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## VIRTUAL SUMMER INSTITUTES

### **THE EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL BRAIN IN SCHOOL:** USING DEVELOPMENT NEUROSCIENCE AND THE NEW SCIENCE OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT STUDENTS POST-PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

JUNE 26-30

**Workshop Leader: Mary Helen Immordino-Yang, EdD**, Director, USC Center for Affective Neuroscience, Development, Learning, and Education; Professor of Education, Psychology, and Neuroscience, the Brain and Creativity Institute, [USC Rossier School of Education](#)

### **THE SCIENCE OF MEMORY AND ATTENTION:** MAKING BRAIN RESEARCH USEFUL IN CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOLS

JUNE 26-30

**Workshop Leader: Andrew Watson, MEd**, Founder and President, Translate the Brain; Former Teacher

### **THE NEUROSCIENCE OF READING:** USING RESEARCH TO UNDERSTAND READING ACQUISITION AND DISORDERS

JULY 10-14

**Workshop Leaders: John D. E. Gabrieli, PhD**, Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#); and **Joanna A. Christodoulou, EdD**, Associate Professor, MGH Institute of Health Professions

### **MAKING MINDFULNESS WORK FOR YOUR SCHOOL:** PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR RESILIENCE AND REGULATION

JULY 10-14

**Workshop Leader: Christopher T. Willard, PsyD**, Psychologist; Teaching Associate, [Harvard Medical School](#)

## IN-PERSON SUMMER INSTITUTES IN SANTA BARBARA, CA

### **NEUROSCIENCE FOR OPTIMAL LEARNING:** STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING STUDENTS' ATTENTION, EMOTIONAL STRENGTHS, MEMORY, AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

JULY 17-21

**Workshop Leader: Judy A. Willis, MD, MEd**, Board-Certified Neurologist; Former Elementary and Middle School Teacher

### **EXECUTIVE SKILLS IN THE CLASSROOM:** APPLYING STRATEGIES TO HELP STUDENTS IMPROVE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

JULY 17-21

**Workshop Leader: George M. McCloskey, PhD**, Professor and Director of School Psychology Research, School of Applied and Professional Psychology, [Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine](#)

### **EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS FOR READING, WRITING, AND MATH:** A NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

JULY 24-28

**Workshop Leader: George M. McCloskey, PhD**, Professor and Director of School Psychology Research, School of Applied and Professional Psychology, [Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine](#)

# TEACHING STUDENTS TO CONNECT AND COOPERATE

After more than two years of the pandemic, parents and educators have noticed a drop in student social skills and prosocial behaviors. A 2021 OnePoll survey of parents of school-aged children (ages 5-14) found that 7 out of 10 parents expressed concern that their child's social skills are at risk and two-thirds were concerned that their children have become more socially awkward. These skills matter. Brain research shows that social skills and prosocial behaviors (sharing, cooperation, empathy, etc.) have significant benefits, including buffering against adversity, improving mood and health, and increasing learning. **This conference will explore the "Science of the Social Brain" – the impacts of isolation, the influences of peers, and the importance of social connections. Discover ways to create cooperative and collaborative classrooms; reduce school conflicts; improve a sense of belonging and identity; teach social and friendship skills; incorporate peer groups and social learning; and promote prosocial behaviors in students.**

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**You will gain knowledge about:**

- ✓ The science of the social brain, networks, and connections
- ✓ Strategies for conflicts, collaboration, and cooperative learning
- ✓ Developing and designing classrooms to promote prosocial skills
- ✓ The science of bridging divides and building a sense of belonging
- ✓ The power of connections, attachment, relationships, and friends
- ✓ Promoting differentiated, group, and social learning in classrooms
- ✓ The teen brain and influences of peers, pressures, and the pandemic
- ✓ Helping students with poor social skills, autism, and social anxiety
- ✓ Teaching empathy, kindness, gratitude, and altruism to students
- ✓ Using groups and collaborations for learning, reading, and math



\*This **hybrid** conference will include both a live, in-person audience as well as a virtual option using Zoom. You can choose to travel and see the sights of New York or watch the sessions comfortably from your home, or your hotel room. All talks will be recorded and made available to stream for 90 days after the conference. **For more information, visit [LearningAndTheBrain.com](http://LearningAndTheBrain.com) or call 857-444-1500 x1.**

