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Dear Colleagues,

Can we imagine a world where education and resources are open and accessible to all? And do we see ourselves as active agents in making this change? At AMICAL 2019, these questions buzzed with an overall sense of “yes”, we need to educate ourselves and act.

The keynote (or rather, “unkeynote”) by Robin DeRosa, *University of the Margins: Institutional Structures and Open Practice*, is surprising and compelling. She begins with, “I’m curious about open education, about making colleges more affordable, about how we can really listen to students and design opportunities based on what they really need. But today, I also want to be curious about how we argue for what we want to change”. She speaks of the students we serve and the students we haven’t yet figured out how to serve.

In one interactive section of her talk (and she has many), she cites Gloria Anzaldúa’s *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza*, “The new *mestiza* has a plural personality, she operates in a pluralistic mode – nothing is thrust out, the good, the bad and the ugly, nothing rejected, nothing abandoned. Not only does she sustain contradictions, she turns the ambivalence into something else”.

The citation sparks DeRosa’s reflections. She likes Anzaldúa’s “refusal to resolve ambiguity, the call to sustain contradiction”. She extends and personalizes: “To favor pluralism, acknowledge ugliness, demand inclusion, and mine paradox for its transformative potential...this is not how I feel when I:

- argue for ‘best’ practice;
- establish learning outcomes before my courses even begin;
- celebrate selectivity in my institution’s admission process;”
- ...and more.

We encourage you to take the time to watch Robin’s thought-provoking talk and view her slides at the links below:

Amical Keynote Robin DeRosa – live streaming:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BquMluo_zzU

Amical Keynote Robin DeRosa slides:

<http://robinderosa.net/higher-ed/university-of-the-margins-institutional-structures-and-open-practice/>

Upcoming TLC events:

TODAY (Apr. 8) at 12:15-1:15pm in Q-609, TLC lunch – Continuing the conversation about teaching students with learning disabilities, with Geoff Gilbert and Rebekah Rast

Apr. 15, 5:30pm TLC Mellon Workshop – Appreciative Advising and Career Mentoring: Co-Creating Global Careers with AUP Students, with Danielle Savage and Waddick Doyle

Apr. 29, 3:20-4:40pm TLC Mellon Workshop (followed by wine and cheese) – Teaching with film and sound (Please note that this event replaces the originally scheduled TLC lunch the same day.)

Have a good week!

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