

The Vancouver Art Gallery in partnership with the UBC Institute for Early Childhood Education & Research and the UVic Investigating Quality Project is pleased to announce

## Encounters with ART and gender

Thursday, November 27 6-9 pm and  
Saturday, November 29, 2008 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
at the Vancouver Art Gallery

In this day and a half workshop educators will be provoked to re-think and re-conceptualize their understandings of gender, identity, and feminist theory. As well, participants will be invited to explore how their own as well as children's gendered identities are constituted.

Workshop leader Bronwyn Davies whose groundbreaking research projects explored how preschool children are constructed as "boys" and "girls" have provided educators worldwide with new ways to think about the relationship between education, gender, and identity.



Red Abakan, 1969. Courtesy of the National Museum, Wroclaw Poland.  
Photo courtesy of Magdalena Abakanowicz.

Rather than viewing gender as a static concept, workshop attendees will discuss and experiment with theoretical perspectives in which gender is viewed as a conceptual domain in flux. The workshop will include a discussion about implications of these theories for pedagogical practice.

The exhibition, *WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution*, will serve as a focal point for discussing questions concerning gender issues in early childhood education.

### SCHEDULE

#### November 27 6-9 pm

An evening session which will include a guided tour of the exhibit, *WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution*, as well as an introductory session to feminist theory in Early Childhood Education with Dr. Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw.

**November 28** – Although there is no session on this date, participants are encouraged to visit the Vancouver Art Gallery during opening hours in order to further reflect on the artwork. Admission for a self-guided tour of the exhibits is included in the registration fee.

#### November 29 9 am - 3 pm

A full day session with Dr. Bronwyn Davies which will include: (a) a presentation entitled, *Difference and Differentiation: Embodied Subjects in Pedagogic Spaces*, (b) a collective biography workshop (co-facilitated with Dr. Pacini-Ketchabaw) exploring gender in education. There will be a lunch break from 12:30-1:30 pm. **Lunch is included in the registration fee.**

### REGISTRATION

In order to offer the best learning opportunities, registration is limited to 30 attendees. To register fill out the attached registration form and send a **\$90** cheque, payable to UBC, to:

Institute for Early Childhood Education and Research  
Faculty of Education, UBC  
309 - 2125 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1Z4

A limited number of student spaces are available for a reduced registration fee until November 14, 2008.

**Registration fee includes Thursday evening and Saturday morning refreshments plus Saturday lunch.**

Please telephone 604 822 6502 or contact joanne.oconnor@ubc.ca for further information or with any questions you may have.

**Deadline: November 21, 2008**

### CREDIT

Participants will receive a certificate recognized by the Early Childhood Education Registry for professional development purposes.

### INQUIRIES

Call The Institute for Early Childhood Education & Research, UBC 604 822 6593

**Vancouver Art Gallery**  
750 Hornby Street  
Vancouver, BC  
Enter via Hornby Street

### WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

**Dr. Bronwyn Davies** is a Professor of Education and leader of the research group Narrative, Discourse & Pedagogy at the University of Western Sydney in Australia. She is well known for her work on gender, classroom research and her writing on poststructuralist theory. Her books include: *Life in the Classroom and Playground*; *Frogs and Snails and Feminist Tales*; *Preschool Children and Gender*; and *Children Reading and Writing Beyond Gendered Identities*.

**Dr. Veronica Pacini-ketchabaw** is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Early Years Specialization at the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria (UVic). She coordinates the IQ Learning and Sharing Circles with early childhood educators across British Columbia. Dr. Pacini-Ketchabaw has authored and co-authored many journal articles in the areas of migration and child care.



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