



Conference

A Reclaiming Childhood Symposium

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: FROM MULTICULTURALISM TO COSMOPOLITANISM?

Friday, May 4, 2007

1:00-4:30 pm

Petersen Room, Allen Library

Walter Parker (Education and Political Science)

Matthew Sparke (Geography and International Studies)

International education is all the rage. Bi-lingual initiatives in schools, foreign exchange programs, and increased funding for “global” education are but a few examples of increased interest in this pedagogic philosophy. But what exactly does it mean? And why is it the center of attention now? In this symposium we bring together university academics, policy makers, teachers, and parents to discuss the implications of this new turn in educational policy and practice.

Walter Parker is Professor of Education and Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of Washington. Parker studies political education and curriculum politics in the schools. His books include *Teaching Democracy: Unity and Diversity in Public Life* (2003), *Educating the Democratic Mind* (1996), and *Renewing the Social Studies Curriculum* (1991). He is currently working on a study of the “international education” movement.

Matthew Sparke is Professor of Geography and International Studies at the University of Washington and author of *In the Space of Theory: Postfoundational Geographies of the Nation-State* (2005). Sparke has developed both a research and teaching focus on globalization that includes a 500-student *Intro to Globalization* course. Sparke’s current research project focuses on the ways in which universities are developing study abroad programs in the name of offering “global education.”

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Please see reverse for a tentative symposium schedule.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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| 1:00 pm | Introduction by Katharyne Mitchell (Simpson Professor in the Public Humanities and Geography) |
| 1:15 pm | “‘International Education’ in the Schools: What does it Mean?”
Walter Parker (Education) |
| 1:45 pm | Commentary by James Banks (Kerry and Linda Killinger Professor of Diversity Studies and Director of the Center for Multicultural Education) and Michele Anciaux Aoki (Owner and Consultant of Anciaux International Communication) |
| 2:05 pm | Open Discussion |
| 2:45 pm | Break |
| 3:00 pm | “Better Brand or Better World? Global Education and the Future of the University,” Matthew Sparke (Geography and International Studies) |
| 3:30 pm | Commentary by Eva Cherniavsky (Hilen Professor of American Literature and Culture) and Craig Jeffrey (Geography) |
| 3:50 pm | Open Discussion |