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Educators, Parents  
Curriculum, Staff Developers  
Speech-Language Pathologists  
PreK-12 Teachers, Administrators  
Psychologists, School Psychologists  
Learning Specialists, Special Educators  
Early Childhood Educators, Professionals  
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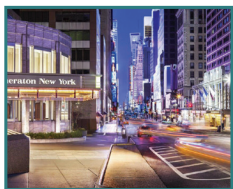
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**FEATURED SPEAKER:**

**Nicholas A. Christakis, MD, PhD**  
Sterling Professor of Social and Neural Science, **Yale University**; Author, *Apollo's Arrow* (2020) and *Blueprint: The Evolutionary Origins of a Good Society* (2019); Co-Author, *Connected* (2009)

**The Science of Social Brains**

**Promoting Prosocial Behaviors**

**Using Groups and Social Learning**

**Social Connections and Cooperation**

**Creating Collaborative Classrooms**

**Training Empathy and Gratitude**

**Building Belonging and Identity**

**Teens, Peers, and Pressures**

**Teaching Social Skills**

**The Science of Friendships**

**Designing a Prosocial Classroom**

**Developing Altruism and Kindness**

**Social Anxiety, Autism, and Isolation**

**How Relationships Power the Brain**

**Collaboration in Reading and Math**

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*"The moment you get people cooperating instead of competing, empathy increases, willingness to work together and make sacrifices for the group increases, and group decision making improves."*

– Jay J. Van Bavel, PhD, **New York University**



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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM TOPICS

## WITH A DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

### 1) THE SCIENCE OF SOCIAL BRAINS: CREATING CONNECTIONS & COOPERATION



#### Featured: **Blueprint: The Evolutionary Origins of a Good Society**

**Nicholas A. Christakis, MD, PhD, MPH**, Social Scientist; Director, Human Nature Lab; Co-Director, Yale Institute for Network Science; Sterling Professor of Social and Neural Science, [Yale University](#); Named by *Time Magazine* in the list of “100 Most Influential People in the World”; Author, *Apollo’s Arrow* (2020) and *Blueprint: The Evolutionary Origins of a Good Society* (2019); Co-Author, *Connected: The Surprising Power of Our Social Networks and How They Shape Our Lives* (2009)



#### Featured: **The Science of Friendships**

**Marisa G. Franco, PhD**, Psychologist; Assistant Clinical Professor, [University of Maryland](#); Science and Technology Policy Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science; Author, “The Trait That ‘Super Friends’ Have in Common” (2022, *The Atlantic*) and *Platonic: How the Science of Attachment Can Help You Make—and Keep—Friends* (2022)



#### Featured: **How Relationships Power the Brain**

**Pamela Cantor, MD**, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist; Founder and Senior Science Advisor, Turnaround for Children; Governing Partner, Science of Learning and Development Alliance; Commissioner, “Learning 2025 Commission” of the American Association of School Superintendents; Author, *Whole-Child Development, Learning, and Thriving* (2021); Co-Author, “Drivers of Human Development: How Relationships and Context Shape Learning and Development” (2018, *Applied Developmental Science*)

#### The Crisis of Connection: Its Roots, Consequences, and Solution

**Niobe Way, EdD**, Professor of Psychology, [New York University](#); Founder, Project for the Advancement of Our Common Humanity; Co-Director, Center for Research on Culture, Development, and Education; Author, *The Crisis of Connection* (2018), *Deep Secrets: Boys’ Friendships and the Crisis of Connection* (2011), *Growing Up Fast* (2001), and *Everyday Courage: The Lives and Stories of Urban Teenagers* (1998)

#### Intentional Neuroplasticity: The Neurobiology of Adversity and the Resiliency of Social Attachment

**Lori L. Desautels, PhD**, Founder, Revelations in Education; Assistant Professor, [Butler University](#); Instructor, Butler’s Applied Educational Neuroscience Certificate Program; Author, *Intentional Neuroplasticity* (2023), *Connections Over Compliance* (2021), *Eyes Are Never Quiet: Listening Beneath the Behaviors of Our Most Troubled Students* (2019), and *Unwritten - The Story of a Living System* (2016)

