

2024 CEL ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Convention Program

[Read the welcome from #CEL24 Program Chair Mary Luckritz](#)

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Sunday, November 24, 1:45-2:20 p.m.

Welcome: Emily Meixner
Awards: Nicholas Emmanuele
Room 153 A/B

Sunday, November 24, 2:20-3:20 p.m.

Keynote: Carol Jago
Introductions: Mary Luckritz
Room 153 A/B

Sunday, November 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Joy Matters: Developing a Literacy Leadership Toolkit That Celebrates Joy and Playfulness in Challenging Times

Presenters: Jill Davidson, Anglophone West School District; Rhonda Lancaster, Frederick County Public Schools; Megan Langman, Cherry Hill Public Schools; Tammy McBride, Lexington Public Schools

Facilitator: Liz Lietz

Room 150

Collective Innovation: Empowering Leaders with Design Thinking

Presenters: Oona Marie Abrams, Millburn Township School District; Kate Baker, TCNJ, SRSJ

Facilitator: Jenelle Williams

Room 151 B

Inclusion Matters: Lessons from the Field on Detracking 9th- and 10th-Grade English

Presenters: Julianna Cucci, Maine South High School, District 207; Sawsan Jaber, Maine West High School; Liz Perez, Maine East High School

Facilitator: Helena Hitzeman

Room 152

Essentials That Matter: Coaching, Collaborating, and Curating Literacy Landscapes That Connect the Joy and Science of Reading

Presenters: Joellen McCarthy, The Educator Collaborative; Cathline Tanis, North Plainfield School District

Facilitator: Amy Marshall

Room 153 C

Sunday, November 24, 4:40-5:40 p.m.

From Classroom to Leader: Turning Classroom Experience into Effective Administrative Leadership

Presenter: Kate Hertz, Sycamore High School, District 427

Facilitator: Matthew Parrilli

Room 150

Leading for Change: One English Department's Journey through a Seven-Year Equity Plan

Presenters: Jessica Malamuth, New Trier High School; Grace Phillips, New Trier High School; Brett Rubin, New Trier High School; Edward Zwirner, New Trier High School

Facilitator: Ann Marie Quinlan

Room 151 B

Making Joy Matter: Practical Steps for Literacy Leaders in Cultivating a Culture of Joy

Presenters: Kelli Dunston, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools; Matthew Helmers, Ransom Everglades School; Petrina Plunkett, New Jersey Department of Education; Kristen Schaefer, Glen Cove City School District

Facilitator: Anna Schultes

Room 152

Sustaining Leadership Matters

Presenters: Tiana Silvas, East Side Community, NYC; Keisha Smith-Carrington, Princeton School District

Facilitator: Cathline Tanis

Room 153 C

Sunday, November 24, 6:30 p.m.

Facilitated Dinners

(offsite)

Monday, November 25, 8:00-8:20 a.m.

Coffee & Light Breakfast (included)

Opening Remarks

Room 153 A/B

Monday, November 25, 8:20-9:20 a.m.

Keynote: **Dr. Sonja Cherry-Paul**

Introductions: Cathline Tanis

Room 153 A/B

Monday, November 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Leading Learning in an AI-Integrated World

Presenter: Tom Lietz, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals

Facilitator: Liz Lietz

Room 150

In Alignment: How Collaborative and Coaching Practices Supported the Vision, Alignment, and Implementation of ELA Curriculum K-5

Presenters: Rebecca Carfora, Glen Cove City School District; Jennifer Russo, Glen Cove City School District; Kristen Schaefer, Glen Cove City School District

Facilitator: Jenelle Williams

Room 151 B

Monday, November 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (continued)

(Re)Imagining Leadership—For Them, For Us

Presenters: Rhyannon Jovan, Thurman White Academy of the Performing Arts; Ariel Maloney, Newfound Regional High School; Matthew Parrilli, Maine West High School

Facilitator: Naomi Watkins

Room 152

Designing Engaging Spaces for an Evolving Professional Learning Landscape

Presenter: Jill Davidson, Anglophone West School District

Facilitator: Amy Marshall

Room 153 C

Monday, November 25, 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Nurturing the Nurturers: A Guide for Literacy Leaders to Reclaim Joy

Presenter: Amy Marshall, Anglophone School District South

Facilitator: Matthew Parrilli

Room 150

Not Another Essay: Applying Universal Design for Learning to Elevate Literary Analysis and Center Career Exploration

Presenter: Petrina Plunkett, New Jersey Department of Education

Facilitator: Oona Marie Abrams

Room 151 B

Fostering Civil Discourse

Presenters: Katie Cubano, The College of New Jersey; Beth Pandolpho, West Windsor-Plainsboro School District, NJ

Facilitator: Henry “Cody” Miller

Room 152

Teacher of Literature AND Teacher of Literacy: Leading Meaningful Change in Secondary ELA Classrooms

