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YOUNG CHILDREN

**NMAEYC EARLY CHILDHOOD PRE-CONFERENCE AND  
CONFERENCE IN COLLABORATION WITH:**

- CYFD - Office of Child Development
- DOH - Family Infant Toddler Program
- NMPED - Early Literacy Bureau
- NM Association for Infant Mental Health
- UNM - Center for Development and Disability



# Early Childhood Pre-Conference & Conference

**Friday, March 6 - Saturday, March 7, 2015**

Albuquerque Convention Center



REGISTER NOW AT [www.nmaeyc.org](http://www.nmaeyc.org)  
early bird special - good until January 31<sup>st</sup>

(registration form inside)

# General Information



## PARTNERS/ COLLABORATORS

We are proud to announce that once again this year our conference is presented in collaboration with **New Mexico Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program, UNM-Center for Development and Disability, CYFD Office of Child Development, Public Education Department** and the **New Mexico Association for Infant Mental Health**. We're stronger together!

## FACILITIES

Activities on Saturday, March 7, 2015 (seminars, speakers, exhibitors, and luncheon) and the Pre-Conference on March 6, 2015 will be held in the Albuquerque Convention Center. A map will be included in your confirmation letter. A lunch of Roasted Pork Loin (or Vegetarian option) is included with Saturday registration only.

## LODGING

The DoubleTree is our Conference Hotel this year. It is located just north of the Convention Center. Please mention that you are attending the NMAEYC Conference when you call to make reservations at (505) 247-3344 or 1-800-584-5058. You may also make your reservation at: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/A/ALBSMDT-EYC-20150305/index.jhtml> Reservations must be made by February 3, 2015, in order to receive a conference room rate of \$79 (single or double). After this deadline the conference rate will be extended if rooms are available.

## REFUNDS

Requests for refunds must be in writing, postmarked or e-mailed by February 15, 2015. NMAEYC will refund 50% of the registration fee prior to February 15, 2015. After February 15, 2015, we will not be able to refund registration fees as the lunches and facilities are paid for in advance.

## THE JUDY LAMBIE MEMORIAL RAFFLE

Prizes, Prizes, Prizes! Look for NMAEYC members selling raffle tickets at the conference. Tickets will also be available at the raffle station in the Southwest Exhibit Hall. Thanks to Lakeshore and Teacher Heaven for providing a variety of prizes to be raffled during the day and to our Commercial Exhibitors who also donate prizes. Be sure you check out the wonderful array of prizes in the "classroom" which is set up in the Exhibit Hall! Raffle tickets may be purchased until 12:30. Winning tickets must be presented by 1:15 to claim prizes. Unclaimed prizes after 1:15 will be redrawn.

## EXHIBITS

So much to see, learn and do! Commercial Exhibits, Community Connections, the Don Thompson Sensory Exploration Area, Poster Sessions and the Raffle will be set up in the Southwest Exhibit Hall from 7:30 to 1:45. A continental breakfast will be available in the morning prior to our first Seminar. Be sure you are in the Exhibit Hall between 12:30 and 1:30 as it is your last chance to visit exhibits and check out if you are a raffle winner! Raffle proceeds fund conference scholarships.

## CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

These will be available in the Program of the Day which you will receive the day of the Conference.

## SEMINARS

Seminar descriptions will soon be available on our website ([www.nmaeyc.org](http://www.nmaeyc.org)). Seminars are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Monitors will limit the number of participants to the seating capacity requested by the presenter.

## Registration Information

Visit our website to register online! (credit card only)  
[www.nmaeyc.org](http://www.nmaeyc.org)

For information in Spanish Contact Sylvia Velasco at: [svelasco8@unm.edu](mailto:svelasco8@unm.edu) or (505) 434-4795.

### THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

Due to space, registration will be limited - so register early. Registrations are NOT accepted by phone or e-mail. We accept checks, credit cards, and Purchase Orders.

**All participants** must fill out an Individual Registration Form. No Group Registration Form is provided; however, a group of Individual Registration Forms may be mailed in together and may share a purchase order number or credit card purchase.

**All participants who register by February 15, 2015** will receive a confirmation letter with their name tag which should be worn to all conference activities on Saturday including the luncheon.

**All Friday Pre-Conference participants** will receive a confirmation letter and will pick up their name tags when they check in on Friday.

