Areas of Academic Work in Informal Learning and Museum Education  
China, Malaysia, Thailand, India and Japan

Dr. David Anderson is a scholar in the field of Museum Education who has made a highly significant contribution to educational reforms, museums as cultural institutions that support K-12 education and the understanding of informal learning experience across many parts of Asia and other parts of the World. His contributions in recent years have been instrumental in rapidly cultivating educational reforms across Asia that have and continue to transform the relationships between museums and schools, and enhance our understandings of learning in non-formal educational contexts.

CHINA

Museum and School Collaborations in China

Key Activities: 1) Foster and develop support for multiple museum and school initiatives to enhance student learning and assist China’s museum and schools achieve the objectives of the new national curriculum reforms. 2) UBC-BNU Zhuhai jointly developed discipline focus on Museum Education at the Bachelor of Education (BEd) and Master of Museum Education (MMEd) levels.

Referred Journals


Invited Addresses


Anderson, D., (2012). Museums as educational institutions in society. Invited address at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Hong Kong, China.


**Refereed Conference Papers**


**MALAYSIA**

**Creating a Research Agenda for Enhancing Museum Education in Kuala Lumpur**

**Key Activities:** Developing a new research agenda to understand how to help K-12 teachers and museum educators of Kuala Lumpur to use museum resources in educationally effective ways.

**Invited Addresses**


**THAILAND**

**Professional Development for New Researchers on Museum Education**

**Key Activities**: Lecture series to Kasetsart University Faculty of Education on Learning and Teaching in the Museum and opportunities to enhance K-12 Education.

**Invited Addresses**


**Refereed Conference Papers**


**INDIA**

**Developmental Support for New Science Museums in India**

**Key Activities**: Investigative research to support the development of exhibitions and programs for new science museums in the Punjab and elsewhere in India.

**Refereed Journals**


**Commissioned Reports**

JAPAN

Memories of Japanese World Expositions

Key Activities: Memories of Japanese World Exposition; Nostalgic Memories in Japanese Museums - The key research objective is to understand the factors that shape vivid memories in informal settings and harness these understandings to betterment of exhibition and program design in Asia.

Referred Journals, Book Chapters and Proceedings


**Invited Addresses**


Anderson, D. (2009). *The psychology of long-term memories: A comparative study of visitors’ recollections of the Aichi and Osaka World Expositions.* Invited Address to the Faculty of Humanities and Sciences, Kobe Gakuin University, Kobe, Japan.


**Refereed Conference Papers**


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**Understanding Learning Across Formal and Informal Contexts in Japan**

**Key Activities:** Understanding learning in out-of-school contexts in Japan in support of better education with Japanese partners from Department of Science, Iwate University, Japan,

**Referred Journals and Proceedings**


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