



THE 2024 JOURNEY CONFERENCE

PROGRAM BOOKLET
MARCH 9, 2024





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FAMILY CHILDCARE PROVIDER CONFERENCE ALSO KNOWN AS THE DE ANZA COLLEGE'S JOURNEY CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED FOR THE APPRENTICES TO ADDRESS CHILD DEVELOPMENT ISSUES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS. THE CONFERENCE WILL HELP TO DEVELOP SKILLS FOR EFFECTIVE TEACHING IN THESE TIMES OF RAPID CHANGE IN THE FIELD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE PANDEMIC. APPRENTICES WILL LEARN TO RECOGNIZE THEIR OWN STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES IN AN EARLY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENT, AND THROUGH WORKSHOPS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THEIR PEDAGOGY, THE APPRENTICES WILL GROW IN THEIR TEACHING AND LEARNING. PROVIDING APPRENTICES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN PROFESSIONAL GROWTH WILL HELP PROFESSIONALIZE THE FIELD OF FAMILY CHILDCARE. WORKSHOPS WILL INCLUDE TOPICS IN THE FOLLOWING STRANDS:

- EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- INFANT-TODDLER GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
- LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
- DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS
- ANTI-BIAS CURRICULUM
- MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
- STEM EXPLORATIONS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
- SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE EARLY YEARS



THE 2024 JOURNEY CONFERENCE

From Apprentice to Early Childhood Teacher

PROGRAM

8:00-9:00AM

Registration
VPAC Lobby

12:45-1:15PM

Brown Bag Lunch
VPAC Lobby

9:00-9:30AM

Welcome & Introduction

Dr. Elvin T. Ramos
Dean of Social Sciences & Humanities
De Anza College
VPAC Auditorium

1:15-2:45PM

Brown Bag Workshops
L Quad Rooms

9:30-11:00AM

Opening Keynote

Susan Wood
Foundations of Learning: Building STEM
skills in the early childhood environment.
VPAC Auditorium

2:45-3:00PM

Coffee Break
VPAC Lobby

11:00-11:15AM

Break

3:00-4:45PM

Closing Keynote

Greg & Steve
Music and Movement
VPAC Auditorium

11:15-12:45PM

Signature Workshop

Jennifer Winters & Beth Wise
Play is the thing!
VPAC Auditorium

4:45-5:00PM

Closing and
Acknowledgements

THE 2024 JOURNEY CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Opening Keynote

Foundations of
Learning: Building
STEM skills in the early
childhood environment

In this Keynote, Susan Wood will share her thoughts and research on the importance of preparing today's children for the challenges of tomorrow through developmentally appropriate, inclusive and culturally sensitive approaches in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Session: VPAC Auditorium

with

**Susan
Woods**

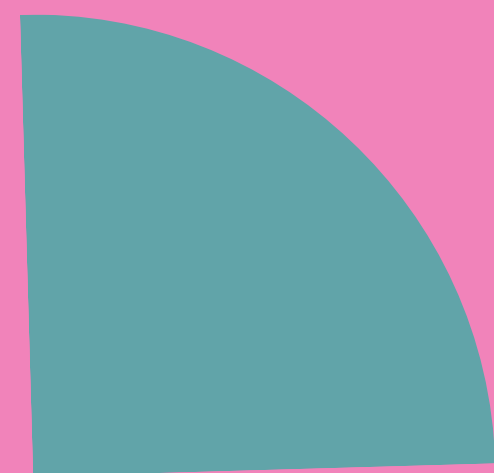


Susan Wood's experience over the past 40 years includes serving as a classroom instructor overseeing classroom teachers, coordinating community college preschool practicum students, and providing developmentally appropriate activities for children. After 20 years in the classroom Susan chose to work in an administrative level as a director of two university childcare centers; as adjunct faculty teaching early childhood classes such as Curriculum Planning, Child Human Growth and Development; Child Psychology; as partner and trainer for the Center for Child and family Services Head Start; as a trainer for Los Angeles County Office of Education; as UCLA Extension instructor. Susan's passion to support early childhood educators in providing research based, high quality child education has led to the creation of community outreach programs which has included: workshops, a director support group, research projects, and study groups. She founded and hosts the Annual Early Childhood Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (ECSTEM) Conference. She is an active member of National Association for the Education of Young Children and National Science Teachers Association and has presented workshops on a national level in the areas of early childhood curriculum with an emphasis on science education. She received a MA in Child Development from Pacific Oaks College, Pasadena, CA



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Signature Workshop



Play is it!

In this workshop, participants will learn the importance of play-based learning in the overall development across all domains – cognitive, social, emotional, and physical.

Session: VPAC Auditorium



with

**Jennifer
Winters**



Jennifer Winters is the Executive Director of Bing Nursery School and a Lecturer in the Department of Psychology at Stanford University.