#### Navigating Our Uncertain Social World

**Oriel FeldmanHall, PhD**, Alfred Manning Associate Professor, Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences, [Brown University](#); Secondary Faculty Appointment, Carney Institute for Brain Science; Co-Author, “A Probabilistic Map of Emotional Experiences During Competitive Social Interactions” (2022, *Nature Communications*) and “The Computational Challenges of Social Learning” (2021, *Trends in Cognitive Science*)

### 2) THE SCIENCE OF “US”: BUILDING BELONGING, IDENTITY, & COMMUNITY



#### Featured: **The Power of Us: Harnessing Our Shared Identities to Improve Performance, Increase Cooperation, and Promote Social Harmony**

**Jay J. Van Bavel, PhD**, Director, Social Identity and Morality Lab; Associate Professor of Psychology and Neural Science, [New York University](#); Co-Author, *The Power of Us: Harnessing Our Shared Identities to Improve Performance, Increase Cooperation, and Promote Social Harmony* (2021) and “The Social Neuroscience of Cooperation” (2020, *Cognitive Neurosciences*)



#### Featured: **A Sense of Belonging Matters: Building Connections and Community**

**Terrell L. Strayhorn, PhD**, Director, PhD Program, Department of Educational Administration and Foundations, [Illinois State University](#); Provost and Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, [Virginia Union University](#); Chief Executive Officer and Senior Research Scientist, Do Good Work Educational Consulting, LLC; Author, *College Students’ Sense of Belonging: A Key to Educational Success for All Students* (2018); Co-Editor, *The Evolving Challenges of Black College Students* (2012)



#### Featured: **Belonging: The Science of Creating Connections and Bridging Divides**

**Geoffrey L. Cohen, PhD**, Professor of Psychology, [Stanford University](#); Professor of Education, [Stanford Graduate School of Education](#); Author, *Belonging: The Science of Creating Connection and Bridging Divides* (2022); Co-Author, “A Brief Social-Belonging Intervention in College Improves Adult Outcomes for Black Americans” (2020, *Science Advances*)

#### Doing the Work: Practical Strategies to Create a Sense of Belonging in Schools

**Caren Baruch-Feldman, PhD**, Clinical and School Psychologist; Harrison School District; Fellowship and Supervisor, Albert Ellis Institute; Past President of the Westchester County Psychological Association; Author, *The Resilience Workbook for Kids* (2022) and *The Grit Guide for Teens: A Workbook to Help You Build Perseverance, Self-Control, and a Growth Mindset* (2017); and **Jennifer Markarian, MA**, Instructional Specialist in the Harrison School District

#### Building Belonging and Cultivating Connection With Classroom Circles

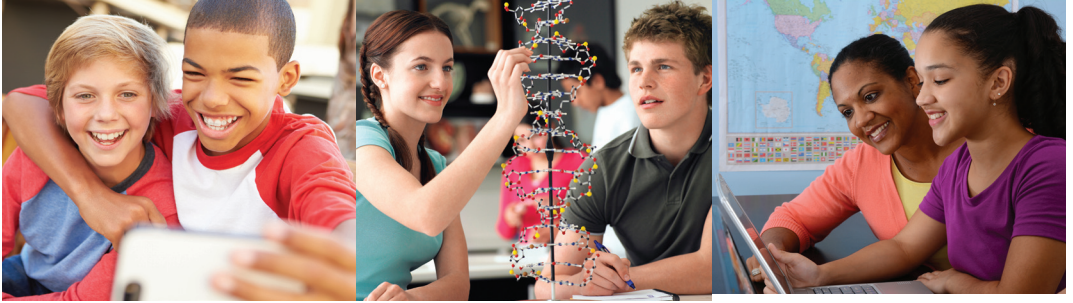
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# CONFERENCE BEGINS AT 12:00 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21

