Workshop on Fostering Ethical Reasoning across the Curriculum

With Dr. Linda Elder

Ethics is the study of decisions or behavior that benefit or harm persons and creatures. Human behavior can be either praised ethically (if someone acts to benefit the welfare of others) or criticized (when someone acts so as to harm others). Ethics is not to be confused with social convention, law, or religious beliefs. For any action to be unethical, it must deny another person or creature some inalienable right. Social convention and laws, as well as religious beliefs vary enormously along national and cultural lines. But ethical concepts and principles are universal. All educated persons, properly so called, are fundamentally ethical persons because they realize that ethical questions must be answered using ethical concepts and principles. They do not confuse ethics with other modes of reasoning. This session will focus on fostering ethical reasoning abilities in students.

Workshop on Richard Paul’s Teaching Design

With Dr. Richard Paul

Richard Paul is not only one of the leading theoreticians in Critical Thinking; he is also a distinguished teacher. Both his workshops and his classes are designed to foster intensive intellectual engagement of every student in every class. In this three-day workshop, you will learn how to design instruction in the Paulian manner. First, you will be taught by Richard Paul for six hours (just as any student in his class would be), during which Paul will make clear how he is making strategic teaching decisions each step along the way. Then he will help you design the first 10 class sessions of any given class you teach (in the manner he would teach it, were he you). As a result, you will experience first hand being taught in the Paulian manner—and thus feel the power of being intensively intellectually stimulated. He will demonstrate how to devise ways of teaching class sessions that progressively build on each other. Paul’s teaching strategies reflect insights implicit in successful Oxford tutorials and Cambridge supervisions. Of course, they are adapted to much larger student numbers (than that of the Oxford don teaching one or two students) and to students, on the whole, significantly less advanced. As part of the process, Paul will model the art of teaching critical reading, writing, and speaking.

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The Center and Foundation for Critical Thinking have together hosted critical thinking academies and conferences for more than a quarter century. During that time, we have played a key role in defining, structuring, assessing, improving and advancing the principles and best practices of fair-minded critical thought in education and in society.

Throughout our work we emphasize and argue for the importance of teaching for critical thinking in a strong, rather than a weak, sense. We are committed to a clear and “substantive” concept of critical thinking (rather than one that is ill-defined); a concept that interfaces well with the disciplines, that integrates critical with creative thinking, that emphasizes the affective as well as the cognitive dimension of critical thinking, that highlights intellectual standards and traits. We advocate a concept of critical thinking that organizes instruction in every subject area at every educational level, around it, on it, and through it.

The workshops will be led independently by Dr. Richard Paul and Dr. Linda Elder, Fellows of the Foundation for Critical Thinking.

Dr. Linda Elder is an educational psychologist who has taught both psychology and critical thinking at the college level. She is the President of the Foundation for Critical Thinking and the Executive Director of the Center for Critical Thinking. Dr. Elder has a special interest in the relation of thought and emotion, the cognitive and the affective, and has developed an original theory of the stages of critical thinking development. She has authored and co-authored a series of articles on critical thinking including a column on critical thinking for the Journal of Developmental Education. She has co-authored four books on critical thinking. She is a dynamic presenter.

Dr. Richard Paul is a major leader in the international critical thinking movement. He is Director of Research at the Center for Critical Thinking, and the Chair of the National Council for Excellence in Critical Thinking, author of over 200 articles and seven books on critical thinking. Dr. Paul has given hundreds of workshops on critical thinking and made a series of eight critical thinking video programs for PBS. His views on critical thinking have been canvassed in New York Times, Education Week, The Chronicle of Higher Education, American Teacher, Educational Leadership, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report, and Reader’s Digest.