

News Announcement – Kenan Fellows Program Hires New Director



We are pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Elaine Franklin as the new Director of the Kenan Fellows Program, effective September 1, 2013. Dr. Franklin comes to us with years of experience as a teacher, researcher and educational leader. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from UNC Asheville, an M.A.Ed. in Education from Western Carolina University and a Ph.D. in Social Foundations of Education from UNC Chapel Hill.

From 1977 to 1982, Dr. Franklin was an elementary school teacher at the Haywood County, NC Public Schools (first, second and third grades), and from 1982 to 1985 she taught fourth grade at Cabot Westside Elementary in Cabot, Arkansas. Dr. Franklin was a teacher and curriculum developer for the Academically Gifted Program at the Chapel Hill – Carrboro City Schools from 1986 to 1993 and from 1993 to 1996 she worked as a Science Education Specialist at the Center for Mathematics and Science Education (CMSE) at UNC Chapel Hill, where she designed, funded and conducted K-12 science professional development programs. From 1997 - 2005, Dr. Franklin was the Director of Education at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, in Cortez, Colorado. This Center conducts an on-going archaeological research program focusing on Pueblo Indian history with outreach efforts to students from fourth grade to adults.

Dr. Franklin was the Director of the Center for Mathematics and Science Education (CMSE) at Western Carolina University from 2005 to 2011, when she became the Executive Director of the NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching in Cullowhee, NC. Dr. Franklin has dedicated her career to developing and empowering effective teachers. She has worked with teachers from all areas of the United States, all discipline areas and all grade levels. She has been particularly concerned with the support of teacher leaders – some of the most talented individuals in the profession. Her focus and experience is extremely well aligned with the mission, vision and goals of the Kenan Fellows Program and our team is looking forward to her leadership as we search for ways of being even more effective and impactful in the years to come.

– Dr. Ruben G. Carbonell, Director of the Kenan Institute for Engineering, Technology & Science at NC State University