All times are Eastern Daylight Time



## 3) TEACHING SOCIAL BRAINS: USING COLLABORATION & SOCIAL LEARNING



### Featured: The Social Brain, Language, and Learning

**Patricia K. Kuhl, PhD**, Professor, Speech and Hearing Sciences, [University of Washington](#); Co-Director, UW Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences; Director, NSF Science of Learning Center (LIFE); Bezos Family Foundation Endowed Chair for Early Childhood Learning; Co-Author, "Early Language Learning and the Social Brain" (2015, *Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press*) and *The Scientist in the Crib: Minds, Brains, and How Children Learn* (2000)



### Featured: The Challenge of Permitting and Cultivating Principled Dissent in the Social-Pressure Classroom: A How to Guide

**Todd B. Kashdan, PhD**, Professor of Psychology, [George Mason University](#); Director, Well-Being Laboratory; Awarded the "Distinguished Early Career Researcher" Award by the American Psychological Association; Author, *The Art of Insubordination* (2022) and *The Upside of Your Darkside* (2017); Co-Author, "Gratitude Across the Life-Span" (2019, *Positive Psychology*)

## Differentiation in the Elementary Classroom: Promoting Engagement and Social Interaction

**Kristina J. Doubet, PhD**, Professor, Department of Middle, Secondary, and Mathematics Education, [James Madison University](#); Faculty Member, ASCD; Author, *The Flexibly Grouped Classroom: How to Organize Learning for Equity and Growth* (2022), *Designing Authentic Performance Tasks and Projects* (2020), *Differentiation in the Elementary Grades* (2017), and *Differentiation in Middle and High School* (2015)

## Effective Collaborative and Cooperative Learning: Possibilities and Perils

**Dylan A. R. Wiliam, PhD**, Consultant; Professor Emeritus, Institute of Education, [University of London](#); Former Dean, School of Education, [King's College London](#); One of the World's Leading Authorities on Formative Assessments; Author, *Creating the Schools Our Children Need* (2018), *Embedded Formative Assessment* (2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), and *Leadership for Teacher Learning* (2016)

## 4) TEACHING TEEN BRAINS: PEERS, SOCIAL PRESSURES, & ISOLATION



### Featured: Social Brains in Adolescence: Peers, Pressures, and a Pandemic

**Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, PhD, BMedSci, FBA**, Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience, [University of Cambridge](#); Leader, Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience Group; Honorary Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, [University College London](#); Author, *Inventing Ourselves: The Secret Life of the Teenage Brain* (2018); Co-Author, "Navigating the Social Environment in Adolescence: The Role of Social Brain Development" (2021, *Biological Psychiatry*)

## The Listening Project: A School-Based Method of Building Relational Intelligence in Middle Schools

**Niobe Way, EdD**, Professor of Psychology, [New York University](#); Founder, Project for the Advancement of Our Common Humanity; Co-Director, Center for Research on Culture, Development, and Education; Author, *The Crisis of Connection* (2018), *Deep Secrets: Boys' Friendships and the Crisis of Connection* (2011), *Growing Up Fast* (2001), and *Everyday Courage: The Lives and Stories of Urban Teenagers* (1998)

## Congrats – You're Having a Teen: Strengthening Connections and Raising a Good Person

**Kenneth R. Ginsburg, MD, MEd, FAAP**, Professor of Pediatrics, [University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine](#); Co-Developer of the Teen-Centered Method; Author, *Congrats – You're Having a Teen: Strengthen Your Family and Raise a Good Person* (2022), "The Healing Power of Human Connections" (2020, *Center for Children and Youth*), *Reaching Teens* (2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), and *Raising Kids to Thrive* (2015)

## Insights Into the Teenage Social Brain: Peers, Presence, and Pro-Social Influences

**Adriana Galvan, PhD**, Professor of Psychology; Director, Galvan Laboratory for Developmental Neuroscience; Executive Director, UCLA Center for the Developing Adolescent, [University of California, Los Angeles](#); Author, *The Neuroscience of Adolescence* (2017) and *Adolescent Development of the Reward System* (2015); Co-Author, "Peer Influence Effects on Risk-Taking and Prosocial Decision-Making in Adolescence: Insights From Neuroimaging Studies" (2016, *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*)

