Dr. Ann K. Brooks

16 Years of Service at Texas State University
31 Years of Service in the Adult Education Professorate
41 Years of Service in Adult Education

Dr. Ann K. Brooks, Professor and Director of the PhD program in Adult, Professional, and Community Education (APCE) in the Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education, and School Psychology (CLAS) is retiring after 16 years of service to Texas State University. Dr. Brooks has been dedicated to students, the programs in which she taught, the profession, and to cutting-edge research in the field of learning in education and work organizations, equity and inclusion, gender, academic capacity in universities in poorer countries, and action inquiry in research and evaluation. She developed and taught 39 courses over her academic career (including courses that incorporated international field experiences in communities in Mexico), chaired 39 doctoral dissertations, and served as a member of many more dissertation committees.

She also served as a Visiting Professor at Xi’an Foreign Languages Institute in China, Aikato University in New Zealand, the California Institute for Integral Studies, the Royal University of Phnom Penh, and as an Assistant and Associate Professor and Program Director at the University of Texas at Austin. She published 8 books, 2 monographs, 14 book chapters, 24 journal articles, 35 conference proceedings papers, additional abstracts, reports, book reviews, ERIC documents, and a film. She was Editor/Editor-in-Chief for Adult Education Quarterly; Adult Learning; International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education; the Journal of Culture, Biography, and Lifelong Learning; and Human Resource Development Quarterly.

Over her illustrious career she consulted with universities, international companies, and U.S. government organizations. Select awards and honors include induction into the Adult Education International Hall of Fame (2019), the Outstanding Service Award from the Commission of Professors of Adult Education (2018), the Cutting Edge Award from the Academy of Human Resource Development (2010), Best Research of 2007 from Human Resource Development Quarterly, a U.S. Fulbright Scholar Award to Cambodia (2007), the Outstanding Article from the Academy of Human Resource Development (2002), the Houle Award for Outstanding Book published in the field of Adult Education (2001), the Significant Contributions Award from the Academy of Human Resource Development (1996), and the Outstanding Research Award, and the National Association of Continuing and Higher Education (1994). Dr. Brooks will be greatly missed by faculty and students from the APCE program, the CLAS Department, and Texas State University.