Learning through Play and Imagination

New dates: Learning through Play and Imagination has been rescheduled for December 1 - 2, 2020.

REGISTER

When?
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 7:00AM TO WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 4:30PM

Where?
St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Organizers
Thalia R. Goldstein, George Mason University; Deena Weisberg, Villanova University; Jacob Schatz, New York University

Update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and SRCD Meetings

#LearnPlay20
Many have argued that children learn through playing, hearing stories, and engaging in a variety of imaginative activities. But how, exactly, does this process work? Which aspects of play sessions or fictional stories are particularly effective for children’s learning, and why? Which topics do children learn most readily through these kinds of activities, and at what ages? How do aspects of children’s individual temperaments or developmental environments impact this process? This special topic meeting examines these and other related questions, with the aim of identifying gaps in the literature and proposing evidence-based strategies for how play and imagination can best be used in early education with topics such as:

- Physical Play and Play Space Design
- Non-Human Play
- Imagination and Media in Early Childhood
- Play and Imagination across Cultures
- And more!

**Meeting Schedule**

**Decision notifications have been emailed to all submitters.** If you have not received a decision email, please contact programoffice@srcd.org. To view your submission, please log in with your existing SRCD credentials.

**Invited Speakers**

Confirmed Invited Speakers include:

- **JaNay Brown-Wood**, Children’s book author
- **Gordon Burghardt**, University of Tennessee
- **Helen Davis**, Harvard University
- **Mariana Diaz-Wionczek**, Nickelodeon
- **David Flanigan**, PlayPower
- **Suzanne Gaskins**, Northeastern Illinois University
- **Vincent Janik**, University of St. Andrews
- **Jill Katka**, Louisville Zoo
- **Anne Lund**, PBS Kids
Learn more about the Invited Speakers

Registration and Housing

If you are currently registered for *Learning through Play and Imagination* and wish (or hope) to attend on the new dates, you can remain registered and need not take action with SRCD. If you prefer a full refund at this time, please email programoffice@srcd.org.

We have been alerted by the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark that they are cancelling all reservations. If you had reservations at the Hilton St. Louis, you will receive an e-mail cancellation confirmation from the hotel. Reservations made at any other locations will need to be cancelled directly with the venue.

Registration Rates and Housing Information
Register   Book a Room

Travel and Childcare Awards

The deadline for applications has passed (Wednesday, March 4, 2020). Applications are currently under review.

Criteria

- These awards have been made possible due to generous funding from the National Science Foundation. They are meant specifically to assist self-identifying members of minority or otherwise under-represented groups, as well as undergraduate students, graduate students, and other attendees of limited means.
- While attendees are allowed to apply for both travel and childcare awards, please note that receiving both is unlikely. Therefore, please be clear in your needs statement.
- SRCD membership is not required to apply, but by the time of the meeting in December 2020,
awardees must be a member of SRCD.

Call for Submissions

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