

*Illinois Association for Gifted Children*  
*13th Annual Convention*  
*December 9, 10 & 11, 2007*

Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel  
1551 N. Thoreau Drive  
Schaumburg IL 60173



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# Thirteenth IAGC Convention

December 9-11, 2007 - Renaissance Schaumburg

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FAX: 847-963-1893

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- I would like to become an IAGC member. My check for \$50.00 membership fee is included. By joining now, I am eligible for member rates.
- Renew my membership. \$50 Check enclosed or included w/registration.

**Fees are by Event -- Circle Event**

	<u>Circle fees if you are NOT a member</u>			<u>Circle fees if you ARE a MEMBER</u>		
	Early- to Sept. 30	Oct. 1-Nov. 26	Nov. 27-Dec. 11	Early- to Sept. 30	Oct. 1-Nov. 26	Nov. 27-Dec. 11
12:00 p.m. Sunday Workshop for Parents and Educators	50.00	55.00	60.00	45.00	50.00	55.00
1:00 p.m. Sunday Workshop for Educators	50.00	55.00	60.00	45.00	50.00	55.00
7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening for Parents/Educators	25.00	30.00	35.00	15.00	20.00	25.00
Monday Convention - Sessions I & II (lunch included)	160.00	180.00	200.00	140.00	150.00	170.00
Tuesday Convention - Sessions I & II (lunch included)	160.00	180.00	200.00	140.00	150.00	170.00
*Significant Other FREE for Evening Workshop	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Total \$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

One semester hour credit may be available : TBA

I am interested in College Credit. (circle one) Yes No MUST ATTEND MON & TUES.

ADD \$50 if paying new membership or renewal

An information meeting regarding College Credit will be held on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7:45 a.m. before the first session on Monday.

This event is an approved provider of CPDU's. You will receive more detailed information in your confirmation letter to be sent in mid-November, 2007.

**Send this completed form with payment to: IAGC Convention Registration  
800 E. Northwest Hwy., Suite 610  
Palatine IL 60074**

Purchase orders will be accepted through December 5, 2007.

Refund requests must be made in writing and postmarked by December 5, 2007 and are subject to a \$25.00 processing fee.

NO refunds after December 5.

**All Convention Registrations are FINAL. Should weather conditions impact your decision to attend all or part of the Convention, fees are non refundable.**

Please copy this form as many times as necessary to send in additional registrations.

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WE ARE  
UNABLE TO  
ACCEPT CREDIT  
CARDS AT  
THIS TIME**

# Schedule for Presentations

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2007

- Sun 12:00-4:00 p.m. Parent/Educators Workshop: **Arlene DeVries** - Living in the Gifted Family  
Sun 1:00-3:30 p.m. Educators Workshop: **Mary L. Slade** - Current Trends and Issues in Identification for Gifted Learners  
Sun 7:00-8:30 p.m. Evening Seminar for Parents & Educators: **Arlene DeVries** - Parent Power: How to Make it Work

Grades MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007 8:30 -11:15 a.m.

- 1-4 **Ed Zaccaro** - The Eight Components of Successful Programs for Mathematically Gifted Children  
2-8 **Pamela DePinto** - Nonfiction Strategies for Gifted Students  
2-8 **Bertie Kingore** - Challenging the Gifted While Reaching All Learners: Research-Based Strategies (Repeated Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.)  
2-8 **Sally Reis** - Using the Schoolwide Enrichment Model Reading Framework to Challenge Talented Readers (Repeated Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.)  
4-12 **Michael Clay Thompson** - Teaching Gifted Children to Write Essays  
K-12 **James Delisle** - Social and Emotional Needs: Understanding Gifted Students from the Inside-Out  
K-12 **Arlene DeVries** - Intensity, Sensitivity, and the Gifted Child  
K-12 **L. Dennis Higgins & M. Elizabeth Nielsen** - HLEP!!! I've Got To Teach This 2X Kid!!! (Note: HLEP is intentionally misspelled)  
K-12 **Tonya Moon** - Differentiated Performance Assessment  
K-12 **Mary L. Slade** - Pre-assessment as a Guide for Differentiated Classrooms  
K-12 **Julie Luck Jensen** - Reaching Them All

Grades MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007 1:00-3:45 p.m.

