

## Dr. Deborah Brandt: 2015 Keynote Speaker

### Biography



Dr. Deborah Brandt is an affiliate faculty member at the Coady International Institute at Saint Francis Xavier University and was appointed the first Social Justice Chair in 2012. As a professor emeritus in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University in Toronto she founded and coordinated the Community Arts Practice program and taught popular education, community arts, and local and global food movements.

Dr. Brandt is a prolific researcher, authoring numerous texts, most notably *To Change This House: Popular Education under the Sandinistas* and *Tangled Routes: Women, Work and Globalization on the Tomato Trail*.

She also is a regular editor for *VIVA! Community Arts and Popular Education in the Americas* and *Wild Fire: Art as Activism*.

Dr. Brandt has strived for four decades to integrate her artist, activist, and academic selves. From involvement as a popular educator in social movements in Latin America, the U.S., and Canada, to teaching in Canadian universities, her work has been informed by a praxis orientation, critical feminist and Indigenous methodologies and diverse ways of knowing.

**Abstract: VIVA OTHER WAYS OF KNOWING! DECOLONIZING EDUCATION THROUGH PARTICIPATORY ARTS-BASED RESEARCH**