

Conference Program Book

American Creativity Association
2005 International Conference



Feel the Fire

HOT KEYS TO CREATIVITY

March 30 - April 2, 2005

Omni Downtown

Austin, Texas



Special Achievement Award - The Special Achievement Award is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding creative contribution to the field of creativity or to society in general. Such contribution may take the form of an invention, discovery, work or performance of art, research study, educational program, or special service to the community.

Presented to **Jason Ryan Dorsey**

E. Paul Torrance Graduate Student Research Award - The ACA Torrance Graduate Student Research Award honors E. Paul Torrance's lifetime commitment to supporting graduate student studies. This award is to recognize a graduate student whose study (at the masters or doctoral level) shows promise that he or she will become a leader in the field of Applied Creativity. The recipient receives an Honorary Lifetime Membership in ACA. This membership includes the ACA newsletter and attendance at annual ACA conferences (meals and other expenses are separate and calculated at the member rate). The awardee will be required to present his or her work at the upcoming ACA Annual Conference (which will be Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 11:00 am).

Presented to **Patrick Auth and Dawn Horton and Kyung Hee Kim**

Friday, April 1, 2005 – 7:30 am

eXtreme Thinking (30 minutes)

Rolf Smith

eXtreme is an all-volunteer eXtra program offered to individuals who are seeking ways to think different during the conference -- and to personally maximize and document their learning experiences in order to return with practical and useful results.

Stress and Adversity: Debilitating Circumstances or Performance Opportunities?

Darlene Boyd,

Hardiness training was discovered and perfected during 20 years of research and practice. This training focuses on a particular combination of attitudes and skills that facilitate resiliency under stress and adversity. Through hardiness, individuals are able to turn stress and adversity from potentially debilitating circumstances into opportunities, thereby maintaining or enhancing creative performance. This session will focus on communicating the nature of hardiness training as founded by UCI Drs. Maddi and Khoshaba. The second focus will be on the application and implication of specific teacher designed activities for utilization in K-12 classes for the gifted. **At the end of this session participants will be able to:**

- 1) better understand the nature of hardiness by tracing its history in theory, research and practice
- 2) analyze the effectiveness of hardiness training in increasing creative productive thinking
- 3) experience specifics of hardiness training by going through sample simulation activities.

Saturday, April 2, 2005 – 11:00 am – 11:50 am

Chapter Development

William "Bud" Wurtz

If you are interested in hearing about the creative activities of ACA's local chapters and/or interested in developing a chapter in your area, this is the session for you. Share, hear and learn.

Torrance Award Recipients' Presentations

Moderated by **Dr. Frederica Reisman** with presentations by Award recipients **Patrick Auth** and **Dawn Horton** and **Kyung Hee Kim**