

# KIDSPACE

2012 SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATORS

## SCHEDULE

### Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Clark

*Day 1 of the institute will kick off with a keynote address and dinner.*

- 4:00pm KEYNOTE – JESSICA HOFFMANN DAVIS, writer/researcher and founder of the Arts in Education Program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.
- 5:00pm RECEPTION / BOOK-SIGNING – Jessica Hoffmann Davis.
- 6:30pm DINNER (provided)  
Welcome dinner with Dr. Davis, the museums' directors and educators, and fellow participants.

### Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at MASS MoCA

*Day 2 of the institute at MASS MoCA will explore our innate sense of curiosity and wonder and the inner artist in all of us. Participants will take away a deeper appreciation of children's need for creative outlets of expression, for their emotional well-being as well as their social and cognitive growth.*

- 7:15am YOGART (optional)  
Wake up inspired with a little yoga and art-making fun led by Shannon Toye, Kidspace Education Coordinator. Weather permitting, under *Tree Logic* (upside down trees) at MASS MoCA.
- 8:30am BREAKFAST (provided)
- 9:00am WORKSHOP – ART CHALLENGES  
Open up to your innate sense of curiosity in special art-making challenges with free exploration of materials and ideas led by Laura Thompson, Kidspace at MASS MoCA Director; Shannon Toye, Kidspace at MASS MoCA Education Coordinator; and Rachel Heisler, MASS MoCA Education Coordinator. Follow up with a discussion led by Dr. Davis.
- 11:00am GALLERY TOURS  
Kidspace at MASS MoCA, and MASS MoCA's main galleries

- 12:30pm LUNCH (on own)
- 1:30pm WORKSHOP – ARTIST RESIDENCIES  
Further explore your art-making skills with a Kidspace at MASS MoCA exhibiting artist.
- 3:00pm WORKSHOP – MINDUP FOR THE ARTS  
Learn innovative techniques for encouraging curiosity and creativity through the arts– MindUp with Principal Patti Vitale, Brown School, Schenectady, NY, demonstrates contemplative education techniques; Laura Thompson and Shannon Toye demonstrates inquiry-based museum and art education techniques.
- 4:00pm GROUP DISCUSSION – DIY CURRICULUM WRITING  
Brainstorming session on how to develop an interdisciplinary curriculum guide led by Laura Thompson, Shannon Toye, and Rachel Heisler.
- 6:00pm CONCERT AT THE CLARK (optional)

**Wednesday, August 1 at WCMA**

***Day 3 of the institute at WCMA will connect participating teachers with museum staff and Williams college faculty from a variety of disciplines, who will bring their unique perspectives to the day's art-based discussions and experiences.***

- 7:15am YOGART (optional)  
Wake up inspired with a little yoga and art-making fun led by Shannon Toye, Kidspace Education Coordinator. Weather permitting, front courtyard at WCMA.
- 8:30am BREAKFAST (provided)
- 9:00am FACULTY TALK & GALLERY ACTIVITY - TAPPING INTO CURIOSITY  
Williams faculty discuss tapping into the power of curiosity to motivate learning. Discover what arouses your curiosity in the WCMA galleries and develop your own questions for exploration.
- 10:30am TOUR & GALLERY ACTIVITIES - WCMA KIDSPACE EXPERIENCE  
Preview selected artwork from the upcoming WCMA *Curiosity* exhibition and tour the permanent collection to explore the theme of artistic curiosity. Consider how artists use their work to explore their curiosity about the world, themselves, and the art-making process itself.

Experience WCMA strategies for facilitating engaging first-hand experiences with art, including inquiry-based discussion, activities, and art-making in the galleries with Joann Harnden, WCMA Coordinator of Education Programs.

- 12:00pm REFLECTION - JOURNALING  
Take time to reflect in writing on the morning's experiences and to think about your own practice.
- 12:15 pm LUNCH (on own)
- 1:15pm FACULTY TALK & DISCUSSION - CURIOSITY & COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT  
Learn about connections between art, curiosity, cognitive research, and childhood development. Includes time for Q & A and group discussion to consider classroom connections.
- 2:15pm WORKSHOP - EXPLORING CURIOSITY THROUGH ART & WRITING  
Use your own curiosity about a work of art to spark your powers of observation and fuel your creativity in this writing workshop.
- 4:00pm WORK GROUPS - UNIT IDEAS  
Meet in small groups to process your experiences at the institute so far. Begin brainstorming unit ideas, using your colleagues and museum staff as resources.
- 8:00pm Williamstown Theatre Festival (optional)\* tickets available for an additional fee.