- Pre K-3 **Penny Britton Kolloff** - Books for Bright Kids  
K-4 **Bertie Kingore** - Strategies That Grow Gifted Potential  
K-8 **Susan Winebrenner** - **CANCELLED NEW PRESENTER TBA**  
2-8 **Sally Reis** - Differentiating and Compacting Curriculum  
4-12 **Ed Zaccaro** - The Ten Things All Future Mathematicians and Scientists Must Know (but are rarely taught)  
4-12 **Michael Clay Thompson** - Four-level Analysis: The Key to Understanding Grammar  
6-12 **James Delisle** - More Than a Test Score: Gifted and Teenage, Too  
K-12 **Arlene DeVries** - The Gifted Child and the Art of Friendship  
K-12 **L. Dennis Higgins & M. Elizabeth Nielsen** - Designing Curriculum Using a Graphic Organizer Approach  
K-12 **Tonya Moon** - Grading in a Differentiated Environment: Using an Assessment-Based Approach Rather Than a Hodgepodge Approach  
K-12 **Mary L. Slade** - Staff Development for Differentiated Classrooms

Grades TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007 8:30 -11:15 a.m.

- K-5 **Susan Winebrenner** - **CANCELLED NEW PRESENTER TBA**  
K-6 **Bertie Kingore** - Great Books are My Favorite Teaching Tool  
2-8 **Sally Reis** - Using the Schoolwide Enrichment Model Reading Model to Challenge Talented Readers (Repeat of Monday, 8:30 a.m.)  
4-8 **Ed Zaccaro** - The Eight Components of Successful Programs for Mathematically Gifted Children  
4-10 **James Delisle** - Growing Good Writers: The Best Lessons Ever for Teaching and Reaching Gifted Students  
4-12 **Pamela DePinto** - Digging Deeper—Content Complexity and its Connection to Strategic Reading & Thinking  
4-12 **Michael Clay Thompson** - Why Poetics Must Be a Core Component  
K-12 **L. Dennis Higgins & M. Elizabeth Nielsen** - Unique Groups of "Twice-Exceptional" Learners Including Those With Bipolar, Sensory Integration, ADHD, and Asperger's Syndrome  
K-12 **Tonya Moon** - Taking a Closer Look at Identification of Gifted Students. Where Can We Do Better?

Grades TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007 1:00 -3:45 p.m.

- 2-8 **Bertie Kingore** - Challenging the Gifted While Reaching all Learners: Research-Based Strategies (Repeat of Monday, 8:30 a.m.)  
2-12 **Sally Reis** - Renzulli Learning: A New Resource for Expanding Services to Develop Giftedness and Talents  
4-8 **Penny Britton Kolloff** - Books for Bright Kids  
4-12 **L. Dennis Higgins & M. Elizabeth Nielsen** - Teaching Global Awareness Through Children's Literature  
4-12 **Michael Clay Thompson** - Formal Writing, Reconsidered: Reconnecting the Dots  
4-12 **Ed Zaccaro** - Ten Real-Life Math Investigations That Will Astound Teachers and Students  
6-12 **Susan Winebrenner** - **CANCELLED NEW PRESENTER TBA**  
K-12 **James Delisle** - Parenting Gifted Kids: Raising Happy and Successful Children  
K-12 **Tonya Moon** - Assessment in a Differentiated Classroom

## *Thirteenth Annual IAGC Convention Presenters*

### *James Delisle*

is a Distinguished Professor of Education at Kent State University and a part-time teacher of gifted middle school students in Twinsburg, Ohio. Jim has published fourteen books, several of which have been translated into multiple languages, and more than 200 articles. His work has been featured in the New York Times, People Magazine, and on Oprah, among various other media outlets.

### *Pamela DePinto*

has taught students in grades K-12 and served as a Special Program Facilitator in a K-12 district. Pam also served as the Lake County Curriculum Coordinator where she provided numerous workshops and Gifted Institute training for teachers throughout the state of Illinois. Pam is a Past President of the Illinois Association for Gifted Children and received the IAGC Distinguish Service Award in 2005. In Lake Forest District 67, Pam has served as Director of Instruction. She has also worked as a national education consultant for sixteen years and provided supplementary units for textbooks in the area of language arts.

### *Arlene DeVries*

has recently retired after 24 years with the Des Moines Public Schools Gifted & Talented program and is now a gifted education consultant addressing the social and emotional needs of gifted children. She has served as President of SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted), is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Gifted Children, Past President of Iowa Talented and Gifted Association, recipient of their Distinguished Service Award in 2003, and the Drake University School of Education Outstanding Alumnae Award in 2005. She is co-author of two 2007 publications from Great Potential Press, *Gifted Parent Groups*, *the SENG Model, 2nd Edition*, and *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children*.

### *L. Dennis Higgins*

has authored and co-authored numerous articles and two book chapters that focus on twice-exceptional children. He has contributed and consulted on the joint CEC/NAGC "Twice-Exceptional Dilemma" document. His program is featured in the PBS Television Special "A Chance to Read" for the syndicated program Reading Rockets. In 2006, Dr. Higgins was inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame for his national contribution to children's music. In 2007, he was awarded the New Mexico Golden Apple for Excellence in Teaching for his service to the Albuquerque Public Schools.

