

SCENE FROM THE COLLEGE

...at Chicago Teachers' Center



Internationally respected educator and researcher Lois Hetland recently worked with Chicago-area artists and 100 teachers from Berwyn South School District to create contemporary art using whatever objects could be found in the classroom. Applying the theme "What Does Learning Look Like?" Hetland shared her approach to assessing student art work and provided teachers with concrete tools for taking the practice back into the classroom.

An Associate Professor of Art Education at the Massachusetts College of Art and a Research Associate at Harvard's Project Zero, Hetland's research in cognitive and developmental psychology focuses on issues of learning, teaching, and disciplinary understanding, with an emphasis on the arts. Her CTC workshop presentation was made possible with funding from the U.S. Department of Education's Professional Development for Arts Educators Grant Program. She will also write the forward to CTC's new *Every Art Every Child* curriculum guide which is part of CTC's Arts at the Center Program .

A team of teachers and working artists view their art on a laptop at Lois Hetland's visual arts workshop at Heritage Middle School in Berwyn, IL .

Feria del Libro Listed as a Top 10 Community Event of 2009

In May 2009, NEIU and CTC hosted the second *Feria del Libro Mexicano y Latino*. The event was selected by *eXtra*, "Chicago's Leading Bilingual Newspaper," as a Top 10 Community Event of 2009. The feria was cited in the newspaper's literary excellence category as follows: "*The five-day Feria del Libro Mexicano y Latino event was not your average pick up-and-read book fair. This multidisciplinary event covered all literary aspects relating to the arts in Chicago's Latino community, including art workshops and live discussions with prominent authors such as Ana Castillo, Román Gubern and Michele Serros and an open stage to local and visiting musicians and comedians. The fair represented their byline with excellence: 'The Cultural Diversity in All of America' .* –from *eXtra* online news 12/30/09

GEARING UP FOR COLLEGE VISITS

Spending time on college campuses is a cornerstone of the GEAR UP project. Since GEAR UP's original funding in 1999, CTC has hosted countless trips to colleges and universities. This year, as the original cohort of GEAR UP students moves through 11th grade and gets closer to college selection, visits become vital tools in the students' decision-making process. At NEIU alone, since the fall semester began, CTC has hosted visits from seven high schools that serve more than 250 GEAR UP students. Six more high schools are scheduled to visit NEIU during the spring semester. In addition, this year, CTC hosted students and their parents on an out-of-state college visit to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. CTC is also GEARing UP for six different out-of-state college visits during spring break which will involve nearly 300 students and parents.

At right, a student and grandparent from Michele Clark High School and a student from Roosevelt High School do a DNA extraction activity in the Biomedical Lab at University of Wisconsin – Madison.

