caffarella, Cornell University

**10:15-10:45 BREAK**

**10:45-11:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS VI**

**A. *The Journey Towards Self-Direction: A Dance between Tutor and Learner in a Connectivist Learning Environment***

Rita Kop, Swansea University

**Reactor:** Marcie Boucouvalas

**B. *High Self-Directed Learners as Scientists: A Critical Perspective***

Terrence Redding, Online Training

**Reactor:** Joyce McKnight

**C. *The Interconnectedness of Self-Directed Learning and Social Action: An Historical Inquiry into the Work of Myles Horton of the Highlander Folk School***

Keara Sodano, Florida Atlantic University

**Reactor:** Huey Long

**11:30- 11:45 BREAK**

**11:45-12:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS VII**

**A. *Developing Adult Intentional Learning Capacity To Change: A Theoretical Model and An Intervention Model***

EunMi Park, Johns Hopkins University

**Reactor:** Naomi Boyer

**B. *Self-Directed Learning of Essential Skills in the Workplace: American and Canadian Perspectives***

Mohamed Himech, University of Montreal; Paul Bouchard, Concordia University

**Reactor:** Enid Conley

**C. *Self-Directed Learning in a Technical Online Course***

Jo Anne Larsen, University of South Florida Polytechnic

**Reactor:** Joyce Mayhew

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**12:30-1:45 LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**

**1:45-2:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS VIII**

**A. *Self-Directed Learners Change Our World: SDL As a Force for Innovation, Discovery, and Social Change***

Lucy Guglielmino, Kim-Le Arvary, Joe Asen, Donna Goldstein, Elizabeth Gray, Fran Kamin, Monica Nicoll, Nancy Patrick, Courtney Purnell, Krista Shellabarger, Deborah Snowberger, Keara Sodano, Florida Atlantic University

**Reactor:** Richard Durr

**B. *Effect of Training in Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Metacognition on Student Self-Directed Learning Readiness***

Mohammed Ali Nadi and Maryam Grodanshekan, University of Iran

**Reactor:** Kenneth Muller

**C. *Influences on Teacher Professional Growth: SDL Readiness and Teacher Efficacy***

Barry Rowe, University Sainte-Anne

**Reactor:** Theresa Liddell

**2:30-2:45 BREAK**

**2:45- 3:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS IX**

**A. *Revisiting the Concept of "Self" in Self-Directed Learning***

Marcie Boucouvalas, Virginia Tech Graduate Center

**Reactor:** Jo Ann Bamdas

**B. *Investing in Teachers to Invest in Themselves: SDL in Professional Development***

Greg Cummings, Cornell University

**Reactor:** Lorraine Lander

**C. *Self-Directed Learning in the Development of Wisdom***

Lorraine Lander, Empire State College

**Reactor:** Jo Anne Larsen

**3:30-3:45 BREAK**

**3:45-4:45 GENERAL SESSION**

***On Our Own Time: Reflections on Personal Learning Projects by Self-Directed Learning Researchers***

**Panel of Malcolm Knowles Award Winners**

Ralph Brockett, University of Tennessee, Facilitator

Rosemary Caffarella, Cornell University

Gary Confessore, George Washington University (Emeritus)

Richard Durr, Campus Management

Lucy Guglielmino, Florida Atlantic University

Huey Long, University of Oklahoma (Emeritus)

Sharan Merriam, University of Georgia

**5:45-6:30 POSTER SESSION, SILENT AUCTION DISPLAY**

**POSTERS:**

**• *Inquiring Minds: What Motivates Lifelong Learners in 2009? Houle's 1961 Study Revisited***

Barbara Danielski, Florida Atlantic University

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• ***Characteristics of Self-Taught Experts: A Pilot Study of Self-Directed Learners from Four Working Generations***

Courtney Purnell, Florida Atlantic University

**6:30 BUFFET DINNER AND FINAL AUCTION** Jupiter Room

Casual dress. *Free for registered attendees.* See Registration Desk for Guest tickets.

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

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**8:30- 9:00 COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

**9:00- 10:00 GENERAL SESSION**

***Self-Directed Learning as a Strategy for Health Human Resource Continuing Professional Education***

Graham Dickson, Royal Roads University, Canada

Milton McClaren, Simon Fraser University (Emeritus) and Royal Roads University, Canada

Monique Cikaliuk, Lancaster University, United Kingdom

Don Briscoe, Canadian Medical Association

**10:00- 10:30 BREAK**

**10:30- 11:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS X**

***A. Perceived Self-Efficacy, Learning Habits and Peer Learning Forums in Online Asynchronous Programming Offerings***

Alessio Gaspar, Sara Langevin, Dave Armitage, and Naomi Boyer

University of South Florida Polytechnic

***Reactor:*** Allie Brown

***B. Self-Directed Learning as an Educational Coping Strategy For Native American Indians: A Native Perspective***

Enid Conley, Florida Atlantic University

***Reactor:*** Mohammed Hrimech

***C. A Great E-Books Curriculum for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

Ronald Thomas, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

***Reactor:*** Bernardo Blanco

**11:15-12:30 LUNCH ( on your own) Board members meet in Mercury**

**12:30-1:00 Business and Planning Session of the *International Society for Self-Directed Learning***

**1:00-2:00 ROUND TABLES**

**A. Proposal for a Centre of Personal Achievement**

Facilitators: Milton McClaren and Maurice Gibbons (via video)

**B. Self-Directed Learning and Sustainability / Environmental Issues**

Facilitator: Lorraine Lander

**2:30-5:00 RESEARCH AND PLANNING GROUPS**

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

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**9:00-12:00 RESEARCH AND PLANNING GROUPS**

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