

# *A Meeting of the Minds*

**National Adult Education  
Practitioner-Researcher Symposium  
November 30-December 2, 2006  
Sacramento, California**



**MEETING OF THE MINDS**

*National Adult Education Practitioner-Researcher Symposium*

# Welcome to Sacramento



# *Who's Here?*

**302 participants representing:**

- ▶ **22 states, with 233 from California**
- ▶ **81.5% from western states**
- ▶ **13.3% from northeastern and mid-Atlantic states**
- ▶ **5.2% from southern and mid-western states**

# *Thanks for Your Support...*

## **You represent**

- researchers**
- teachers**
- administrators**
- independent consultants**
- policymakers**
- librarians**
- correctional educators**
- professional developers**

***Spectacular  
achievements are  
always preceded by  
unspectacular  
preparation.***

**-Roger Staubach**

# *Thanks to Staff of...*

**CDE Adult Education Office**

**CALPRO and AIR**

**OTAN**

**NCSALL**

**Sacramento City Schools**

**LAUSD**

**CDLP**

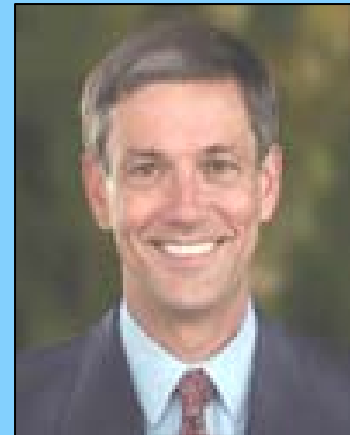
**CASAS**

# *Appreciation to NCSALL*

- **10 years of contributions to the field of adult education**
  - **Increasing Knowledge**
  - **Improving Practice**
    - **Research**
    - **Publications**
    - **Professional Development**
- **Book of appreciation circulating or at registration table**

# *Welcome from the California Department of Education*

*Jack O'Connell,*  
**State Superintendent of  
Public Instruction**



# A Photojournal of Planning for MOM II

When we decided to host  
another Symposium in  
2006,...

**We forgot to look before leaping...**



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**We tried to consider all angles...**



**...but we may have overlooked one or two.**

**We tried to be mindful of where we were headed...**



.....  
**...and we  
tried hard  
not to get  
hung up...**  
.....



**Although, on occasion, we found ourselves slightly off-kilter. . . .**



In the  
end,  
however,  
we got  
the job  
done...  
All  
surprises  
finally  
were  
behind  
us...😊



**The job is done....and we can rest.**



Rose Palmisano / The Albuquerque Journal

# *Now It's Your Turn...*

## **Your job at the Symposium:**

- **Attend research presentations;**
- **Ask questions; learn;**
- **Share ideas;**
- **Consider implications for policy, practice, and further research;**
- **Engage in dialogue with researchers and practitioners;**
- **Consider changes you can make in your programs;**
- **Have fun.**



# *Objectives*

**Symposium participants will be able to**

- **Engage in meaningful dialogue related to the research presentations;**
- **Identify implications of the research for policy, practice, or further research;**
- **Identify ways to implement change in their practice as a result of the Symposium;**
- **Identify ways for adult education to support and sustain ongoing dialogue and exchange among researchers, practitioners, and policymakers long after the Symposium has concluded.**



# *Theme: Systemic Change and Student Success*

**TRANSITION**

**Maintenance  
of Old System**

**New  
Infrastructure**

*Chaos*  
*Creativity*

**William Bridges**



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# ***Organization of the Binders***

**Tab 1: Symposium Overview and  
Plenary Sessions**

**Tabs 2-7: Six Sets of Concurrent  
Sessions,  
#101-106 though #601-606**

**Tab 8: Glossary of Terms**

**Tab 9: Participant List**

**Tab 10: Sacramenities**

**Binder Pockets: Evaluation Forms,  
Floor Plan of Hotel Meeting Rooms**



# ***Structure of the Sessions***

**Research presentation**



**Question-and-Answer period**



**Two discussants' reactions and comments**



**Small group work to identify implications for policy, practice, or further research**



**Sampling of Group Responses**



# *At the End of Each Day*

**Thursday: Reflection and Discussion  
Reception**

**Friday: Reflection and Discussion  
Drawing for Prizes**

**Saturday: Reflection, Discussion,  
Evaluation, Next Steps,  
Photo Journal of  
Symposium (lunchtime)**



# *Evening Activities*

- **Reception today at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Dine at one of Sacramento's award-winning restaurants Thursday & Friday**
- **Cultural events (info in binders)**



# ***Plenary Session Presentations***

- **Mark Kutner, Vice President, American Institutes for Research, *The Health Literacy of America's Adults***
- **John Comings, Director, National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL), *What NCSALL Has Learned, Briefly***

