

About Your Presenter: Ann Fuerst, Ph.D.

Fuerst's experience includes museum positions as an interim Executive Director, curator, Director of Education, and Education coordinator (at three museums). Fuerst's Ph.D. from Arizona State is in Education, Art. Her M.A. in art (Art History) was earned at Case-Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio. Her award winning dissertation was on the Visual Aesthetic Preferences of Community College Students. She has also written a number of publications about Egyptian Art, Southwest Weaving, the Maya, and her students' art experiences. Fuerst has a small exhibition record in juried watercolor, ceramic and textile shows including the Rhode Island School of Design. Fuerst has public art teaching and administrative experience.

Fuerst has four years experience teaching Art Education in Higher Education: four years total between University of Montana, Missoula and Dickinson State, North Dakota. Her adjunct teaching includes teaching art history at California State University, Northridge. Fuerst has also taught Studio Art,¹ Art Appreciation, and Art History for eight years at the community college level in Valencia, California. In public teaching and administration she has taught K-12 one year, Middle School/junior high art for four years and high school art for four years. Fuerst worked at California County Offices of Education for eight years, serving community college districts as well as K-12 programs.

Travel to see great art is one of Fuerst's passions. She has traveled around the world. Most recently, Spring 2009, she was in Florence, Italy. Her current employment is a freelance assignment to teach drawing with recorded lessons.

Laguna Clay Company generously supplied clay, slip, and molds for one of her presentations at this conference. We hope you will enjoy your workshops and the materials we have provided for you.

¹ Ceramics, 2-D Design, 3-D Design, Textiles, Life Drawing, Watercolor Painting, Oil Painting, Beginning Drawing, Art Appreciation, Art History, Interdisciplinary Studies.