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### **Noted Stanford Researcher Presents Cross-Professional Study on Preparation of Clergy, Teachers, and Clinical Psychologists**

SANTA CLARA – Noted Stanford University researcher, Dr. Pam Grossman will present findings from the research study “Teaching Practice: A Cross-Professional Perspective,” at the Commission on Teacher Credentialing’s October 2, 2009 meeting at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the San Jose/East Side Room.

The study investigated the preparation of teachers, clergy and clinical psychologists; all professions that engage in “relational practices.” “In all three professions, practitioners must depend on the quality of human relationships they can build with clients in order to accomplish their goals,” said Dr. Grossman. “Looking specifically at professions that share similar challenges enables us to see how educators in different fields have responded pedagogically to these challenges. What one profession may ignore in its professional education may be the centerpiece of another,” she explained.

Pam Grossman is a professor of education at the Stanford University School of Education. She completed her undergraduate degree in English at Yale University and her Ph.D. from Stanford University. Her research interests include teacher education and professional education more broadly, teacher knowledge, and the teaching of English in secondary schools. She has been engaged with a five year study of pathways into teaching in New York City schools, focusing on the features of preparation that affect student achievement. She is the co-Principal Investigator of the Teachers for a New Era project at Stanford, funded by the Carnegie Corporation, and is the Faculty Director of the new Center for the Support of Excellence in Teaching, part of the Stanford Challenge. A former high school English teacher, Grossman also teaches the prospective English teachers in Stanford’s teacher education program.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is located at 1290 Ridder Park Drive San Jose, CA 95131-2304. For driving directions to the meeting site, please go to: <http://www.sccoe.k12.ca.us/schooldirectory/schoolsinfo/ridderparkmap.asp>

The complete agenda for the Commission meeting can be accessed at: [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov)

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