#### **Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Clark**

***Day 4 of the institute at the Clark will explore the dynamics of thinking and how the process of thinking can be exciting and fun. Participants will consider the connections between cognition, meta-cognition, and curiosity and how to excite these human capacities by integrating the visual arts into their teaching.***

- 7:45am CAMPUS WALK (optional)  
Take a guided hike of the Clark campus with Ronna Tulgan Ostheimer, Clark Head of Education Programs, and learn about how the physical spaces (grounds and buildings) have evolved since opening in 1955, and how this evolution reflects changes at the institution and in the art world.
- 8:30am BREAKFAST (provided)

- 9:00am      LECTURE - THE ENGAGEMENT APPROACH  
Led by Michael Cassin, Clark Director of the Center for Education in the Visual Arts, this lecture will examine the Clark's method of visual arts education. The Clark approach integrates looking and thinking, discussing and questioning, knowing and learning. The goal of the engagement approach is to inspire interest and wonder and the desire to return to the Clark or to any art museum in the world.
- 10:30am      GALLERY ACTIVITY - LOOKING AND THINKING ABOUT ART  
Working in small groups, spend time in the Clark galleries to practice the skills and mindset introduced in the morning lecture.
- 11:30am      GROUP DISCUSSION  
Consider how thinking about art is the same as and different from thinking for traditional academic activities.
- 12:00pm      LUNCH (on own)
- 1:00pm      GUIDED GALLERY TALKS  
Half the group will visit the print room and consider how a work of art can be integrated into teaching across the disciplines and the other half will visit the Clark's summer exhibition ***Unearthed: Recent Archaeological Discoveries from Northern China*** and then we'll switch half way through.
- 2:30pm      GROUP DISCUSSION  
Art, Decorative Arts, and Artifacts – How are they similar? How are they different?
- 3:30pm      GALLERY TIME  
Teachers work independently or in pairs in the galleries to practice developing lesson plans based on an object.
- 4:30pm      SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY  
Share lessons. Report back significant experiences and realizations to whole group.
- 5:30pm      STONE HILL CENTER  
Visit the galleries; learn about the Clark's plans for Kidspace at the Clark, winter 2013; enjoy a wine and cheese reception on the terrace.
- 7:00pm      OPEN STUDIO at MASS MoCA (optional)  
Work on your ideas for curriculum activities or on your own art at MASS MoCA, facilitated by a local art teacher. Open until 9pm.

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at MASS MoCA**

***Day 5 of the institute at MASS MoCA will be a time to reflect on the institute, brainstorm ways to integrate what you discovered into your teaching practice, and explore ways to overcome obstacles that might inhibit you from including arts-based activities in your classroom or institution.***

- 7:15am      YOGART (optional)  
Wake up inspired with a little yoga and art-making fun led by Shannon Toye, Kidspace Education Coordinator. Weather permitting, under *Tree Logic* (upside down trees) at MASS MoCA.
- 8:30am      BREAKFAST (provided)
- 9:00am      GUIDED GROUP DISCUSSION – BEYOND TESTING  
A discussion on the impact of testing on kids’ innate sense of curiosity and creativity and possible ways around this issue – topic introduced by Dana Rapp, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Professor of Education.
- 11:00am     PANEL DISCUSSION – PARTNERSHIPS AND ARTS INTEGRATION  
Learn about the potential for partnerships and integrating the arts into the core curriculum, led by teachers from partner schools with Kidspace.
- 12:00pm     LUNCH (on own)
- 1:00pm      GROUP DISCUSSION – SHARING PROJECT IDEAS  
Share your ideas for curriculum connections, and help others to flesh out their ideas.
- 2:30pm      CLOSING REMARKS / EVALUATION – THREE MUSEUM EDUCATION STAFF
- 3:00pm      BYE BYE