

# Spring 2015 Community Learning Series



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
College of Education

## Innovation in the Classroom

Please join us for a night of conversation, networking, and celebration as we welcome three distinguished alumni to campus to share their experiences in successfully introducing innovative teaching methods and ideas into their classrooms. Topics will include special education, technology and sciences in the classroom, and literacy.



Renee Gust  
Owner and director of Kids  
Connection, Inc., St. Charles, Ill.



Meg Van Dyke  
7th Grade Teacher, Golden  
Apple Award winner (2014)



Maria Walther  
1st Grade Teacher, author, Ill.  
Reading Educator of the Year (1997)

The panel will be moderated by Laurie Elish-Piper, acting deputy provost, Presidential Teaching Professor in Literacy Education and director of the Jerry L. Johns Literacy Clinic

### Thursday, March 26, 2015

Altgeld Hall Ballroom, DeKalb campus

5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Networking reception  
Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Panel discussion and Q&A

This event is free and open to the public. We have reserved Lot 3 for guests to park free of charge. It is located south of the music building. Guests may park in blue spaces during this event without being ticketed. Please RSVP to Kate Braser at [kbraser@niu.edu](mailto:kbraser@niu.edu) or 815-753-8370. Or, register at: <http://northernillinois.imodules.com/clsinnovation>.