

34th Annual ACT Conference  
October 20 & 21, 2017  
Fullerton College, Fullerton, CA



Conference Theme – Constructing Ideas in the Natural World

**Marriott reservations number 800-750-0981**

**Ask for the ACT Constructivist group rate.**

Submit your Proposal for ACT 2017!

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### From the President

Dear ACT Folks,

Please submit a proposal for ACT 2017 in August!! We appreciate the great proposals already submitted!

Start making your plans to attend ACT 2017 in Fullerton, California! It will be a lovely time to gather after all our summer fun!

Carolyn Black, President

## Upcoming Events

Wonder of Learning-Hundred Languages of Children June 16 – August 26

**As part of the University of Michigan Bicentennial, in Ann Arbor, MI**

**The traveling exhibition was created in Reggio Emilia, Italy, world-renowned for its early childhood education.** [wonderoflearning.umich.edu](http://wonderoflearning.umich.edu)

2017 Critical Explorers Summer Workshop for Teachers August 14-16

With Eleanor Duckworth **at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA**

[workshop@criticalexplorers.org](mailto:workshop@criticalexplorers.org)

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## ACT and Board Member News

### Meir Muller

Rabbi Meir Muller, Principal of the Cutler Jewish Day School (CJDS) was named Richland County's 2017 Conservation Principal of the Year for supporting environmental literacy and opportunities for children to develop relationships with the natural world. Muller fostered the development of CJDS's extensive outdoor classroom featuring an accessible bridge and boardwalk, raised bed gardens, nature trails, play area and stump style amphitheater. All children have boots to go into the woods and play in the creek. The "woods program" is tied to curriculum. Rabbi Muller is helping children "build a long-standing appreciation for the world we live in."

### Carolyn Hildebrandt

Dr. Hildebrandt, Professor of Psychology, University of Northern Iowa presented "Moral Development in the Context of Group Games" as part of the Richard B. Lippin Lecture Series, The Rock Ethics Institute, at Penn State University. Group games provide opportunities for academic learning, social and moral development. The comparative benefits of cooperative and competitive games were shared. It is important to allow children to create and regulate their own games within democratic constructivist classrooms.

**Tom Chiaromonte, Cris Lozon, Seon Chun-Burbank, Elizabeth Echternach**

The ACT Planning Committee is meeting to work on the 2017 ACT Conference with Fullerton College colleagues Ana Page, Jennifer Kinkel, and Karin Povelek. Thanks to all for your work planning a sunny California conference in October!!

Send your news and events for the August issue! [cfblack@uh.edu](mailto:cfblack@uh.edu)