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Fast & Curious

Eight minutes. That's how long each of six UC Santa Barbara faculty members will have to discuss his or her research and how it is shaping education.

The event is the second edition of "Fast & Curious: ED Talks from UC Santa Barbara's Gevirtz School," and it is the brainchild of Jeff Milem, dean of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education. Set to take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, in the Faulkner Gallery of the Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu St., it is free and open to the public.

"Upon arriving in Santa Barbara I was struck not only by the immensely talented faculty and the breadth and depth of their research, but also by their commitment to the public good and their desire to make that research matter," said Milem. "This is a very direct — and fun — way for faculty, alumni and eventually out students to share their insights with the local community."

Seventy-five people turned out for last year's inaugural event, which Milem said attests to the community's desire "to hear real talk about education and psychology as opposed to the facile and often unsupported arguments from televised pundits."

"Instead, attendees discovered how the Gevirtz School turns intellectually rigorous research into informed, passionate practice, and how we do so in areas ranging from unlearning LGBT stigma to ensuring high school graduation for all," Milem continued.

Presenters this year include:

Andrés J. Consoli, an associate professor in the Department of Counseling, Clinical and School Psychology, on “Building Bridges to Mental Health Care Access for Mexicans/Mexican Americans: Listening and Learning from Clients.”

Michael Furlong, a professor and associate dean for research in the Department of Counseling, Clinical and School Psychology, on “Vision (checked), Hearing (checked), Wellbeing (checked?): Monitoring Students’ Social Emotional Health.”

Hunter Gehlback, an associate professor in the Department of Education, on “The Three Fundamentals of Social-Emotional Learning.”

Jin Sook Lee, a professor Department of Education, on “1+1 is More than 2: The Power of Bilingual Education.”

Rebeca Mireles-Rios, an assistant professor in the Department of Education, on “Libraries as a Local, Learning, Community Effort.”

Sarah Roberts, an assistant professor in the Department of Education, on “Why Math Task Type Matters for English Learners.”

While the event is free and open to the public, for planning purposes attendees are asked to RSVP at rsvp@education.ucsb.edu with “Fast & Curious” in the subject line.

Questions about the event can be directed to George Yatchisin, communications coordinator at the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education at (805) 893-5789.

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The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.