All registration forms should be mailed to: **Conference Registrar, 2201 Buena Vista SE, Suite 424, Albuquerque, NM 87106.**

If you have questions, please e-mail [registrar@nmaeyc.org](mailto:registrar@nmaeyc.org) or phone (505) 823-1351, (505) 823-0975 or Toll Free 1-877-774-KIDS (5437). If you need to leave a message, please leave an evening/weekend number as well as your work number. A registration form is **required** from **each** participant. Feel free to copy the registration form in this booklet. Visit our website at [www.nmaeyc.org](http://www.nmaeyc.org) to register online or to download a registration form.

## How to Register

### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$15 Off Saturday Registration Fee Deadline: January 31, 2015

This is limited to registration materials that are complete and postmarked by January 31, 2014. The Early Bird discount is limited to Saturday Conference fees.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2015

Registrations postmarked after February 15, 2015 WILL NOT include lunch and registrants will need to check in the day of the conference to receive their name tag.

### MEMBER REGISTRATION

In order to receive the member registration fee, you must be a current member of NMAEYC and/or NAEYC or include membership fees with registration.

### STUDENT REGISTRATION

Enclose verification of student status in current term.

### SPECIAL NEEDS

For needs requiring special attention, including language, hearing, vision and physical accommodation, submit written notice AT LEAST 4 weeks prior to the conference or call (505) 823-1531.

## What a Deal!

You will save \$\$\$\$ on the conference if you sign up to receive a one year membership to NAEYC, NMAEYC and your local affiliate or chapter along with your Conference registration. The cost to receive a one year regular membership is \$60 and the member fee for the conference is \$100. That is \$160. The cost to attend the conference as a non-member is \$160! Student membership is \$30 and the student member fee to attend is \$75. That is \$105. The cost to attend the conference as a non-member student is \$105!

### Regular and Student members receive:

- 6 issues of Young Children or Teaching Young Children
- Reduced fees at conferences
- A vote in NAEYC elections
- Reduced rates for Early Childhood Research quarterly
- Access to the "member-only" section of the NAEYC Website
- Insurance and credit card options

### Comprehensive members receive:

- All benefits listed above plus five new NAEYC books per year.

# Keynote Speaker

# Helen Wheelock

1-2-3 Action! Using the *interactive storytelling* and *the dramatic arts* to support learning

What is interactive storytelling? Many things. It's about words, gestures, imagination, narratives. But first and foremost, it is about connection, making the listener an active participant in the telling of a story.



**Helen Wheelock** is the 2015 NMAEYC keynote speaker and coming to New Mexico on March 7 to talk about the art of interactive storytelling. For several years, Wheelock has taught educators how to use the dramatic arts in the classroom so that children can learn. She is the director of early childhood programs at Cuny Creative Arts Team (CAT), a nonprofit at The City University of New York. Educators can use interactive storytelling to spark children's creative thinking and writing skills. "Storytelling allows student and a teacher to tap into all the nuances of what oral language can bring. And that sets children up for success as they try to think as creative writers in their next step of learning," Wheelock explains.

### **Dramatic Arts, Not Acting**

Wheelock points out that interactive storytelling is not about acting. Teachers shy away from using the dramatic arts in the classroom because they think they have to perform, but Wheelock says that interactive storytelling is about having a dialogue with the audience. Children are learning through participation and not just observation. Teachers can use

traditional stories, made-up stories or stories from books and get children involved in the narrative to support critical thinking, sounds of language, and other concepts. Teachers who have taken Wheelock's training report that during their group story time, children get fixated and want to know what comes next in the story. Children provide more feedback about what they are understanding. Some teachers have found the techniques so helpful that they even go home and practice with their own young children. Two-years-old love the interaction, facial gestures, repetitions. Storytelling challenges teachers to reflect and plan. All in all, Wheelock says that storytelling helps teachers "go past the barriers that they put up consciously and sometimes even unconsciously to their own creative spirit".

For more information visit: [nmaeyc.org](http://nmaeyc.org)



# Saturday Opportunities

Learn from 60 conference sessions on a variety of topics with national and state leaders; take advantage of statewide networking opportunities; visit the NMAEYC publications table; enjoy the conference luncheon. Also visit the following:

## Community Connections

Take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to meet, inform and educate all the people who attend, as many as 1,000 people from around the state! Visit our website [www.nmaeyc.org](http://www.nmaeyc.org) for information on registering a community organization and receiving two free registrations.

