

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY RESEARCH LECTURE
Annual Report, 2002-03

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The Committee on Faculty Research Lecture takes pleasure in recommending Professor Barbara Rogoff of the Department of Psychology as Faculty Research Lecturer for 2004. Professor Rogoff was selected unanimously from a group of seven distinguished candidates – mostly this year from the Social Sciences faculty -- each of whom have given much to the campus, to their disciplines, and to the academic community at large.

Barbara Rogoff, who joined the UCSC faculty in 1992 after serving on the faculty at the University of Utah, has been since 1995 UCSC Foundation Professor of Psychology. She has spent more than a quarter century exploring how children learn. Rogoff believes that children must be studied in their own environments --in children's homes, in their schools, and with family and friends. She investigates how children's development occurs as they participate in shared cultural activities with other people, especially parents, teachers, and peers. She is particularly interested in cultural variation in the organization of people's participation in shared problem solving in cultural institutions, and varying roles of adults as guides or as instructors. Her latest book is, The Cultural Nature of Human Development (Oxford University Press, 2003).

Professor Rogoff has been amazingly productive in her research and writing. Her books and articles have had a major impact. She has been a fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, a Kellogg Fellow, and an Osher Fellow of the Exploratorium in San Francisco. She is the editor of "Human Development" and received the Scribner Award from the American Educational Research Association for her book, Apprenticeship in Thinking. She is also a coauthor of the National Academy of Sciences book, How People Learn, which summarizes research on the science of learning. Rogoff is often invited to give talks at professional society meetings. She also is widely admired for her teaching and her leadership at UCSC. In 1999-2000 she received a UCSC Excellence in Teaching Award.

Respectfully submitted,

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