



LEADERSHIP FORUM ON EARLY EDUCATION RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE

May 15, 2021

Virtual Event | 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



INSTITUTE FOR EARLY EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION
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Leadership Forum Agenda

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9:30–9:45 a.m. **Wysner Bastien, pianist, UMass Boston**

9:45–10:45 a.m. **Welcome Address and Alumni Leadership Speakers**

Anne Douglass, Professor, Executive Director, Institute for Early Education Leadership and Innovation
Theresa Loch, PMC 2021, Education and Training Specialist in Early Education, Lastinger Center
Jessica Acevedo, PMC 2020, ECEC Doctoral Student, Owner of Little Star of Ours Childcare
Dorothy (Dottie) Williams, SBIC 2018, PMC 2020, Owner of Dottie's Family Childcare in Dorchester
Samantha Aigner-Treworgy, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

10:45–11:45 a.m. **Transition to Leadership Presentations**

1. Ideas and Innovations in Family Child Care

Facilitator: Kim Lucas, Adjunct Faculty

Supporting Non-English Speaking Family Child Care Providers in their First Licensing Cycle

Presenter: Alessandra DePass, PMC 2021

Entrepreneurial Leadership for Early Care and Education

Presenters: Sabina Charlemagne, SBIC 2020

Claudette White, SBIC 2020

Anne Osula, SBIC 2020

2. Professional Learning and Flourishing in ECE

Facilitator: Deb Johnston-Malden, Lecturer, Metro Boston PDC Coordinator

Creating an Integrated Professional Learning System

Presenter: Jamie Buskey, PMC 2021

Cultivating Collaborative Professional Development Through the Power of Storytelling

Presenter: Bibiana Rodriguez, PMC 2021

Satisfaction Matters!

Presenter: Rodline Pierre, ECHD 450 2021

3. Partnering with Families in ECE

Facilitator: Mona Abo-Zena, Assistant Professor

Developing Family Engagement Coursework for Equitable, Inclusive, and Supportive School Communities

Presenter: Eliza Hoover, PMC 2021

Black Women Supportive Network

Presenter: Stephanie Crawford, PMC 2020

Family Social and Emotional Online Learning Support Theory

Presenter: Debora Spairani, ECHD 450 2021

4. ECE Policy Ideas

Facilitator: Katie Brayden-Calias, Senior Lecturer, PMC 2016, ECEC Doctoral Student

Radical Collaboration and the Field of Early Childhood Education

Presenter: Theresa Loch, PMC 2021

Universal Quality Child Care and Its Effect on Women in the Workplace

Presenter: Amy Scott, PMC 2021

Every Child Matters

Presenter: Jasmine Del Valle, ECHD 450 2021

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5. Equity and Voice in ECE

Facilitator: Lianna Pizzo, Associate Professor

Oral Histories in Early Education and Care Pilot Project: Family Life and Child Care in Boston During the Pandemic Years

Presenter: Kendra Kelley, ECEC Doctoral Student

Education for All

Presenter: Orina Umansky, ECHD 450 2021

Family Child Care Licensing

Presenter: YaSheka Taylor, PMC 2021

6. Teaching/Classroom Practice

Facilitator: Angi Stone-MacDonald, Associate Dean for Grants and Research

Model Preschool Classroom for Scaffold Sensory Self-Regulation in a Child-Led, Play-Based Program

Presenter: Rebeca Cotton-Baez, PMC 2021

Online Learning for Children 5 Years Old and Under

Presenter: Ruaa Al Abayechia, ECHD 450 2021

Importance of Developing Children's Social Skills

Presenter: Jennifer Daniels, ECHD 450 2021

7. Reinventing Child Care: Ideas from UMass Boston's Action Lab

Facilitator: Serra Acar, Assistant Professor

Leadership and Family Child Care

Presenter: Jessica De Jesus Acevedo, PMC 2020, ECEC Doctoral Student

Data and Infrastructure

Presenters: Caroline Yoder-Blackman, PMC 2016, Action Lab Member

Pratima Patil, Action Lab Member

Harriet Tolpin, Action Lab Member

Jane Haltiwanger, Action Lab Member

Evolution of Early Care and Education

Presenter: Marites MacLean, Action Lab Member

8. Liderazgo Empresarial en Acción/Entrepreneurial Leadership in Action (en Español)

Facilitator: Arazeliz Reyes, PMC 2015, ECEC Doctoral Student

Liderazgo Empresarial para la Atención y la Educación Tempranas/Entrepreneurial Leadership for Early Care and Education

Presenters: Rosile Moreta, SBIC 2020

Albania Heredia, SBIC 2020

Fundación Play

Presenter: Isabela Garcia Senent, PMC 2016, Adjunct Faculty

11:45 a.m.

Return from Breakout Rooms

11:50 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Featured Speakers

Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco

Dr. Renee Boynton-Jarrett, MD, ScD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Boston University School of Medicine,

Founding Director of the Vital Village Community Engagement Network

12:15–12:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Anne Douglass, Professor, Executive Director, Institute for Early Education Leadership and Innovation

Early Educator Leadership Development Program Graduates

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Undergraduates ECHD 450 Leadership “LEAP” Graduates 2021

Ruaa Al Abayechia
Aifeiya Abibula
Abbey Aiguier
Gabby Choquette
Isabelle Choquette
Jennifer Daniels
Jasmine Del Valle
Joselyn Fonseca
Bradley Horion
Fiza Khawar
Janna Nguyen
Lucia Pellegrini
Rodline Pierre
Debora Spairani
Nada Tuffaha
Orina Umansky
Maeve Williams

Post Masters and PhD Program ECHD 704 Leadership for Change Graduates 2021

Jamie Buskey
Rebeca Cotton-Baez
Alessandra DePass
Eliza Hoover
Kendra Kelley
Theresa Loch
Amy Scott
YaSheka Taylor

Post Masters and PhD Program ECHD 704 Leadership for Change Graduates 2020

Lindsay Beatty
Stephanie Crawford
Jessica De Jesus Acevedo
Emilee Johnson
James Jones O’Brien
Stephanie Lowe Bluestein
Ozden Pinar-Irmak
Danielle Riccio
Dorothy Williams

Small Business Innovation Center (SBIC) 2020

Juliet Auguste
Sabina Charlemagne
Naeemah Fuller
Albania Heredia
Claudia Ixen
Joselyn Jimenez
Pearl Messiah
Rosile Moreta
Lisbet Ortega
Anne Osula
Lila Rodriquez
Rachel Sanchez
Ilsa Valentin
Claudette White
Stephanie White

Small Business Innovation Center (SBIC) 2021

Rita Beato
Sasha Desrosiers
Malika Douane
Nereida Fernandez
Sheila Graham
Helen Javier Martin
Jeanette Merren
Pauline Prospere
Virginia Reyes
Priscilla Toledo
Annie Tran

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The Institute trains and supports innovative, entrepreneurial, and skilled early educators and small business owners to drive transformative change so that all young children and their families have access to high-quality early learning opportunities. The Institute serves as a catalyst for research, policy, and practice to infuse the early care and education sector with a new generation of entrepreneurial and innovative leaders.

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