

# Lady Bird Johnson Centennial

## *Symposium on Early Childhood Education*

November 8, 2012

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Texas State University is celebrating the legacy of Lady Bird Johnson and her impact on early childhood education.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Mrs. Johnson's birth, and the Texas Legislature has declared 2012 Lady Bird Johnson Centennial Year. Her work with the original Head Start program, her service in the war on poverty and her role in Great Society programs still impact millions of lives.

To honor Mrs. Johnson's contributions, this symposium will address the issues, progress and challenges facing our nation's youngest residents.

*Please join us.*



"I do not ask the children to stop thinking about play. Our contract reads more like this: if you will keep trying to explain yourselves I will keep showing you how to think about the problems you need to solve."

— Vivian Gussin Paley, *Wally's Stories*, 1981



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
*Vivian Gussin Paley*

### SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

#### 1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Stan Carpenter, Dean, College of Education

#### 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Practitioner Panel

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##### *Moderator*

Dr. Rosana Rodríguez, Director of Development, Intercultural Development Research Association

##### *Panelists*

Ms. Audrey Abed, Program Operations Director, Child, Inc.  
Ms. Carol Armga, Adjunct Faculty at Texas State University; Former Director of Head Start Center  
Ms. Suad Hooper, Head Start Program Director, Community Action, Inc. of Central Texas  
Dr. Daniel King, Superintendent, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District

#### 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Policy Panel

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Dr. Libby Doggett, Director, Pew Home Visiting Campaign, Pew Center on the States  
Mr. Cleo Rodriguez Jr., Executive Director, National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association

#### 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Keynote Session

Albert B. Alkek Library Teaching Theater

##### *Welcome*

Dr. Eugene Bourgeois, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Texas State University

##### *Screening*

A documentary film: *Lady Bird Johnson & The Legacy of Head Start*

##### *Remarks*

Dr. Denise M. Trauth, President, Texas State University  
Ms. Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of Lady Bird Johnson

##### *Keynote*

Ms. Vivian Gussin Paley, teacher, author and MacArthur Fellowship "Genius Grant" recipient  
"The Beginning of Community: A Nurturing Ground"

##### *Closing*

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