

Dr. Chitra Golestani Nomination for EHRAC Award

Individual Award

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Chitra Golestani

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Current Occupation:

Dr. Chitra Golestani is currently Associate Director of the Wilmette Institute and an Adjunct Faculty at the Institute for Humane Education/Antioch University

Works With Underserved Population:

Dr. Chitra Golestani works with underserved populations in general as described in the last box on this form. She is one of the lead organizers for Unity in Diversity Culver City, and as such is constantly on the lookout for underserved individuals to join our monthly events, which are currently monthly picnics.

Motivates Others to Serve:

She has motivated a group of students to serve as planners, speakers, leaders, and discussion/activity facilitators at Unity in Diversity CC monthly events. She works with student leaders at Culver City High School.

Directly Involved with Those Served:

She serves as lead organizer/facilitator for Unity in Diversity CC where I have participated for approximately six months. Plans monthly picnics with program topics, speakers, activities, food. Does outreach in the community to expand diversity on many levels.

Serves a Broad Population:

Dr. Golestani holds a PhD in Social Science and Comparative Education from UCLA and a Master's in Education from University of California, Santa Barbara. Her areas of interest, lectures and research include Human Rights, Social Justice and Global Citizenship Education, Conflict Resolution and Restorative Justice, Youth Activism in Extended Education, Conscious Living and Social Action.

Assists in Meeting Needs of Others:

She assists in meeting the needs of others primarily through being a compassionate listener. She practices deep listening and nonviolent communication skills and assists others in doing so as well.

Service Provided Based on Urgency:

In this era of extreme polarization in our country and in Culver City, the service Dr. Chitra Golestani provides is definitely based on urgency. She is committed to Human Rights, Social Justice and Global Citizenship Education, Conflict Resolution and Restorative Justice, Youth Activism in Extended Education, Conscious Living and Social Action.

An "Unsung Hero":

Dr. Chitra Golestani is definitely an "unsung hero". My experience of her is that she is a very humble individual who never seeks praise or awards for her work. It is likely that few people in Culver City know

about her, except those of us who participate with her in Unity and Diversity CC as well as those who know of her work with Culver City High School youth.

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Additional Information:

Dr. Golestani works as an educational consultant, guest lecturer, qualitative researcher, and a co-founder of the Paulo Freire Institute (PFI) at UCLA – an organization committed to social justice education locally and globally. Her areas of interest, lectures and research include Human Rights, Social Justice and Global Citizenship Education, Conflict Resolution and Restorative Justice, Youth Activism in Extended Education, Conscious Living and Social Action.

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NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Carlene Brown, MA. Ed.

Relationship to Nominee:

Friend through Unity in Diversity CC