



## The CISSC Working Group on Qualitative Research presents:

**Transdisciplinary and Arts-Based Research:  
Building Research in New Shapes to Meet New Demands**  
April 19 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | EV 2.645



### **Dr. Patricia Leavy Independent Scholar and Novelist**

In this interactive presentation, Dr. Leavy will explore why and how researchers are crossing disciplinary borders in order to build research in new shapes. She will provide an overview and discussion of transdisciplinary research, followed by a review of arts-based research as one methodological genre in which we can enact transdisciplinarity. Topics covered will include: the need for transdisciplinarity to address problems of import, meet ethical demands and make research publicly accessible; how transdisciplinarity differs from other approaches to research; the major methodological principles of transdisciplinary research design; presenting and distributing research findings; evaluation criteria and challenges of doing this work.

Patricia Leavy is an independent scholar and novelist, formerly associate professor and chairperson of the Sociology & Criminology Dept. and the founding director of the Gender Studies Program at Stonehill College in Massachusetts. She has published more than a dozen books including the nonfiction books *Fiction as Research Practice* (Left Coast Press, 2013); *Essentials of Transdisciplinary Research* (Left Coast Press, 2011); and *Method Meets Art* (Guilford Press, 2009) as well as the research-informed novels *American Circumstance* (Sense Publishers, June 2013) and *Low-Fat Love* (Sense Publishers, 2011). She is the editor for four book series: *Understanding Qualitative Research* (Oxford University Press); *Social Fictions* (Sense Publishers); *Teaching Gender* (Sense Publishers); and *Teaching Race & Ethnicity* (Sense Publishers). She was named the Sociologist of the Year 2010 by the New England Sociological Association.

Admission is free. Open to the public.

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