

Curriculum Vitae Tracey McKenzie, Ph.D.

Tracey McKenzie received a Ph.D. in Sociology in 2001 from the University of North Texas, where she also earned an M.S. degree in Sociology (1991), a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (1989) and a B.A. in English Literature (1988). While in graduate school, she served as an associate professor of sociology for Dallas County Community College from 1992-2000 and discovered her passion for undergraduate teaching. She joined Collin College as associate faculty member from 1996-1999 and as fulltime professor of sociology in 1999.

In addition to teaching Introduction to Sociology classes, Tracey has taught Social Problems, Minority Studies, Human Sexuality, and Student Leadership courses. She has developed the curriculum and taught several interdisciplinary learning community classes integrating sociology with Computer Science, Spanish, Statistics, American History and American Government. She has also developed a hybrid Introduction to Sociology, combining on-campus and web-based instruction.

Tracey has been the recipient of the Engaged Faculty Scholarship in 2006, 2007 and 2008, which honors outstanding contributions made by Collin faculty in and out of the classroom. She was one of five Outstanding Faculty Finalists in 2007 and was awarded a study grant in 2006 for independent research entitled: *Trends and Consequences of an Emergent Global Culture*, a topic central to her global approach to teaching sociology.

Beyond the classroom, Tracey has served as the Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan, Service-learning Campus Coordinator, student organization advisor, chair or member of numerous college committees, and as the Chair of Learning Communities since 2003. Service to students, the college and the community is central to Tracey's philosophy. She engages classes in community service for such entities as St. Jude's Children's Hospital (2003), Habitat for Humanity (2003, 2006), Frisco Family Services (2007), and National Adoption Day (2008).

Conference Papers/Presentations Related to Teaching

- *Using Popular Culture as a Pedagogical Tool*. Popular Culture Association National Conference, 2009.
- *Designing a Quality Enhancement Plan*. Texas A&M University Assessment Conference, 2007.
- *Variations of Themes in Learning Communities: Politics, Media, Sex and Our Social Conscious*. National Learning Communities Conference, 2007.
- *Unleashing Students' Leadership Potential*. League for Innovation, 2006.
- *TechnoPOP!: Using Multimedia to Integrate Disciplines and Engage Learners*. League for Innovation, 2005.
- *What Are They Learning? Assessing Student Learning*. Southern Regional Learning Community Conference, 2005.
- *Using Technology to Engage Learners*. National Social Sciences Association Conference, 2004
- *Inter-Linking Disciplines with Technology and Engaged Learning*. Southern Regional Learning Communities Conference, 2002.
- *2001 Bellwether Award Winners Update*. Community College Futures Assembly, 2002.
- *The Successful Use of Innovation and Technology in Teaching Learning Communities*. North Texas Community College Consortium Conference on Interdisciplinary Learning, 2001.
- *Teaching Multiculturalism Through the Use of Technology in Learning Communities*. Conference on Learning Communities Beyond 2001: The Odyssey of Inclusion, 2001.
- *New Teaching Methodologies: Best Practices*. Collin County Education Summit, 2001.
- *The Implementation of Service-Learning and Learning Communities*. TCCTA Annual Conference, 2001.
- *Student Developed Web Sites: Successfully Integrating Technology Into a Multidisciplinary Learning Community*. North Texas Community College Consortium Enhancing Teaching and Learning with Technology, 2001.

College Service 2008-2009

- Student Research Showcase Planning Committee
- Associate Faculty Professional Development Committee
- Leadership Academy Executive Committee
- Associate Faculty Mentor
- Student Leadership Mentor
- Outstanding Professor Selection Committee
- Society of Interdisciplinary Thinking
- Student Organization Awards Selection Committee
- Campus Coordinator for African American History Month
- Book-In-Common Committee
- New Student Orientations Presenter
- High School Youth Leadership Academy Presenter
- Campus voter registration drive volunteer
- Learning Communities Scholarship Selection Committee