## Don Thompson Sensory Exploration Area

Now is your chance to be an *active* participant. Join us. You and three others will receive four free registrations by presenting a series of hands-on activities for children ages birth through age 8. This is a great time to promote and share the kinds of activities that children look forward to doing in your classrooms. Please visit our website [www.nmaeyc.org](http://www.nmaeyc.org) for guidelines and application for sensory exploration presentations.

## Poster Sessions

This venue is for you if you want to share a research project, exciting lessons, or guidance and management techniques with other early childhood practitioners, and aren't quite ready for a seminar session. Also, if you are a seminar presenter and would like to offer more information to a wider audience, this forum may be of interest as well. Please visit our website [www.nmaeyc.org](http://www.nmaeyc.org) for guidelines and application for poster presentations.

## Commercial Exhibits

If you have a business that serves the early childhood community, sign up! Exhibits are an important part of our conference. Please join us to meet the "shopping needs" of the childhood care and education community. We have planned attractions to encourage attendees to visit the commercial exhibit area several times during the day. Please visit our website [www.nmaeyc.org](http://www.nmaeyc.org) for more information and to sign up.

## Conference Schedule

Saturday, March 7, 2015

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7:30	Southwest Exhibit Doors Open for Breakfast and Visiting Exhibits.
8:00 - 9:15	First Seminar
9:30 - 10:45	Second Seminar
11:00	Keynote Address in Kiva Auditorium
12:00 - 1:30	Luncheon and Visiting Community Connections, the Sensory exploration Area, Poster Sessions and Commercial Exhibits. <i>1:15 is the last chance to check raffle winning numbers!</i>
1:15	Items not claimed by 1:15 will be returned to the raffle and ticket numbers will be called continually until all items are gone.
1:45 - 4:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Seminar
4:15	Board Meeting

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*Exhibits will end at 2:00  
Raffle Ticket Sales End At 12:30*



## Friday Pre-Conference Opportunities to Engage in Meaningful Conversations and Hands-on Activities

### Schedule

Friday, March 6, 2015

**8:30 - 9:00**

Registration, Coffee and Teas

**9:00 - 12:00**

Workshops

**12:00 - 1:30**

Lunch on your own

**1:30 - 4:30**

Workshops

### The Geography of Story Workshop: Early Literacy Approaches for Supporting the Growth of Strong Readers and Writers

Story Workshop is a literacy structure that supports language development in children through the use of materials, the arts and the sciences. Story Workshop, inspired in part by the Reggio approach, gives visibility to early reading and writing by paying attention to the natural learning strategies of young children and the kinds of environments and materials that engage their thinking, curiosity and imagination.

#### Judy Graves



Judy Graves is Founding Director of Opal School of the Portland Children's Museum and the Museum Center for Learning. Her career in early childhood and public school

elementary education spans 40 years in the roles of teacher, curriculum director, writer, supervising teacher and administrator. Currently, she is co-founder of Teaching Preschool Partners and collaborates with public school districts and other organizations in the design and operation of high-quality preschools that are influenced by the schools of Reggio Emilia.

#### Susan Harris MacKay



Susan Harris MacKay serves as the Director of Learning and Teaching, Portland Children's Museum and oversees the research, documentation and professional development initiatives of Opal School (preK-grade 5) and the

Museum Center for Learning. After a decade of teaching in public elementary schools, Susan joined Opal School staff as a teacher researcher in 2002, providing leadership to Opal's literacy approaches for over 12 years.

### Continuous Quality Improvement through Program Portfolio Creation and Revision

The presentation is designed for administrators of both NAEYC Accredited programs and non-accredited programs interested in Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). Tips are offered giving specific examples of evidence that should be included in a program portfolio, which ensures continuous quality improvement. Numerous innovative ways to continuously improve quality in programs will also be addressed.

#### Dezerie Martinez



Dezerie Martinez joined the NAEYC Academy staff to contribute knowledge and expertise in Child Development and Early Education. Dezerie Martinez works to ensure that NAEYC's standards and

criteria reflect the most up to date, best practices in the field of Early Education. She is responsible for the reliability and validity of the site visit process. She is also responsible for training assessors in the use of assessment tools, and ensuring that the assessors and the tools are always reliable.

