



# UPDATE

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## Dr. Terilyn Turner Delivers Futuristic Key Note Address at Fall Conference

Dr. Terilyn Turner delivered the MACAE Fall Conference keynote address on Friday, November 9, 2007. Her futuristic topic was A Sentimental Journey Back to the Future: A Look at the Future of Adult Education through Reflecting upon Our Past. Her presentation was both thought provoking and informative. Dr. Turner is a longtime MACAE member. She is the former Director of Community Education and Area Superintendent for the St. Paul Public Schools.

In keeping with the conference theme, The Future Starts Today, Dr. Turner (Teri) gave a guided tour of our own technological experience in education, asking us to begin with the earliest technology we could remember. We shared our experiences with each other and sought common themes and strategies. She linked our experience to the changes that have occurred in human communication, beginning with writing, followed by the alphabet and printing press, and, now, the Internet.

The presentation included a video clip of professors teaching in Second Life. We learned that more than 150 colleges in the U.S. and 13 other countries are using Second Life to create new learning environments. We used the internet to view Japanese “pen” technologies, poised to replace the computer. Interweaving futurists such as John Naisbitt and Tom Friedman with educational theorists, John Dewey and Stephen Brookfield, we processed how our knowledge and experience in adult education could be applied to the changing technological landscape today and in the future.

Dr. Turner started the Ronald M. Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning when she worked in St. Paul. This center is known internationally for its technological innovations. Dr. Turner is the author of many publications dealing with the use of technology in adult education. She co-authored with Elizabeth Frick the MACAE monograph, Use of Technology in Adult Literacy, in 1990. ♦



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# MACAE Mission

*To promote professional growth and foster community among adult educators, focusing on four variables: context, content, connection, and collaboration.*

## [www.mnmacae.org](http://www.mnmacae.org)

Find information about conferences, upcoming events, awards, archived documents, and adult education job postings (and post a job you have available!).

See **MACAE award recipients**, details & photos from the Fall 07 conference

**Photos of the fall conference** can be viewed at:  
<http://picasaweb.google.com/littlefatmama/MACAEFallConference2007>

....there could be pictures of you!

## MACAE Calendar 2008

Select the link on the MACAE web page to find many interesting options for your education & interest, or use this for a direct link:

<http://mnmacae.org/toolbox.html>

## Grant Opportunity

The MN Dept. of Health is seeking applications from statewide nonprofits to administer the Summer Health Care Internship Program. The purpose of the program is to expose interested secondary and post-secondary students to various careers within the health care profession through summer internships with hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities, and home care providers. Applications are [available](#). Prospective applicants who have questions and/or would like a written copy of the application form may contact the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, Minnesota Department of Health Phone: (651) 201-3851 or toll free: 1-(800) 366-5424. Deadline for proposals is 4:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

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# From the President

By Leone Snyder

MACAE will celebrate its 33rd year of service in 2008! MACAE has a membership comprised of professionals from a variety of fields and roles whose interest is adult education and adult continuing education. Our November 2007 conference reminded me anew of the reasons that I affiliated with MACAE. It is the people! Our membership is comprised of a group of professionals who are vested in the continuing education of adult learners. I leave each of our organization's meetings with information, new networks, and inspiration!

The MACAE Board and I have established the organization's goals for 2008.

The goals are:

## 1. Increased MACAE membership:

Our theme "Each one, reach one" is inspired by Frank Laubach who developed literacy training for adults (<http://www.laubach.org>).

We will increase our membership with new members and with returning memberships of our former members. You can help MACAE in its outreach. It is as simple as this. Think about individuals who could benefit from MACAE and provide new perspectives to MACAE. Join with us in building our outreach and service.

## 2. Identification of membership services to MACAE members through development of a MACAE Toastmasters Club, professional development opportunities, and ongoing membership benefits planning:

We are in the midst of expanding the benefits of MACAE membership. Through the efforts and insight of the MACAE Board and interested members, a series of meetings will be held prior to the MACAE Fall 2008 Conference. Each of these meetings is designed to provide an opportunity for networking around a theme of interest. Watch our newsletter calendar and updates to the MACAE website for additional details!

An example of a member benefit is planning for the establishment of a MACAE Toastmaster's Club. The Board will be considering at its February 11th meeting a proposal for the creation of our own Toastmaster's Club. The club could provide MACAE members with another professional development option hosted by our organization.

## 3. Increased diversity of constituencies served:

We seek to expand the diversity of constituencies served within our organization. We seek diversity of both organizations and individuals interested in continuing education of adult learners. An ongoing focus of the Board's work will be recruitment of individual members who represent diversity along with networking with groups that share MACAE's mission. ♦

## Meet Members of the MACAE Family

Meet MACAE's president, Leone Snyder. Leone has a Ph.D. and works for Capella University. She has held a variety of teaching and administrative positions in public school K-12 and higher education settings. Her professional expertise is in teaching and learning in both K-12 and adult learning contexts. Her research focus now is on the development and retention of faculty employed in distance learning environments. Her experience is in teaching, educational administration, critical pedagogy, and online teaching and learning. Her current position is that of Lead Faculty in the School of Education at Capella University located in Minneapolis. ♦



# 2007 MACAE FALL CONFERENCE AWARDS

## Nancy Herther Receives the Martha L. Stanley Memorial Award

Nancy Herther is Manager of the University of Minnesota Libraries' Integrated Information Center. She earned the Martha L. Stanley Memorial Award for her outstanding library science and technology and library resources contributions to adult education in Minnesota.

This award is given in recognition of sustained and dedicated service to the field of adult education, with attention to promoting the many disciplines of the field to the public with a philosophy that we are all lifelong learners.

The Martha L. Stanley Memorial Award is given to an outstanding Minnesota adult educator who embodies all of the attributes of Martha Stanley, who served as community education director in the Community Education Center at St. Thomas University in Saint Paul. St. Thomas along with three other universities offered a Master of Arts program in community education in the 1980s. During Martha's work at the St. Thomas Community Education Center, eleven community education guidebooks were published. Martha served as president of the Minnesota Community Education Association (MCEA) in 1983.

Nancy Herther graduated with a Masters degree in Library/Information Science with a minor in Adult and Continuing Education from the University of Minnesota. She has worked in public and academic libraries, as a research consultant in private industry, as an editor, a columnist, and as a writer. She has made many

contributions to MACAE annual conferences and to MACAE publications.

Nancy has served on MACAE committees and the Board of Directors. Nancy has been a MACAE member since the 1970s, having served during the administration of Joe Kimbrough as MACAE's public relations contact in the early 1980s. She served on the publications and newsletter committees. She is currently MACAE's Vice President for Professional Development. In 1982-1983, she served as at-large representative for Metro Minnesota on the MACAE Board of Directors. That same year, she served as committee chairperson for the MACAE Public Relations Committee.

Nancy has done extensive community work, starting in high school when she was a volunteer in literacy programs. She is a committed teacher. She has taught workshops in the community and in her present job as Sociology/Anthropology Librarian at the University of Minnesota Libraries. In her work she is responsible for assisting faculty and students in these two departments, as well as American Studies and Asian American Studies. In these capacities she buys library materials and assists faculty and students with their research. Each year she teaches workshops on campus and gives lectures on research strategies and how-to-do research and how to write papers. In this capacity she serves over 1200 learners at the University.

