Robert Duke, Ph.D.
Marlene and Morton Meyerson Centennial Professor in Music and Human Learning, University of Texas, Austin

“Why students don’t learn what we think we teach”

Tuesday, March 25, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
G10 Biotechnology Building
The Public is Invited. A reception will follow the lecture.

Abstract: Research over the past two decades has deepened our understanding of the fundamental principles of human learning. Yet much of what we do in undergraduate education seems to effectively ignore these principles. What’s up with that? This lecture will focus on the core principles of learning in relation to planning meaningful instruction and motivating students to put forth their best efforts.

Robert Duke is Professor in Music and Human Learning and the Director of the Center for Music Learning at University of Texas, Austin. He is a former studio musician who has worked in public schools, with children at-risk, both in schools and through the juvenile court system. He now teaches and directs an active research program in motor skill learning and procedural memory at the University of Texas. He has inspired a generation of new faculty members at the University of Texas and he has lectured on teaching and learning throughout the country.

Dr. Duke is an inspirational speaker and writer who has many insights into teaching methods, student performance, motivation, and learning. His core principles apply across all disciplines.

His, “Intelligent Music Teaching: essays on the core principles of effective instruction” will be on display at the lecture.

The ideas put forth in this book, whether it be assessment, the sequence of instructions, or providing feedback will change the way you teach –whatever the subject.

For further information about Dr. Duke’s visit and lecture, contact Carl D. Hopkins Department of Neurobiology and Behavior (255-2259) or cdh8@cornell.edu
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