She has committed her professional life to serving young children and their families and to spreading early childhood education wisdom and best practices throughout the field. She has over three decades of leadership and hands-on experience in the field of early childhood education as a director, administrator, teacher, university lecturer, and speaker. She has presented locally, nationally, and internationally on various topics in the field of early childhood education.

Her passion for serving young children, families, and the early childhood education community is matched by her firm belief that for young children, play-based learning is best for their overall development across all domains – cognitive, social, emotional, and physical. She is an advocate for play-based learning for young children around the globe in all her work.



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with

**Beth
Wise**



Beth Wise is the Program Director for Bing Nursery School and lecturer in Psychology 147: Development in Early Childhood at Stanford University. With over 35 years of experience in the field, Beth has worked in many capacities, including as a Head Teacher, Program Administrator at Head Start, Kindergarten Teacher at the Nueva School, Music Specialist, and performing artist through the Wolftrap Early Learning through the Arts Program. Her undergraduate studies are in Child Development and Sociology, and her graduate studies are in Human Development. Beth believes in giving children rich, hands-on, imaginative play experiences so their creative, artistic, social, emotional, and cognitive skills can flourish!



THE 2024 JOURNEY CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Brown Bag Workshop

Creating Supportive
Spaces for Gender
Exploration and
Expression

In this workshop, participants will learn how to create supportive spaces for gender exploration and expression in the early childhood environment. Dr. Choflá will share research on pedagogical practices to support early childhood gender identity development.

Session: L Quad Room L25

with

Dr. Shaun- Adrián Choflá

Dr. Shaun-Adrián Choflá serves as a core faculty member in the Family and Community Services Department at Butte College in way up there, CA, and as the Executive Director of Empathy Therapy, a statewide tele-mental health practice he co-founded. Dr. Choflá regularly gives lectures and conducts research on pedagogical practices to support early childhood gender identity development. As a practitioner and scholar of anti-bias education and equity pedagogy, Dr. Choflá aims to bring awareness of cisgender-related bias to early childhood educators and expand related lines of research. He lives in Chico with his husband of over twenty-three years and their dog, Fog.



THE 2024 JOURNEY CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Brown Bag Workshop

Creating and
supporting an anti-bias
classroom
environment

In this workshop, participants will explore what it means to have an anti-bias environment in the early years. They will learn how to incorporate social justice practices when working with young children.

Session: L Quad Room L26



with

**Nadia
Jaboneta**



Nadia Jaboneta lives in the San Francisco Bay area with her husband and 3 children. She is a Pedagogical Leader at Pacific Primary Preschool in San Francisco, California. She has 24 years' experience in Early Childhood Education teaching young children, training teachers, consulting and facilitating workshops. She is passionate about social justice. Nadia attended San Francisco State University for both her bachelor's and master's degree. She has written numerous articles for the magazine Teaching Young Children, focused on the anti-bias education practices she uses. She also is the author of the book You Can't Celebrate That: Navigating the Deep Waters of Social Justice Teaching and co-author of Children's Lively Minds: Schema Theory Made Visible. Most recently, Nadia and Brian were two of the featured teachers in the film "Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years."



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**Brian
Silveira**



Brian Silveira lives in San Francisco with his husband and has worked as a teacher in the ECE field for over 40 years! He spent much of his career in community-based and public preschools and currently works at Pacific Primary as a Pedagogical Leader. His experiences in diverse school settings have informed his philosophy and life mission to make the world a safe and just place for all children. He is still thriving and growing in his commitment to social justice every day. He is currently the co-facilitator of the LGBTQ Interest Forum for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and has presented on the topics of equity, antibias and allyship both locally and nationally. He has been published in Teaching Young Children magazine and Exchange Magazine, and has been recognized by several national interest forums for his work supporting men in ECE, peace educators and the LGBT community. Most recently, Brian was one of the featured teachers in the film "Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years."



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Brown Bag Workshop

Messy Science

In this workshop, participants will learn the importance of hands-on learning, exemplifying John Dewey's thoughts of "hands-on is minds-on through messy science explorations."

Session: L Quad Room L27



with

**Jayanti
Roy**

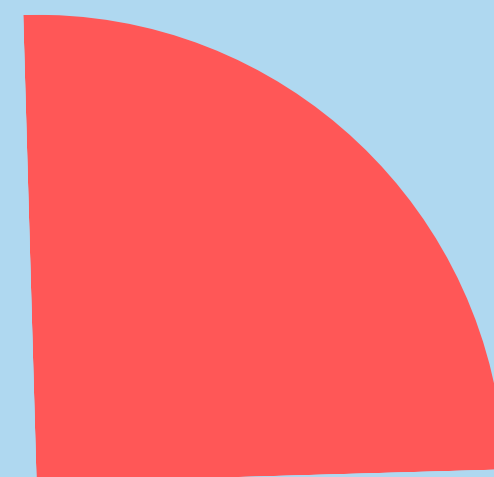


Jayanti Tambe Roy is faculty of Child Development at De Anza College. She has held leadership positions as executive director and director at UCLA, Pacific Oaks College and Children's School and at Stanford University. She is a published author of the books, "An Alphabet Soup of STEM", "The Art of Math and Science" and "A Kaleidoscope of Children." She is a Peer Reviewer for NAEYC's Higher Education Accreditation. She is committed to family engagement practices in the ECE setting, and in June 2010, was recognized for her efforts at the NAEYC Institute where Rainbow School, the program she supervised was recognized as one of the ten exemplary programs for engaging diversity. She is the recipient of the Rose Engel Award (CAEYC 2010) for innovation in teaching practices. She serves on the Board at RAFT.



