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**"LEARNING THROUGH INTENT PARTICIPATION
IN CULTURAL ACTIVITY"**

PRESENTATION ABSTRACT:

IN SOME CULTURAL COMMUNITIES, CHILDREN COMMONLY LEARN THROUGH KEEN OBSERVATION OF ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS IN WHICH THEY PARTICIPATE WITH INTENT CONCENTRATION AND INITIATIVE WHEN THEY ARE READY. I CONTRAST THIS TRADITION OF SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN'S LEARNING WITH SPECIALIZED LESSONS OUT OF THE CONTEXT OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY - WHICH ARE OFTEN ORGANIZED AS 'ASSEMBLY-LINE' PREPARATION OF CHILDREN FOR EVENTUAL ADULT ROLES. USE OF THE TWO TRADITIONS RELATES TO HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN CHILDREN'S OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND THEIR SEGREGATION IN AGE-SPECIFIC CHILD-FOCUSED SETTINGS SUCH AS COMPULSORY, EXTENSIVE SCHOOLING. I WILL ILLUSTRATE THESE IDEAS WITH RESEARCH IN GUATEMALAN MAYAN, U.S. MEXICAN-HERITAGE, AND U.S. EUROPEAN-HERITAGE COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS FROM AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S INTENT PARTICIPATION (REPORTED IN *LEARNING TOGETHER*, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2001).

BIOGRAPHY:

BARBARA ROGOFF RECEIVED HER PH.D. IN 1977 FROM HARVARD. SHE IS CURRENTLY UC SANTA CRUZ FOUNDATION PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND HOLDS THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR. SHE IS A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, AND THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. BARBARA ROGOFF HAS BEEN A FELLOW OF THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, A KELLOGG FELLOW, A SPENCER FELLOW, AND AN OSHER FELLOW OF THE EXPLORATORIUM. SHE HAS SERVED AS EDITOR OF *HUMAN DEVELOPMENT* AND OF THE *NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT*, STUDY SECTION MEMBER FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND A COMMITTEE MEMBER ON THE SCIENCE OF LEARNING FOR THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE. SHE WAS SELECTED TO GIVE THE 2004 UC SANTA CRUZ FACULTY RESEARCH LECTURE. HER BOOK *APPRENTICESHIP IN THINKING* RECEIVED THE SCRIBNER AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION. ROGOFF'S RECENT BOOKS INCLUDE *LEARNING TOGETHER: CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN A SCHOOL COMMUNITY* AND *THE CULTURAL NATURE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT*.