



Diane Halpern To Deliver Mary Hennessey Blum Lecture At UNH Oct. 15

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DURHAM, N.H. – Diane Halpern, who is internationally known for her work on critical thinking, will deliver the 2009 Mary Hennessey Blum Lecture at the University of New Hampshire, Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009.

The lecture will be held from 3:40 to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building, Theatre II. The lecture and reception following are free and open to the public.

According to Halpern, “The twin abilities of knowing how to learn and knowing how to think clearly are the most important intellectual skills for the educated workforce of the future. The real question is can we teach critical thinking so that the skills generalize across domains and last long into the future. Empirical research has shown that with appropriate instruction, college students and other adults can become better thinkers.”

Halpern, Trustee Professor and Roberts Fellow at Claremont McKenna College/Claremont Graduate University, is known internationally for her work in the areas of critical thinking and applying the science of learning in postsecondary education and beyond. Her books include “Thought and Knowledge: An Introduction to Critical Thinking,” “Sex Differences in Cognitive Abilities,” and “Women at the Top: Powerful Leaders Tell Us How to Combine Work and Family.”

Please send an RSVP by Oct. 8 to teaching.excellence@unh.edu if you are planning to attend the lecture, which is sponsored by the UNH Department of Psychology and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

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