## Fostering Purpose in Youth Through Persuasive Science and Profound Prosocial Experiential Exercises

**Todd B. Kashdan, PhD**, Professor of Psychology, [George Mason University](#); Director, Well-Being Laboratory; Awarded the "Distinguished Early Career Researcher" Award by the American Psychological Association; Author, *The Art of Insubordination* (2022) and *The Upside of Your Darkside* (2017); Co-Author, "Gratitude Across the Life-Span" (2019, *Positive Psychology*) and "When Empathy Matters" (2017, *Personality*)

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Conference Day 1  
Conference Day 2  
Conference Day 3

Friday, April 21  
Friday, April 21  
Saturday, April 22  
Sunday, April 23

8:15 AM – 11:15 AM  
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## 5) CONNECTING TO OTHERS: PROMOTING PROSOCIAL & SOCIAL SKILLS



### Featured: The Social Brain:

#### The Neural Basis of Social Cognition, Social Connection, and Emotion

**Kevin N. Ochsner, PhD**, Professor of Psychology; Director of Graduate Studies; Director, Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience (SCAN) Lab, [Columbia University](#); Co-Author, “Social Networks in the Brain” (2017, *Nature Human Behavior*), “Social Cognition as Reinforcement Learning” (2016, *Cognitive Neuroscience*), and *Self Control in Society, Mind, and Brain* (2010)



### Featured: The Power of Empathy: Promoting Empathy and Relational Skills in Schools

**Helen Riess, MD**, Director, Empathy and Relational Science Program; Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, [Harvard Medical School](#); Chief Scientist and Chairman, Empathetics, Inc.; Member, Consortium for Research on Emotional Intelligence in Organizations; Author, *The Empathy Effect: Seven Neuroscience-Based Keys for Transforming the Way We Live, Love, Work, and Connect Across Differences* (2018)

## Prosocial: Using Evolutionary Science to Build Compassionate, Cooperative, and Collaborative Students

**David Sloan Wilson, PhD**, Evolutionary Biologist; Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences and Anthropology, [Binghamton University](#); Co-Founder, Evolution Institute; Co-Founder, Prosocial World; Author, *A Life Informed by Evolution* (2022) and *Does Altruism Exist? Culture, Genes, and the Welfare of Others* (2015); Co-Author, *Prosocial* (2019), *Evolution and Contextual Behavioral Science* (2018), and “A Program for At-Risk High School Students Informed by Evolutionary Science” (2011, *PLoS One*)

## Designing a Pro-Social Classroom

**Christi A. Bergin, PhD**, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation; Research Professor, Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology, College of Education and Human Development, [University of Missouri](#); Co-Founder and Scientific Director, Network for Educator Effectiveness; Author, *Designing a Prosocial Classroom: Fostering Collaboration in Students From PreK-12 With the Curriculum You Already Use* (2018) and “The Handbook of Prosocial Education” (2014, *Moral Education*)

## No More Meltdowns: Social Skills Training for Emotional Regulation

**Jed E. Baker, PhD**, Director, Social Skills Training Project; Professional Advisory Board of several autism organizations; Author, *Social Skills Picture Book: For High School and Beyond* (2017), *Overcoming Anxiety in Children and Teens* (2015), and *No More Meltdowns: Positive Strategies for Managing and Preventing Out of Control Behavior* (2012)

## Cultivating Culture: Connecting Kindness, Empathy, and Compassion to Student Learning

**Joelle Hood, EdD**, Co-Founder and Chief Empowerment Officer, Thriving YOUiversity; Certified Life Coach; Consultant; Professional Learning Designer and Facilitator; Former Principal; Awarded “Teacher of the Year” and “Principal of the Year”; **Janeen Antonelli, MA**, Co-Founder and Chief Culture Coach, Thriving YOUiversity; Former Teacher and Principal; Professional Learning Designer and Facilitator; **Liz Toruno, MEd**, Lead Climate Coach, Thriving YOUiversity; Behavioral Specialist; Coordinator for Social Emotional Learning, Bakersfield City School District

