

# **Anna DiStefano, EdD**

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Social Justice; Women's Empowerment; Higher Ed.  
Accreditation

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Anna DiStefano joined the doctoral faculty in the School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University in 2010. Before that, she served as Provost (Chief Academic Officer) for Fielding from 1996 to 2010. She has been a part of the Fielding community since 1983, serving in several senior executive capacities including Vice President of Academic Planning & Program Development, and Dean of Human and Organization Development (HOD). She is a founding member of the Worldwide Network for Gender Empowerment (WNGE).

DiStefano currently is a member of Fielding's Building Inclusion Collaborative and is on the Advisory Council for the Marie Fielder Center.

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Education/Learning, Social Services, Program Development, Research

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Accreditation, Gender Empowerment, Qualitative Research, Action Research Methods, Structural Inequality and Diversity, Changing Higher Education, Faculty Governance in Higher Education

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American Educational Research Association : Member, Association for the Study of Higher Education : Member

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**Utilizing Communities of Practice in the Development of Leaders for Change**  
(June, 2016) Critical Perspectives on Leadership

**Introductory framework**  
(November, 2010) Letras para volar, an international collaborative program

**U.N. empowering women and children globally**  
(October, 2010) Panel presentation at United Nations Association of Santa Barbara

**Creating invitation learning environments in a wide variety of diverse contexts**  
(April, 2010) American Educational Research Association

**Leadership and Change in the global world of the 21st century**  
(October, 2009) Al Ahsa, Saudi Arabia

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**Boston University**  
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