The University of Western Sydney and the NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children invite educators, parents and community members to attend our two day conference on working with gifted and talented children.

The conference will offer participants a chance to learn from some of Australia’s leading educators in gifted education, including:

- **Jane Caro**, author, social commentator, columnist, broadcaster and award winning advertising writer. Jane runs her own communications consultancy and lectures in Advertising Creative at The School of Communication Arts at UWS, and is well-known as a regular panellist on ABC Radio 702’s Political Forum and the top-rating ABC program *The Gruen Transfer*.

- **Danuta Chessor PhD**, School of Psychology, lectures in psychological assessment and counselling at the University of Western Sydney. Danuta’s research interests are in the area of using positive psychology to enhance individual well-being as well as gifted students.

- **Rhonda Filmer**, Principal at Twice Exceptional Educational Consultancy. Rhonda is a highly experienced educator of both primary and secondary students, who advises and provides academic programs for gifted students with learning disabilities.

- **Sue Vasilevska**, Doctorate in gifted education and is an executive Member of the New South Wales Association of Gifted and Talented Children. Sue is a deputy principal and has been a Senior Curriculum Adviser for Gifted and Talented students.

- **Leanne Dixon**, Assistant Principal Orange Public School, member of the NSW Department of Education’s Gifted and Talented Students division and Central West Support Group for Parents and Teachers of Gifted and Talented Children.

Themes of the conference include:

**Technology**: challenging, and challenged, as a tool for gifted education

**Family Issues**: addressing the challenge of family needs and dilemmas

**Community Engagement**: meeting the challenge of involving gifted students in community/service learning – challenging their lived experiences

**Other**: ideas that you have found to address your gifted students or learners; or questions you have asked and investigated about teaching and working with gifted students.

When: Sunday 1st November, 2009 starting with a breakfast and ending with a 30 year celebration of the work of NSWAGTC. Monday 2nd November, 2009

Where: University of Western Sydney, Bankstown Campus, Building 5


Papers and workshops will be presented on a range of topics in gifted education – to learn more email giftedchallenge@uws.edu.au – details will be available on the NSWAGTC website soon.

A workshop: interactive, session including presentation and activity for participants. 90 minutes

A paper: seminar presenting a paper based on research, an issue or an approach to gifted children. 30 minute presentation + 15 mins for questions

Please email: d.whitton@uws.edu.au for more information.