

Friday, November 9, 2018 Collin College Frisco Campus Conference Center
Community College Humanities Association Southwestern Division Conference



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dornith Doherty

A 2012 Guggenheim Foundation Fellow, Dornith Doherty was born in Houston, Texas and received a B.A. *cum laude* from Rice University and an MFA in Photography from Yale University. She currently resides in Southlake and is Distinguished Research Professor at the University of North Texas, where she has been on the faculty since 1996. In addition to the Guggenheim Fellowship, she has also received grants from the Fulbright Foundation, the Japan Foundation, the Indiana Arts Commission, the United States Department of the Interior, the University of North Texas, and the Houston Center for Photography.

Spurred by the completion of the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, Dornith Doherty began Archiving Eden in 2008 as a way to explore the role of seed banks and their preservation efforts in the face of climate change and the extinction of natural species. She found the simultaneously optimistic and pessimistic nature of the Svalbard Vault compelling: individuals and governments from around the world collaborating to create the first truly global botanical back-up system, but also, the gravity of climate change and political instability created the need for an inaccessible “Doomsday Vault” near the North Pole.

As Archiving Eden developed, collaboration became an important facet of the project. She worked closely with biologists at twenty seed banks scattered across four continents to gain special access and understanding of the collections, and through this critical research Doherty developed a dual approach. Documentary images in the series record the spaces and technological interventions required to store seeds and clones in a state of suspended animation. Accompanying digital collages, made using on-site x-ray equipment, are a more intimate exploration of individual seeds and plant samples stored in these crucial collections. These magnified images illuminate poetic questions about life and time on a macro and micro scale.



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TIME EVENT

LOCATION

8:30AM Registration Opens

Lobby

Pick up your name badge and conference packet, and enjoy coffee and pastries.

**10:00AM-
11:30AM Plenary Session I**

Section E

Presiding **Linda Sears**, President, Southwestern Division, CCHA
Professor of Humanities, Plano Campus, Collin College (TX)

Welcome

Wendy Gunderson, Dean of Academic Affairs
Frisco Campus, Collin College (TX)

Introduction of Speaker Dornith Doherty

Lupita Murillo Tinnen, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
Frisco Campus, Collin College (TX)

“Archiving Eden: An 8-Year Art/Science Collaboration”

Dornith Doherty, Distinguished Research Professor
University of North Texas (TX)



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Dennis Kratz

Dennis M. Kratz is Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities and Ignacy and Celina Rockover Professor of Humanities at the University of Texas at Dallas. Prior to his appointment in 1997 as Dean of A&H, he served as the University's Dean of Undergraduate Education. As a dean, scholar and teacher, Kratz emphasizes "meaningful transformation."

His research emphasizes the continuation and transformation of the western "heroic" tradition from classical antiquity through medieval and modern literature. He studies the ways in which artists seek both to maintain the essential qualities of that inheritance and to make it a vehicle for the expression of values more appropriate and meaningful for a contemporary audience. He has published four books: *Mocking Epic: Waltharius, Alexandreis and the Problem of Christian Heroism* (1980); *Waltharius and Ruodlieb* (1984); *The Romances of Alexander* (1991); and, with Dr. Abby Robinson Kratz, *Effective Listening Skills* (1994). He has also published numerous articles and reviews on subjects ranging from epic poetry and the changing nature of heroism to translation, translation theory, and Fantasy and Science Fiction. A translator of classical and medieval literature, Dr. Kratz was co-editor of the journal *Translation Review* from 1980-2017 and has served as President of the American Literary Translators Association.

As Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at UTD, Dr. Kratz has sought to maintain the abiding value of the Liberal Arts tradition while transforming it to meet the educational needs of the twenty-first century. He has led the development of new degree programs (among them a program in Arts and Technology that has since become a separate School within the university); new research centers such as the Center for Values in Medicine, Science and Technology; and the first Confucius Institute in Texas. As Dean of Undergraduate Education, he led a team of faculty, students and administrators to create Collegium V, the first University Honors Program.

Dr. Kratz has received numerous honors including the University of Texas System Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award; the "Person of the Year" Award from the DFW Asian American Citizens Council; a medal from the Chinese Ministry of Education recognizing his contributions to the Confucius Institute; and fellowships from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Dumbarton Oaks and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (Germany).

Dr. Kratz received his BA, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, from Dartmouth College (1963). He received the MA in Classical Philology (1964) and PhD in Medieval Latin (1970), both from Harvard University. Prior to joining the UT Dallas faculty, he taught at The Roxbury Latin School (Boston), Simmons College and The Ohio State University.



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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11:30AM	Break Take this opportunity to network with your colleagues.	Lobby
12:00PM- 1:30PM	Luncheon and Plenary Session II Presiding Jules Sears , Vice President, Southwestern Division, CCHA Professor of English, Plano Campus, Collin College (TX) Introduction of Speaker Dennis Kratz Dallie Clark , Professor of Humanities Plano Campus, Collin College (TX) “To Enlighten and Annoy: Practicing the Humanities” Dennis M. Kratz , Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities and Ignacy and Celina Rockover Professor of Humanities University of Texas at Dallas (TX)	Section E
1:30PM	Break Wrap up your lunch and move to your selected breakout discussion session.	Lobby



Breakout Discussion Sessions

TIME: 1:45PM-3:00PM

LOCATION

Session 1: “Preserving our Local Treasures: The Humanities and Conservation of Regional Art, History, Culture, Thought, and Traditional Ways.”

Section S

Facilitated by **Dallie Clark**, Professor of Humanities, Plano Campus, Collin College (TX); and **Jenny McMillen Sweeney**, Education Specialist, National Archives at Fort Worth(TX)

Session 2: “The Humanities Beyond the Academy: Fostering Relationships Between College Scholars and Public Intellectuals, Artists, and Advocates for the Humanities”

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Facilitated by **Linda Sears**, Professor of Humanities, Plano Campus, Collin College (TX); and **Pat Ledbetter**, Professor of History and Humanities, North Central Texas College (TX)

Session 3: “Communication Breakdowns: Fact/Fiction/Fake News and the Need for Truth.”

Section N

Facilitated by **Jules Sears**, Professor of English, Plano Campus, Collin College (TX); and **Marta Moore**, Professor of English and Humanities, Plano Campus, Collin College (TX)

Session 4: “Why We Still Matter in a Tech-Saturated World: The Differences Humanities Courses and Degrees Make.”

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Facilitated by **Rich DeRouen**, Professor of Humanities, Plano Campus, Collin College (TX); and **Jane England**, Professor of History and Humanities, North Central Texas College (TX)



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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
3:00PM	Break Wrap up your discussion and move to the business meeting.	Lobby
3:15PM- 4:15PM	Southwestern Division Business Meeting All are welcome to attend. Presiding Linda Sears , President, Southwestern Division, CCHA Professor of Humanities, Plano Campus, Collin College (TX)	Section E

Special Thanks

Wendy Gunderson, Dean of Academic Affairs, Frisco Campus, Collin College (TX)
Don Weasenforth, Vice President and Provost, Frisco Campus, Collin College (TX)
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