

COLLOQUIUM BY DEEDRA MCCLEARN

CRITICAL THINKING: WHAT IS IT? WHO SHOULD DO IT?

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ABSTRACT:

Educators, employers, and government leaders are calling for better “critical thinking skills” in student, workforce, and citizen populations around the world. What is meant by “critical thinking?” Can it be taught? Can it be measured? In this presentation, we will start by examining various definitions of critical thinking. We will then consider the relations between critical thinking and other fascinating topics such as decision-making, self-deception, “East vs. West” styles of learning, Bloom’s Revised Taxonomy, and expert vs. novice learning. The final topic for consideration will be how critical thinking can be incorporated into program and curriculum goals and objectives at DKU.

BIO:

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