



SIMON AND BARKLEE PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS

1 hour

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Catherine Scherer, author of *The Internationalists* and *Another Country Calling... The Adventures of Simon and Barklee* series is a dynamic yet practical speaker that will inspire administrators and teachers to develop that all-important “global mindset” as a first step towards embracing and incorporating global studies. This presentation covers the rationale and the vision for creating a student population that thinks globally.

1 ½ hours

SHORT SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

A short session is a perfect opportunity for teachers to get some practical application ideas after hearing a keynote address. The following are current workshops. Areas of special interest can be tailored for your educator groups.

For elementary and middle school teachers

- **Language Arts Literacy + Global Literacy = Literacy²**
Blend reading, writing and thinking skills with content based on the world and its people. Improve language arts skills while developing a world view in young students.
- **Bring the World to Children... And Children to the World**
Discover exciting new ways to infuse internationally focused content into a typical classroom day. Meet multiple teaching and learning objectives simultaneously. Help students broaden their worldview and develop critical thinking skills naturally and easily.
- **Globalizing Your Classroom: Don't Recreate – Integrate**
Make the most of what is available. Use simple, inexpensive or no-cost strategies and tools to globalize your classroom and your teaching.

For middle and secondary teachers:

- **Globalization Through Literature**
Use literature in your Language Arts and Social Studies Classrooms and your library to expose students to other cultures. Suggested book list and book talks.
- **Globalization Through Writing**
Persuasive essays are required for all state exams and SAT exams. Help students become aware of issues in other countries and global issues by having the

research and write persuasive essays on issues being faced in other countries, global issues, or by comparing what is done in other countries.

- **Future Problem Solvers of Global Issues**
Take movies such a Hotel Rwanda and use it as stepping point to have students read and explore global issues. Then have them form teams to create, evaluate, and debate possible solutions.
- **The Little Things Count – Living Your Life with a Global Intent**
Learn the story of Dr. Wangari Maathai, an African Woman and this year's Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and how she planted trees and helped empower women in Africa. Look at issues throughout the world both human and environmental that are important to you as a teen. Are you willing to take a stand and do something every day toward that?

½ day

AUTHOR VISITS

Catherine has a wonderful rapport with children and is available to schools for both large and small presentations.

- **Assembly**
When speaking to a large group, she will talk about what it is like to be an author and how each student can become a global citizen. The presentation will be accompanied by visuals and audience participation.
- **Classroom**
Where do authors get their ideas? How you they decide what the characters will do and feel? How Simon and Barklee book illustrated? How does a book get to be a book? Where has Catherine traveled and what do kids do there? Catherine will answer these questions, and will also invite students to create their own stories. Students can then send them to be published on the Simon and Barklee website.

½ to 1 day

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Simon and Barklee offers a variety of teacher development opportunities for your staff. You can select from pre-designed training, or we will customize the training for the needs of your group.

- **One day**
 - **Full Training**
The Simon and Barklee team believes that the **coaching model** of training is the most effective. Teachers need strong vision, definition, and concrete ideas to begin implementation of new strategies related to globalizing existing curriculum and adding supplementary material. In our coaching model, we then follow up the initial group instruction with visits to schools to talk, help design and, optionally, observe and can be with whole staff, small groups, or individuals.

One day of Teacher Training

Vision and definition

Simulations and activities to create the global mindset

Applications to implement a global classroom – elementary and secondary

Designs for the global classroom

Follow-up Coaching

A Simon and Barklee coach will come to your building and staff to collaborate on in designing actual units and lessons that will promote a global classroom. The trainer will also be available to model teaching or to observe and critique if that is the wished model.

Half day

- **The Global Classroom**

Vision and definition

Developing a global outlook

Applications for implementation in classrooms

Half Day

- **Implementing the Simon and Barklee Program**

Designed as an in-service training for teacher groups and grade levels implementing the *Simon and Barklee* book series supplemental program. Strategies to seamlessly integrate the materials in reading and language arts blocks, social studies blocks (history, geography, culture), and blending math, science and the arts simultaneously.

2 days

SIMON AND BARKLEE TEACHER INSTITUTES

Simon and Barklee Institutes are opportunities for educational staff to create their vision of a global school or classroom and to design ways to integrate global thinking into their curriculum. This interactive institute will also include many opportunities for personal interaction between teachers and representatives of other cultures. (planned for summer of 2006)

Distance learning programs

COLLEGE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

- **Literacy for Tomorrow's World: The Language Arts approach to Global Literacy.**

Creating tomorrow's world begins by educating today's young thinkers. In this course we explore the use of literature circles as a springboard for implementing integrated materials and curriculum with a world-view. This course helps teachers ignite curiosity about life beyond hometown horizons and guide children to an awareness of countries and cultures other than their own.

Seattle Pacific University: ERD 5538, 3 credits.

<http://www.spu.edu/depts/soe/spiral/summer2k5/classroominstructioncourses/la.asp>

- **Children and Their World: Growing Global Thinkers**

Grow global thinkers in your elementary classroom by teaching about world cultures in ways that integrate with many subjects. Special literature selections will engage young minds in the wonders of our multi-cultural world. This course integrates literacy, language arts, social studies, math history, geography and more in developmentally appropriate ways.

Heritage Institute – Antioch University: SS407, 3 credits

http://www.hol.edu/view_course.cfm?cid=888&nav=distance