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**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES  
LUNCH SERIES WITH NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LECTURE**

SAN ANTONIO – UTSA Assistant Professor Sharon L. Nichols will continue the COEHD’s Junior Faculty Brown Bag Series with the presentation and lecture, “The Assessment Sham: The Corruption and Distortion of American Education Through High-Stakes Testing,” from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Downtown Campus Buena Vista Building, Room 1.322.

The lecture will focus on Nichols’ recent study of the No Child Left Behind Act and her conclusion that high-stakes testing erodes education practice, undermines the professionalism of teachers and creates a climate of uncertainty, corruption and distortion. Nichols will also recommend alternative methods of tracking student accountability.

The co-author of the upcoming book “Collateral damage: How high-stakes testing corrupts America’s schools,” Nichols primarily focuses her research on the social contexts of teaching, learning and development and how educational policy affects classroom practice.

UTSA students, faculty and staff are invited bring lunch and attend this one-hour research presentation. For additional information please call 210-458-2035.

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The University of Texas at San Antonio is one of the premier institutions of higher education in South Texas and one of the fastest growing universities in the state. One of nine academic universities and six health institutions that comprise the UT System, UTSA is the second largest institution in the system. Celebrating its 36th anniversary, UTSA serves more than 27,300 students enrolled in 62 bachelors, 43 masters and 19 doctoral degree programs.

Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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