### *Tonya Moon (Continued)*

students, assessment of gifted children, program evaluation, and research methodology. In 2003, she was awarded the Early Scholar Award by the National Association for Gifted Children.

### *M. Elizabeth Nielsen*

is an Associate Professor of Special Education at the University of New Mexico (UNM) and served as the coordinator for the Gifted Education Teacher Training Program. Dr. Nielsen has focused much of the 22 years of university work on unique populations of gifted learners with disabilities. She has published numerous articles and textbook chapters regarding these twice-exceptional students. Also, she has been a keynote speaker at various state conferences and has made over fifty presentations at national, regional, and local conferences and has assisted in the production of nationally disseminated audio and video recordings on the topic. She's been the principal investigator for two university and public school district collaborative projects focused on gifted students with disabilities. These \$1,000,000 research initiatives have been funded by Jacob J. Javits Gifted & Talented Grants.

### *Sally Reis*

is a Professor and the past Department Head of Educational Psychology Department at the University of Connecticut where she also serves as a Principal Investigator for the National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented. She was a teacher for fifteen years, eleven of which were spent working with gifted students on the elementary, junior high, and high school levels. In addition, she has authored more than 140 articles, 12 books, 60 book chapters, and numerous monographs and technical reports. Sally serves on several editorial boards, including the Gifted Child Quarterly, and is a Past President of the National Association for Gifted Children. She recently was named a Distinguished Scholar of the National Association for Gifted Children and a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor at the University of Connecticut.

### *Mary L. Slade*

is a Professor in the Department of Exceptional Education at the College of Education at James Madison University. Mary received her B.S. in Elementary Education with an emphasis in secondary English from Longwood College, and her Masters and Doctorate from the University of Virginia. She resides in the Exceptional Education Department directing the gifted education coursework and the Pre-K-12 Add-On Gifted Education Endorsement

### ***Julie Luck Jensen***

is a Director of Extended Services in Community Consolidated School District 220, Barrington. She has worked in the field of gifted education for over twenty years and is currently serving as President of IAGC. A special area of interest for Julie is identifying and serving minority and low-income gifted students.

### ***Bertie Kingore***

is an international consultant and the author of twenty-two books, numerous articles, and instructional aids. She has received many honors including the Legacy Award as the Author of the 2005 Educator Book of the Year and was the first recipient of the Texas Gifted Educator of the Year Award. Dr. Kingore and her husband are the parents of three gifted sons whose needs and talents fuel her dedication to education. Recognized for her humorous and practical presentations, she advocates learning experiences that encourage high level responses and high achievement from students while minimizing the intensity of teacher preparation time.

### ***Penny Britton Kolloff***

is retired from the faculty at Illinois State University. She completed her Ph.D. at Purdue University and served as Assistant Director of the Gifted Education Resource Institute. She also directed the Program for Academic and Creative Enrichment (PACE) based on the Purdue Three-Stage Model. From 1981-1990, Penny was a faculty member at Ball State University and director of the Center for Gifted and Talented. She worked with the Indiana Department of Education to implement several state-wide initiatives for gifted children and their teachers. Penny served two terms on the board of directors of the National Association for Gifted Children and received both the *Early Leader* award and the *Outstanding Research Paper* award from NAGC. She is past president of the Illinois Association for Gifted Children and a member of advisory boards for the Gifted Education Resource Institute at Purdue University and the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University. She publishes book chapters and articles on curriculum and programs for gifted, literacy, and gifted females.

### ***Tonya Moon***

is an Associate Professor in the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia and a principal investigator for the National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented. She also serves as the Director for the State of Virginia's evaluation of the *Reading First* initiative, and is the Chair of the University's Institutional Review Board for Social and Behavioral Sciences. Her interests include issues associated with accountability, including the effects of high-stakes testing on classrooms, teachers, and students; identification of gifted

### ***Mary L. Slade (Continued)***

Program at James Madison University, including the online coursework in this area. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Gifted Children, and won the Early Leader Award from that organization in 1997. Mary has published widely including more than 40 articles, book chapters, and reports as well as three books. Mary is a co-author of a state development book in gifted education and co-editor of *Aiming for Excellence: The NAGC Pre-K-12 Gifted Program Standards* both published collaboratively by Prufrock Press and NAGC. Mary is author of a book on consultation and gifted education published by Creative Learning Press.

### ***Michael Clay Thompson***

is a member of the NAGC Board of Directors and is Past President of the Indiana Association for Gifted Children. He began teaching in 1969 and over thirty years in the classroom. He continues to teach middle school students via Northwestern University's Learning Links distance learning program. He is the author of over thirty books, most of them about language arts curriculum for gifted children.