## Evolving With Gratitude: Nurture Relationships, Improve Well-Being, and Activate Learning

**Lainie Rowell, MA**, Educator; Consultant for the Institute for Leadership Development, Orange County Department of Education; Apple Distinguished Educator; Google for Education Certified Trainer; Google for Education Certified Innovator; Author, *Evolving With Gratitude: Small Practices in Learning Communities That Make a Big Difference With Kids, Peers, and the World* (2022)

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### 1. Teaching Social Skills:

#### Key Components of Social Skills Training for Neuro-Typical and Neuro-Diverse Students

All of us can struggle with social issues, particularly after periods of isolation such as what happened during the pandemic. This workshop will describe a tiered approach to skills training in schools, with general interventions for all students, and more individualized approaches for those students with more social challenges. Key components of effective skills training will be mapped out including how to motivate students to participate, target relevant skill goals, use effective teaching methods based on language ability, generalize skills into natural settings, and increase acceptance and tolerance from peers. Information will be provided through lecture, interactive exercises, and video clips. **Jed E. Baker, PhD**, Director, Social Skills Training Project; Author, *Social Skills Picture Book: For High School and Beyond* (2017) and *No More Meltdowns: Positive Strategies for Managing and Preventing Out of Control Behavior* (2012)

### 2. Group Learning in Class: Flexible Grouping to Build Students' Academic Skills and Collaborative Capacities

In a flexibly grouped classroom, students work in a variety of grouping configurations with the goals of building community, increasing collaborative capacity, spotlighting talent, and fostering growth. This workshop will explore the hallmarks of a flexibly grouped classroom and how they prepare students for the kinds of interactions they will encounter in their future lives and workspaces. You will learn practical strategies for flexible grouping with the goal of cultivating equitable classrooms that invite, support, and challenge all learners. **Kristina J. Doubet, PhD**, Professor, Department of Middle, Secondary, and Mathematics Education, [James Madison University](#); Faculty Member, ASCD; Author, *The Flexibly Grouped Classroom: How to Organize Learning for Equity and Growth* (2022), *Designing Authentic Performance Tasks and Projects* (2020), *Differentiation in the Elementary Grades* (2017), and *Differentiation in Middle and High School* (2015)

### 3. Learning & Belonging: The Brain and a Culture of Belonging

Every day, every student will bring their developing brain and their developing identity to school. As teachers and school leaders, you can implement research and strategies from the fields of Mind, Brain, and Education (MBE) and Diversity, Equity, and Belonging (DEB) to benefit all students. This workshop will explore how principles from these two robustly researched fields intersect to support teaching, learning, and whole child academic and social development. This interactive workshop will include case study work and will be of interest to early childhood to collegiate teachers, school leaders, and policy makers who will leave with new frameworks to better think about the connection between the learning brain and the identity development of each student. **Lorraine Martinez Hanley, BA**, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Belonging, St. Andrew's Episcopal School; Lead Researcher, Diversity, Equity, and Belonging, The Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning (CTTL); and **Eva Shultis, MEd**, Associate Director of Research and Product Development, CTTL; Co-Designer, Neuroteach Global Student Program; Science Teacher, St. Andrew's Episcopal School

### 4. The Reading Brain & Collaboration: Advancing the Science of Reading for Our Youngest Learners – Neuroscience, Interventions, and Early Literacy Partnerships

This two-part workshop will focus on the science behind early reading and spelling, and what this means for building the capacity of educators and families to support young children's literacy development. Explore new interventions and researcher-school partnerships to advance the science of reading. You will leave with a clear understanding of how the developing brain needs to be rewired in order to read, as well as new instructional strategies, frameworks, and games that can be used with emergent and beginning readers. **Carolyn H. Strom, PhD**, Clinical Professor of Early Childhood Literacy, School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, [New York University](#); Named one of "67 Influential Educators Who Are Changing the Way We Learn" by Noodle Education; and **Kenneth R. Pugh, PhD**, President, Director of Research, and Senior Scientist, Haskins Laboratories; Professor of Psychology, [University of Connecticut](#); Director, Yale Reading Center; Associate Professor of Linguistics, [Yale University](#)

### 5. Thinking & Prosocial Skills: The Kids are Watching Us:

#### How to Model and Grow Social Dispositions to Move Forward Together

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