EDCI 704 U.S. Teacher Education Guest Speakers

EDCT 222G September 12, 2019, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Janet Hammer, Ph.D., is a Clinical Professor, Head of Teacher Education and Associate Chair of Undergraduate Programs in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture at Texas A&M University. She is an Aggies Commit to Transforming Lives Fellow (2014) and a member of the Chancellor’s Academy of Teacher Educators (2018). She was named a Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence in 2015.

EDCT 222G September 26, 2019, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Denise McDonald, Ed.D., is a Professor of Curriculum and Instruction who recently directed the teaching and teacher education program at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Among her accomplishments are an Elementary Teacher of the Year Award (1992), the UH-CL Outstanding Professor Award (2007) and UH-CL’s Minnie Steven Piper Award (2013). She is a member of the Association of Teacher Educators Leadership Academy.

Andrea Foster, Ph.D., is a Professor of Education at the School of Teaching and Learning at Sam Houston State University, where she leads the Science Education program. She has received a university level Teaching Excellence Award (2008), the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching (2008) and the Skoop Cup (2014) for being a Texas faculty member who has made significant contributions and provided leadership to the development of science education.

EDCT 222G October 10, 2019, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Paige Evans, Ed.D., is a Clinical Professor and a Director of the nationally renowned teachHOUSTON STEM teacher education program. She is currently a Fellow of the Physics Teacher Education Coalition and has been honored with the UH Teaching Excellence Award, the UH Group Teaching Excellence Award, and the Natural Science and Mathematics John. C. Butler Teaching Excellence Award.

Leah McAlister-Shields, Ed.D., is the Academic Program Manager of teachHOUSTON. Her experience working with students from diverse backgrounds informs her research interests in the areas of college access and college readiness, sociocultural capital of college students, the matriculation and persistence of underrepresented STEM majors, and the use of culturally responsive teaching in higher education settings.

EDCT 222G November 14, 2019, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Laura Turchi, Ed.D., is an Assistant Professor at the University of Houston, Main Campus, and a former Associate Chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction where she helped direct UH’s teacher education program. She is a Fulbright Scholar and the former Director of the Teaching Foundation Project, a major Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to Arizona State University’s Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.