Presenters: Liz Lietz, Macomb ISD; Jenelle Williams, Oakland Intermediate School District

Facilitator: Helena Hitzeman

Room 153 C

Monday, November 25, 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Lunch (included)

Room 153 A/B

Monday, November 25, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Spark Sessions in **Room 153 A/B:**

Racial Justice Academy: Centering Secondary English Departments in Activating Schoolwide Equity Reform

Presenter: Kris Nystrom, Critical Pedagogy Consulting

Facilitator: Mary Luckritz

The Power of Yes

Presenter: Matthew Helmers, Ransom Everglades School

Facilitator: Mary Luckritz

Monday, November 25, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

ELF Panel (Emerging Leader Fellowship)

Presenters: Liz Lietz, ELF Coordinator, Macomb ISD

Jenelle Williams, CEL Executive Committee

Panel of ELF Mentors & Mentees

Facilitator: Mary Luckritz

Room 153 A/B

ELQ (*English Leadership Quarterly*)

Presenters: Henry “Cody” Miller, *ELQ* Editor

Emily Meixner, Chair, Conference on English Leadership

Facilitator: Mary Luckritz

Room 153 A/B

Monday, November 25, 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Keys to Becoming an Evidence-Based ELA Leader

Presenters: Lauren Spenceley, Arizona Department of Education; Jason Stephenson, Oklahoma State Department of Education; Kristen Tinch, Kentucky Department of Education; Naomi Watkins, Utah State Board of Education

Room 150

Hacking, Redacting, and Interacting: Tackling Shakespeare with Tech for Today’s Teens

Presenters: Oona Marie Abrams, Millburn Township School District; Kate Baker, TCNJ, SRSJ

Room 151 B

Leadership, Curriculum, and Multiple Perspectives: Challenging Canonicity in Secondary English Education

Presenters: Elsie Lindy Olan, University of Central Florida; Kia Jane Richmond, Northern Michigan University

Facilitator: Anna Schultes

Room 152

Dear Humanity: Critical Conversations and the Literature of Palestine

Presenter: Sawsan Jaber, Maine West High School

Facilitator: Keisha Smith-Carrington

Room 153 C

Monday, November 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

On Textbooks, Timelines, and Teacher's Tears: Lessons Learned from a High School District Curriculum Alignment

Presenter: Jennie Grigas, Nazareth Academy; David Lange, Hinsdale Central High School; Kim Williams, Hinsdale Central High School

Facilitator: Karen Raino

Room 150

Igniting Joy through Community and Connections with Math and Literacy Leadership

Presenter: Tammy McBride, Lexington Public Schools; Molly Rawding, Lexington Public Schools

Facilitator: Jill Davidson

Room 151 B

The Language of Leadership: Empowering Leaders to Effectively Communicate What MATTERS Most

Presenters: Lindsay Barna, Somerset Hills School District; Jane Bean-Folkes, South Orange Maplewood School District; Heather Rocco, School District of the Chathams

Facilitator: Emily Meixner

Room 152

Leading with Heart: SEL, Mindfulness, and EdTech for Empowered Learning and Community Building

Presenter: Kate Baker, TCNJ, SRHS

Facilitator: Nicholas Emmanuele

Room 153 C

Monday, November 25, 5:30 p.m.

Social Hour

(Offsite Bar)

Tuesday, November 26, 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Opening Remarks

Room 153 A/B

Tuesday, November 26, 8:30-9:40 a.m.

Spark Sessions in **Room 153 A/B:**

All I Need to Know about What Matters in Literacy Leadership I Learned from *The Sound of Music*

Presenter: Oona Marie Abrams, Millburn Township School District

Introductions: Mary Luckritz

Validating Podcast Production in Academia with the Map of Meaningful Work Framework

Presenter: Amy Vujaklija, Governors State University

Introductions: Mary Luckritz

Leading in Times of "Initiative Overload": How Do School Leaders Decide What Truly Matters?

Presenter: Anna Schultes, Glenbrook North High School

Introductions: Mary Luckritz

Tuesday, November 26, 9:40-10:20 a.m.

Collaborative Workshop: **LEADERSHIP** matters

Room 153 A/B

Tuesday, November 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Spark Sessions in **Room 153 A/B:**

Teaching Key Literary Elements Using Short Stories

Presenter: Rachel Donaldson, North Tama CSD

Introductions: Mary Luckritz

How Do You Know What They Know? Using Formative Assessment in Professional Facilitation MATTERS

Presenter: Liz Lietz, Macomb ISD

Introductions: Mary Luckritz

Tuesday, November 26, 11:40 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Collaborative Workshop: Leadership **MATTERS**

Room 153 A/B

Tuesday, November 26, 12:20-12:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

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