#### Amanda Batts



Amanda Batts' educational experience includes a background in Family and Community Services with specialization in Young Child Development. She has enjoyed time working in early childhood programs in the years

following college and has spent the past six years at NAEYC. Amanda works closely with the NAEYC corps of assessors and programs seeking NAEYC Accreditation. She has conducted training sessions at regional and national conferences in addition to live internet-based webinars.

## Reflective Supervision/ Consultation: Building and Sustaining Reflective Capacity through Relational Support

This pre-conference workshop will explore the meaning of reflective supervision, discuss essential components of reflective practice, and suggest ways to enter into supervisory relationships that encourage growth and change. Participants will have the opportunity to observe and respond to “real time” reflective conversations, offering opportunities for exploring the realities and possibilities of individual and group reflective supervision.

### Deborah Weatherston



**Deborah Weatherston, Ph.D. LMSW, IMH-E®** (IVC), co-developed and directed the Graduate Certificate Program in Infant Mental Health at the Merrill-Palmer Institute of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan

beginning in 1988 and continuing through 2004. She has been the Executive Director of the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MI-AIMH) since 2002 where she is closely involved with the nationally recognized, professional development plan for infant and family professionals, the *MI-AIMH Endorsement for Culturally-Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health®*. In addition to co-editing *Case Studies in Infant Mental Health: Risk, Resiliency & Relationships (2004)*, she has written numerous journal articles about infant mental health. In addition, she provides reflective consultation to practitioners, programs and systems, nationally and internationally, promoting infant mental health. Finally, she is the Interim Director of the *Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health*, a Board Member of the World Association for Infant Mental Health (WAIMH) and the Editor of *WAIMH Perspectives in Infant Mental Health*.

## “It Takes a Village” Supporting Young Children and their Families in the Context of Their Community

New Mexico is a state of rich diversity in its history, traditions, languages and cultures, where the majority of the population resides in rural or frontier communities. This interactive session will allow educators and other professionals to:

1. reflect on ways to respond to their children and families’ uniqueness;
2. discover with them the power of community making and civility;
3. participate in restoring the balance of interdependency, the power of hope and sense of purpose.

### Dr. Roberto Dansie



**Maya & ancient wisdom scholar, Roberto Dansie** has been internationally recognized as the most eloquent and accessible contemporary authority on Cultural Diversity. He is an award winning speaker, trainer and Clinical

Psychologist. He has been repeatedly chosen as the Keynote speaker by prestigious national organizations

Roberto has been a long standing keynote speaker who travels frequently throughout the United States, Mexico, Latin America and Europe. His client list includes National and International Universities, Hospitals, Mental Health Organizations, Primary Care Associations, Center for Disease Control Departments, Insurance Providers, Non-Profit, National & Regional Disability, Migrant Health & Education, National Health & Human Service, Cancer Research, National Refugee & Immigrant collaborations, Minority & Multicultural Organizations, and International Gestalt Centers.

## Discover Your Story, Discover Your Impact 9:00 - 12:00

Stories are powerful tools for connecting with others, learning about their histories, values, and their interests. This interactive workshop takes you on a journey of self-reflection and analysis that will help you develop your story to enable meaningful connections with children, families, and community partners.

### Dr. Guillermina G. Núñez-Mchiri



**Dr. Guillermina G. Núñez-Mchiri** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at UT El Paso, where she teaches courses in cultural anthropology,

urbanization, and ethnographic methods. Her courses emphasize applying anthropology to address social needs and concerns via service-learning projects in the community.

## Order from Chaos 1:30 - 4:30

Get Organized: Professional organizing techniques for higher productivity in your program or home. Order from Chaos is a very simple system for teachers and administrators. Order from Chaos works for everyone because of its simplicity. You can modify it to fit your individual circumstances. Get organized today!

### Liz Davenport



**Liz Davenport**, author, speaker, founder of Order from Chaos has been organizing individuals and companies for over 25 years. Liz has taught thousands of people the skills and systems they

need to organize and reorganize their lives and businesses for maximum efficiency. She is the author of “Order from Chaos: A 6-Step Plan for Organizing Yourself, Your Office and Your Life”



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