### ***Susan Winebrenner***

**CANCELLED**

**LOOK FOR NEW PRESENTER TO BE ANNOUNCED**

### ***Ed Zaccaro***

has taught students of all ages and abilities since graduating from Oberlin College in 1974. He holds an Iowa teaching certificate with K-12 endorsement in Gifted Education and a Masters degree in Gifted Education from the University of Northern Iowa. Ed is a popular presenter at math and gifted education conferences around the country and has approached gifted education as a parent, teacher, and school board member. His students will testify to his ability to make math fun and challenging for them as well as his unique sense of humor which comes through in his classes and workshops. Ed is the author of: *Challenge Math for the Elementary and Middle School Student*, *Real World Algebra*, *Primary Grade Challenge Math*, *The 10 Things all Future Mathematicians and Scientists Must Know*, and *Becoming a Problem-Solving Genius*.

## Thirteenth IAGC Convention

The Thirteenth Illinois Association for Gifted Children Convention is being held on December 9-11, 2007 and will offer a variety of sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Due to the change in location (for this year only) and size of rooms available, our program will include national presenters for half-day sessions organized around the following strands: Program Development and Social/Emotional Needs. In addition, check Sunday's schedule for special parent and educator workshops in the afternoon, as well as a Sunday evening session with Arlene DeVries.

Registration is limited to the first 1200 attendees per day. See the Registration Form for early, regular and after November 27 fees. If you plan to register at the door, or after November 27, please call the IAGC office at 847-963-1892 to make sure there is space available. Join us for an energizing convention filled with the latest best practice ideas for our gifted students.

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Hotel Reservations:: 847-303-4100

FYI: This hotel is now a smoke-free hotel.

Special convention rates are available for those staying at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and/or Tuesday evenings. These reduced rates are guaranteed through November 12, 2007 or as long as rooms are available. After November 12, check with the Renaissance for availability. Request a paper confirmation and bring it with you as proof of your reservation. Take advantage of these reduced rates to treat yourself to a getaway weekend at the Renaissance before the convention begins. Call the hotel directly for your reservation and mention the IAGC Convention rates as follows:



Single/Double \$ 159.00  
Each Additional Person \$ 20.00

There is FREE parking at the hotel; there is a shuttle bus service to Woodfield Mall and local eateries.

## Convention Schedule

### Sunday, December 9

Registration..... 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Exhibitors ..... 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Workshop for Parents/Educators ..... 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Workshop for Educators ..... 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Parent & Educators Evening Seminar ..... 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

### Monday, December 10

Registration..... 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
College Credit Meeting ..... 7:45 - 8:15 a.m.  
(You must attend sessions both days for credit)

Session Morning ..... 8:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
Session Afternoon ..... 1:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Exhibitors ..... 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
IAGC Annual Meeting ..... 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 11

Registration..... 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
Session Morning ..... 8:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
Session Afternoon ..... 1:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Exhibitors ..... 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**Luncheons Served  
on Monday & Tuesday**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## Workshops for Sunday, December 9, 2007

### 12:00-4:00 p.m. Workshop for Parents and Educators

Join scores of parents from throughout Illinois. Our featured presenter is **Arlene DeVries**, who recently retired after 24 years with the Des Moines Public Schools Gifted & Talented Program, and is now a gifted education consultant addressing social and emotional needs of gifted children. Her topic is *Living in the Gifted Family*. During this hour presentation, tips will be provided to assist families with sibling, peer, and parent relationships, communication, alienation, and warning signs of stress and depression.

In addition, the afternoon will include networking opportunities and activities for you to meet other parents who share your same joys and concerns and who even have different ones, all related to living with these special children of ours and their very special gifts. You are not alone! Meet new friends, reconnect with old ones. Please join us.

### 1:00-3:30 p.m. Workshop for Educators

**Mary L. Slade, Associate Professor, James Madison University**

*Current Trends and Issues in Identification for Gifted Learners*

The best identification paradigm for giftedness reflects an understanding of the current challenges in identification as well as the use of complimentary best practices including those which address the diversity of students and underserved populations of gifted learners in particular. This session will focus on current trends and issues with identification of gifted students.

### 7:00-8:30 p.m. Evening Seminar for Parents and

#### Educators

**Arlene DeVries, Gifted Educational Consultant**

*Parent Power: How to Make it Work!*

This seminar will describe ways in which parents can successfully achieve appropriate services for their gifted children thereby eliminating some social-emotional stressors. Specific tips will be given on home-school communication, ways in which parents can contribute both directly and indirectly, and how to establish a variety of opportunities for parent involvement.

Participants will be encouraged to share success stories from their local communities.

## Registration for Sunday, December 9, 2007 Workshops PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Confirmation will be sent to home address.

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#### Workshop Fees: (Please mark)

**Non-Member**

**Member**

12:00-4:00 p.m. Workshop for Parents

& Educators

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7:00-8:30 p.m. Evening Seminar for

Parents & Educators

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Nov. 27

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