

Evolve Early Education

in the Hudson River Valley



Early Childhood Education Conference at Bard College 2017

Saturday, June 3rd, 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 3, 2017

8:30-9:00 Arrival, Greetings, Coffee, Tea, Refreshments, Book Sale at Olin Hall

9:00-9:35 Opening Session & Welcome - *We Are Evolving Early Education*

9:45-11:15 Workshops (Choose one)

A: BLOCK PLAY & LITERACY LEARNING by [Hudson Valley Writing Project](#) teachers

Local Kindergarten teacher, Rebecca Burdett, and Preschool Teacher, Elaine Myrianthopoulos, will share block work from their classrooms. They will guide us on an interactive journey into the amazing possibilities of literacy growth through constructive play. [HVWP](#), a site of the National Writing Project, provides powerful learning opportunities for teachers and young writers through the Hudson Valley.

B. CHILDREN & NATURE by [Livingston Street Early Childhood Community](#), Kingston NY

After returning from the International conference on [Nature and Play](#), Cheryl Demuth will lead us in thinking more deeply about young children and outdoor environments. Cheryl's local program is known for its commitment to being outside in all weather and all seasons and for transforming a small city yard into an adventure play scape.

C. STORY CATCHING & STORY TELLING by [Dutchess Community College](#) Laboratory Nursery School

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 medium, felt stories, to demonstrate the enlivened enthusiasm of children as authors & tellers

D. REGGIO EMILIA INSPIRED EDUCATION by Diane Boujikian and Maija Reed

Progressive educators, Diane and Maija have inspired the [Early Childhood Institute](#) with their images and stories from trips to Reggio Emilia. In this workshop, they will offer images as well as hands-on work with materials to craft a reflective experience around the core elements from Reggio that have shaped their view of children and have influenced their teaching practice with babies, toddlers and preschoolers in the Hudson Valley.

E. GIVE UP TEACHING so CHILDREN CAN TAKE UP THINKING by Pat Voytko, RDI certified consultant

Pat is an early childhood & special education consultant who has helped everyone at the [Early Childhood Institute](#) think about thinking. This workshop is about how we can shift from helping children know information to helping children construct knowledge. We will discuss the difference between information and knowledge, the nature of thinking, and the artistry of being a teacher. Pace, communication, flexible viewpoints, and documentation will be our four focal points.

11:30 Closing Story with Hudson Valley Award-Winning Storyteller, [Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi](#)

12:00-12:30 Campus Children's Programs open for tours, Visits, Refreshments



REGISTRATION for EVOLVE EARLY EDUCATION

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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Book Sale – Early Education titles by [Inquiring Minds Bookstore](#)

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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