

Gift-a-Palooza

VIRTUAL SUMMIT on GIFTEDNESS & NEURODIVERSITY

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Welcome! 9:30 am - 9:50 am EST

Summit Hosts, Dr. Mike & Julie Postma | Room A

Keynote Address: 10:00 am - 11:15 am EST

Richard M. Cash, Ed.D. | Room A

The Four Pillars of Gifted Education: Supporting Robust Curricular & Instructional Practices

Sessions 1A & 1B: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm EST

Karen Arnstein, EdD | Room A

& Barry Gelston, EdD ABD

Using the Spiral Model to Understand the
Twice Exceptional Developmental Trajectory

Margo Margan | Room B

The Power of Playtesting: How Failure
Designed My Boardgame

Sessions 2A & 2B: 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm EST

Austina De Bonte, | Room A

Megan Locke, Au.D., CCC/A,

& Hilary K. Wisdom, Au.D., F-AAA

It's Probably Not (Just) ADHD; Teasing Apart
APD, VPD, ADHD, and Dyslexia

Elaine Taylor-Klaus, MCC | Room B

Cultivating Agency in Intelligent Older
Teens and Young Adults

Sessions 3A & 3B: 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm EST

Gifted/2e Experts Panel | Room A

Emily Kircher-Morris, LPC, Michael Postma, EdD

& Dan Peters, PhD: Frequently Asked Topics &
Questions in Giftedness & Neurodiversity

Rebecca Niederlander | Room B

Chronically Gifted, Chronically Ill in
Trans and Cis Communities

Sessions 4A & 4B: 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm EST

Seth Perler, MEd | Room A

Support 2e Learners with Executive
Function Challenges

Larry M. Davis, MA | Room B

SELFIRST: How to Successfully Engage With Your Kids
by Shifting the Dial: Reactive Self to a More Responsive
Self via a Resilient Self

Special Discussion: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm EST

Lisa Jobe, Kasi Peters & Cassandra Whetstone | Unique Zoom Link

Nurturing Strengths and Passions Within the Homeschool Model



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Friday, February 2, 2024



Keynote Address: 10:00 am - 11:15 am EST

Sally M. Reis, Ph.D | Room A

Using Strength-Based Pedagogy to Engage and Challenge 2E Students' Development

Sessions 1A & 1B: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm EST

Paul Beljan, PsyD, MP, ABPdN, ABN | Room A

Interpretation of the WISC V: What Every Teacher and Parent of a Gifted Child Should Know

Gifted/2e Moms Panel | Room B

Caroline Lubbe, Julie Postma & Debbie Reber, MA: Finding Hope, Healing and Joy in the Journey: Raising Gifted and Neurodiverse Children

Sessions 2A & 2B: 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm EST

Gloria Jensen | Room A

How Your Emotions Could Be Your Best Friend (and Why You Don't Want to Miss Out on That Relationship as a Gifted Person)

Sara Bradford | Room B

Parenting-Mindset and Opportunities

Sessions 3A & 3B: 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm EST

Joy Lawson Davis, Ed.D. | Room A

Effective Partnership Building with Culturally Diverse Families/Organizations to Improve Outcomes for Culturally Diverse Gifted/Neurodiverse Students

Lisa Jobe, Esq. | Room B

The Gift of Homeschooling: How Individualized Learning Pathways Can Nurture Your Learner's Interests and Creativity

Sessions 4A & 4B: 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm EST

Amy Estersohn, M.A. | Room A

College Planning for the Busy Parent

Sam Young, M.Ed. | Room B

Neurodivergent & Strong: Developing Our Superpowers

Tech Help & Social Hour! 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm EST

6:15 - 6:30: Tech/online portal support, all attendees welcome!

6:30 - 7:30: Social Hour: Meet & greet speakers & attendees!

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Saturday, February 3, 2024



Keynote Address: 10:00 am - 11:15 am EST

Jeamel Alday & Kristina Henry Collins, Ph.D. | Room A

Nurturing Gifted Students in Accelerated and Early Entrance

Programs: A Model for Parenting, Teaching, and Counseling Partnerships

Sessions 1A & 1B: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm EST

Matthew Zakreski, PsyD | Room A

And the Children Shall Lead Us: A

Guide to Interest-Based Learning

Amy Haynes Clark, Ed.D. | Room B

Mentoring Experiences: Transformational

Relationships for Multi-Exceptional

Students with Anxiety

Sessions 2A & 2B: 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm EST

Kasey Suitor, MEd | Room A

Fine is Not Fine

Christine Turo-Shields | Room B

Calming the Calamities: A Gifted Perspective

of Managing Anxiety, Anger and Angst

Sessions 3A & 3B: 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm EST

Gifted/2e Young Adults Panel | Room A

Mia Abernethy, Ryan Kricker, Margo

Margan, Jordan O'Kelley & Jacob

Person: Failure as Growth

Michelle Barmazel | Room B

& Karen Blumstein

The Outliers. Gifted and 2E Students in

the Classroom

Sessions 4A & 4B: 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm EST

Carol Malueg, M.A. GCT, 2e | Room A

Positive Advocacy and Self-Advocacy

for Gifted Families

Emma Nicholson | Room B

& Chris Wells, PhD, LSW

Navigating the Tides of Change: Positive

Disintegration in Gifted Adults



Schedule is subject to change.

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Sunday, February 4, 2024

Keynote Address: 10:00 am - 11:15 am EST

F. Richard "Rick" Olenchak, PhD, PC | Room A

Using Positive Psychology to Instill Hope in High-Ability Students

Sessions 1A & 1B: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm EST

Heidi Lack, PhD, ATR-BC | *Unique Zoom Link

Mountain Out of a Molehill? An
Introduction to Misophonia for
Gifted Families

Linda E. Collins, Ed.D. | Room B

Staying Evergreen In the Winter
Moments of Life: Building Photosynthesis
Resilience in our Gifted Community

Sessions 2A & 2B: 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm EST

P. Susan Jackson | Room A

Navigating the Unparalleled Journey
Parenting Exceptionally and Profoundly
Gifted Children with Grace and Grit

Terry Friedrichs, Ph.D, Ed.D. | Room B

Thrice-Exceptional LGBTQ+ Youth: Their
Characteristics, Challenges, and
Successes

Closing Keynote Address/Session 3A: 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm EST

Tracy L. Cross, Ph.D. | Room A

Psychological Well-being of Students with Gifts and Talents

Bonus Pre-Recorded Presentations:

Michael Postma, Ed.D.

Gifted & Thriving Signature Series Webinar, 2023
Gifted? ADHD/ADD? Or Both? Understanding
the Complexities of ADHD and Giftedness

Julie Skolnick M.A., J.D.

Gifted & Distractible Helping 2e
Learners Believe in Themselves

Michael Postma, Ed.D. & Matthew Zakreski, PsyD

Gifted & Thriving Signature Series Webinar, 2020
The Twice-Exceptional (2e) Brain

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