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Brown Bag Workshop



Bringing the outside
INSIDE!

In this workshop, participants will learn the importance of a program where children have the opportunity to explore nature-based pedagogy within a classroom environment.

Session: L Quad Room L72



with

**Shelley
Gonzales**



Shelley has directed several programs, including a college laboratory school, schools at Stanford University, and a parent cooperative preschool. She has also supervised Head Start and State Preschool programs and was the initiating director of a bilingual Preschool program. The programs all emphasized learning through emergent, STEAM based curriculum. Shelley believes in inspiring children to be passionate about the process of learning. She believes teaching children through the scientific method helps them to become critical thinkers. Shelley has presented at national and international conferences. She has taught early childhood education in community colleges at the undergraduate level, and bachelor's and master's level courses at Pacific Oaks College.



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Brown Bag Workshop

Making books come
alive!

In this workshop, participants will learn ways to look at children's books through the lens of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The audience will understand and appreciate the link between the use of props in literature and the reading ability of children.



Session: L Quad Room L46

with

**Christina
Cho**



Christina Cho a full-time teacher at De Anza College Child Development Center. She has her A.A. in Liberal Arts from De Anza College and a B.A. in Child & Adolescent Development from San Francisco State University. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy at Erikson Institute. She has presented on various topics, such as "Toddler Exploring Different Mediums of Painting" at the Festival of Learning hosted by San Francisco First 5 in January 2016. She has co-presented on "Exploring STEM in Children's Literature" at the California Association for the Education of Young Children in April 2023 and 2024. In May 2023, she also co-presented "Oh the Things Children Think: STEM" at the California Early Childhood Mentor Program. She serves as a board member and Elected Board Treasurer for Global Tassels.



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Brown Bag Workshop

Art Attack!

In this workshop, participants will learn the importance of process-based art, and will have the opportunity of interacting with materials to create their own masterpieces.

Session: L Quad Room L49



with

Phyllis De Motta

Phyllis DeMotta is the owner, Director and primary caregiver of Keiki Company Family Childcare. She has been caring for children as a Family Childcare provider for over 30 years. Phyllis has a master's degree in early childhood development from Pacific Oaks College. She is Adjunct Faculty De Anza Community College where she teaches classes in early childhood development.



THE 2024 JOURNEY CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Closing Keynote

Music and Movement

Session: VPAC Auditorium



with
Greg & Steve

GRAMMY NOMINATED ARTIST GREG & STEVE COMBINED THEIR LOVE OF CREATING AND PERFORMING MUSIC AND SEVEN YEARS OF WORKING IN LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY SCHOOLS TO CREATE 20 CDS AND 2 VIDEOS THAT "EDUCATE, MOTIVATE, ENRICH & ENTERTAIN" CHILDREN, PARENTS AND TEACHERS AROUND THE WORLD. MANY TEACHERS CONSIDER GREG & STEVE'S "WE ALL LIVE TOGETHER" SERIES, AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM.

THE MUSIC WORKSHOP IS DESIGNED TO TEACH TEACHERS HOW TO ENGAGE CHILDREN, TEACHERS AND PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THAT WHILE HAVING FUN, CHILDREN WILL DEVELOP SOCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY (COOPERATION, FRIENDSHIP, SELF-CONCEPT AND DIVERSITY); CHILDREN DEVELOP PHYSICALLY--GROSS MOTOR DEVELOPMENT, EYE HAND COORDINATION, MOTOR-COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT, GROUP MOVEMENT, PHYSICAL EDUCATION; PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THAT CHILDREN DEVELOP EARLY LITERACY AND LANGUAGE (ALPHABET, LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, LISTEN & RESPONSE AND READING) THROUGH MUSIC AND MOVEMENT; CHILDREN LEARN MATH, (NUMBERS, COUNTING, PATTERN AND SHAPES). BASED ON CALIFORNIA PRESCHOOL FOUNDATIONS, THEY WILL ALSO LEARN SOCIAL STUDIES, (DIVERSITY, GEOGRAPHY AND ECOLOGY). TEACHERS WILL LEARN TO INVOLVE CHILDREN IN STEAM.





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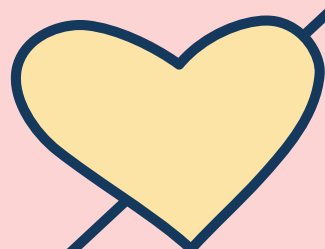


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Thank you!





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