

## **Against Pedagogy: Why We Need to Force the Teaching Genie Back Into The Bottle**

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*Pedagogy (n): the method and practice of teaching, especially as an academic subject or theoretical concept.*

### Learning Objectives:

- Explain the differences between teaching and self-study and their importance within the leather community
- Understand your own experiences of study and reflect upon your own study goals
- Articulate strategies for promoting self-study within your organizations and within the broader community
- Evaluate the appropriateness of using tools of instrumental rationality for educational purposes and to know when and when not to use them in your educational endeavors

### Quotations for Discussion:

- 1) **“The first step... is forcing the teaching genie back into the bottle.”** (Bill Pinar, 2015)
- 2) **“At no time in the West have there been greater resources for self-education available to all than in the twentieth century, yet at no time has there been more extensive reliance on formal instruction for the education of all.”** -Robert McClintock (1971)
- 3) **“I've never thought much of strictly organised and methodical study. You can't arrange a library in alphabetical order until you've collected one.”** (Walter Moers)
- 4) **“Study, like prayer, is a way of being—it is an ethics”** (Alan A. Block, 2001)
- 5) **“To study is to uncover, it is to gain a more exact comprehension of an object; it is to realize its relationships to other objects. This implies a requirement for risk taking and venturing on the part of a student...”** (Paulo Freire, 1998)

### Resources for further study:

- Mark K. Smith: **What is Pedagogy?** Available to read for free at <<http://infed.org/mobi/what-is-pedagogy/>>
- Race Bannon: **The Art of Self Education: How to Get a Quality Education for Personal and Professional Success Without Formal Schooling.** Available for Purchase (\$8.95) for Kindle: < <https://www.amazon.com/Art-Self-Education-Education-Professional-Schooling-ebook/dp/B00JPMV6GG/>>
- Thomas Sterner: **The Practicing Mind: Developing Focus and Discipline in Your Life: Master Any Skill or Challenge By Learning to Love the Process.** Available for Purchase (\$8.89) at < <https://www.amazon.com/Practicing-Mind-Developing-Discipline-Challenge/dp/1608680908>>
- William Pinar: **The Problem with Curriculum and Pedagogy.** Available for free download at: [https://education.okstate.edu/sites/default/files/crst/crst\\_pinarlecturepaper.pdf](https://education.okstate.edu/sites/default/files/crst/crst_pinarlecturepaper.pdf)