



# Professor Toni Zimmerman

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## SEMINAR TWO

**Mentoring at Risk Youth, A model to address problems in mentoring practice and literature**

**4 - 6.30pm | Thursday 26 March 2015**

### Venue:

**J1 Lecture Theatre  
Epsom Campus  
Gate 3, 74 Epsom Avenue,  
Epsom, Auckland**

### Parking:

**Gate 2, 76 Epsom Avenue**

### RSVP:

[mentoringatriskyouth.eventbrite.co.nz](http://mentoringatriskyouth.eventbrite.co.nz)

Refreshments and the opportunity to network with colleagues will follow the lecture. Jointly sponsored by New Zealand Youth Mentoring Network and the Faculty of Education.



In this inspiring public seminar, jointly hosted by the Faculty of Education and the New Zealand Youth Mentoring Network, distinguished visitor, Professor Toni Zimmerman, will describe her work with young people in the youth justice and social service systems. By applying Family Systems and diversity-centred approaches to mentoring youth-at-risk, Professor Zimmerman and her colleagues developed and implemented Campus Corps youth mentoring programme. This highly successful evidence-based programme has been successfully implemented (and adapted) in many local communities and enables undergraduate students to serve as mentors with at-risk youth. Her impressive research record matched with her hands-on practice have seen Campus Corps gain national and international attention, as it addresses many gaps in the mentoring literature including community support, diversity training, and mental health concerns with at-risk youth.

**All welcome to this public lecture**

**Prof. Toni Zimmerman** is a distinguished teaching scholar at Colorado State University. Committed to reducing disparity, she has engaged in research and spoken widely about diversity and oppression. She has extensive expertise in Service Learning and has led students to over 15 countries to work within underserved communities. She has had the privilege to work with and learn from distinguished leaders in the field of human rights such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu on the Semester at Sea program (who noted her work as compelling and essential) and Julienne Bond (civil rights leader who worked closely with Martin Luther King). Toni has published 100+ articles and chapters many with an emphasis on diversity training with mental health and social services professionals. Her global experiences both inform her diversity research and ground her rich and meaningful stories that merge these cumulative

experiences into powerful tools of learning – making her a fascinating and highly engaging presenter. Importantly, Prof. Zimmerman has extensive strategic and practical knowledge about how to effectively implement service / community-based learning into higher education teaching. By applying Family Systems and diversity-centred approaches to mentoring youth-at-risk, Prof. Zimmerman and her colleagues have developed and implemented a mentoring model - Campus Corps - that is applicable in many contexts and environments. Her impressive research record matched with her hands-on practice have seen this mentoring model gaining national and international attention, as it addresses many gaps in the mentoring literature including community support, diversity training, and mental health issues with at-risk youth.