

Evolve Early Education

in the Hudson River Valley



Early Childhood Education Conference at
Bard College 2018

Saturday, June 2nd, 8:30-12:00

Evolve Early Education in the Hudson River Valley is an opportunity to celebrate our local wisdom, experience and innovation. Our communities are full of caring, talented early childhood educators – Let's get together! Workshop formats are designed for reflection, connection and teachers teaching teachers.



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Early Childhood Conference, Bard College, June 2, 2018

8:30-9:00 Arrival, Greetings, Coffee, Tea, Refreshments,

9:00-9:30 Opening Session - *We Are Evolving Early Education*

9:45-11:30 Workshops (Choose one)

A: WRITING FOR OURSELVES: Reflecting on our Teaching Lives with [Hudson Valley Writing Project](#). HVWP Teachers and Early Childhood Specialist, Jackie Denu and Elaine Myrianthopoulos, will lead this workshop with playful and thought-provoking prompts that will inspire our writing and allow us to discover and explore connections, new and old, that bring greater meaning to our work with children.

B: STORY CATCHING and STORY TELLING with Shelley Squires, [Dutchess Community College Laboratory Nursery School](#). Master Preschool Teacher, Shelley Squires-Trani, will bring work from her preschool classroom that demonstrates the power of stories for building a community of learners. She will focus on the use of an elegant and old-fashioned technology, felt stories, to demonstrate the enlivened enthusiasm of children as authors & tellers

C: DEATH OF THE CLASSROOM with Cheryl Demuth, [Livingston Street Early Childhood Community](#). Director and founder of Livingston Street and Hillside Nursery, Cheryl will help us turn our thinking upside as we examine how we hold onto unconscious beliefs that guide our teaching practice. This is a workshop about intentional teaching that uses child development as guide for making shifts in our beliefs and practices.

D: TRANSFORMATION through MOVEMENT with Zahava Wilson. Physical Therapist and Early Childhood Specialist, Zahava Wilson, will share tools for enhancing the brain's ability to learn, through movement. Her approach focuses on the plasticity of the brain and the potential of the child.

E: THE ARTISTRY OF BEING A TEACHER: Conversations to Cultivating Thinking with Pat Voytko and Diane Boujikian. We will explore the nature of conversation and how it can be used to create mutual listening, collaborative exploration of ideas and thinking that leads to learning. Pat and Diane are early childhood consultant who have helped everyone at the [Early Childhood Institute](#) think about teachers and children as researchers.

F: SINGING TOGETHER with Jennifer Manon and Sally Chakwin. Join Bard College Nursery School teachers, Jennifer and Sally in vocal play, singing together, and song swapping. In this joyful workshop, we will explore song as a pathway for learning and building community as well as explore the cognitive and social emotional value of bringing our voices together.

11:30 Closing Panel

12:00-12:30 Campus Early Childhood Programs open for tours and visits



REGISTRATION for EVOLVE EARLY EDUCATION

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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School or Center: _____

Workshop choice:

First choice: _____ Second choice: _____

(We will try to give everyone their first choice but depending upon the enrollment demands and space in the classrooms, you may be assigned your second choice)

Please tell us a little bit about your experience in early education and where you are currently working:

Return this registration form with a check for **\$30 payable** to Bard College Nursery School.
Mail to: *Bard College Nursery School, 1500 Annandale Rd, Annandale on the Hudson NY 12504*
Students may register for **\$20**.

3 HOUR Training - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES will be Awarded

After we receive your registration, we will send you an email confirmation with directions to the conference, which will be held at Olin Hall at Bard College. Confirmation, announcements and updates about this event will be through email so please make sure you have listed your best email address for ongoing contact.

Questions? Contact Carol Garboden Murray, cmurray@bard.edu

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