



# 2015 ECET2 TRI-STATE TEACHER-LED CONVENING PROGRAM

October 16, 2015

National Museum of American Jewish History

October 17, 2015

Grand Ballroom @ First District Plaza

## FRIDAY NOTES:

FRIDAY RECEPTION  
6:00P - 8:30PM

## SATURDAY NOTES:

SATURDAY CONVENING  
9:00A - 3:00P

FREE PARKING @ FIRST  
DISTRICT PLAZA, ACCESS  
UNDERGROUND GARAGE  
ON 38TH STREET

## STAY CONNECTED

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO STAY CONNECTED THROUGHOUT THE CONVENING AND UTILIZE SOCIAL MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY TO CAPTURE YOUR EXPERIENCE & CONNECT WITH THOSE WHO COULD NOT ATTEND. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE HOW TO DO SO, PLEASE SEEK OUT A MEMBER OF THE "STORY SQUAD" - LOOK FOR THE BRIGHT YELLOW SHIRTS!

@phltriconvening

## WELCOME LETTER FROM THE PLANNING TEAM!

**Welcome to the 2015 Tri-State Convening!** It is the hope of the organizers, local educators, that this conference is an opportunity for teachers to share their grand ideas, learn from each other and get re-energized.

The next two days are chock full of talks by experienced, supportive guest speakers, workshops led by teachers, good food, raffle fun, and relationship building with educators across the tri-state area. This is an opportunity for reflection through which we can share our passion, drive, hopes, and commitment to children. Please enjoy the time and use it to meet others and create nurturing and sustaining professional relationships.

Warmly, The Planning Committee-- *Stacey, Stacia, Sam, Peggy, Lisa, Lisa, Jess, Daniel, Christine, Chris R., Chris A., Andy, & Ami*

## DID YOU KNOW? YOU ARE PART OF AN ON GOING STORY?

Last year we began our journey with the first three teacher-led convenings on: Teacher Voice, Student Engagement and Common Core. Participants shared with colleagues like Meenoo Rami, Christina Puntel, and José Luis Vilson heard from presenters including Dr. Michael Smith and State Senator Vincent Hughes, and welcomed guests such as Superintendent Dr. William Hite Jr., and Philadelphia Federation of Teachers President Jerry Jordan. Convening attendees were inspired by the Kensington Creative and Performing Arts marching band, student dancer Charae Grimes, and student panelists like Anabeth Rosado. Despite all the challenges of today's education environment, educators gathered across grades, subjects, and schools to celebrate and share.



Convening participants discussed policy, curriculum, inquiry, community engagement and connected learning. With PhilaSoup's support, we shared mini-grant proposals in a gallery walk and voted on our favorite projects to fund. After receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback, there was simply no choice but to continue the conversation. **We are thrilled that you are here to be a part of it!**

### CONNECT:

Utilize the hashtag on social media:

 #ecet2tri

### COLLABORATE: :

Utilize Teacher Network Portal - Forum to collaborate during today's sessions!

<http://www.philadelphiateachernetworks.org/#!/forum/ckfm>

### CONTINUE :

Teacher Network Portal for virtual convening - Register today! Get updates & see photos after the event!



## A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS.....

### Platinum Sponsor:

**ECET2 - Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers** - <http://www.ecet2.org>

At their core, ECET2 convenings are by teachers, for teachers. These convenings - at the national, regional, and local level - harness the power of teacher leaders to deepen learning and to improve the teaching practice to better serve students.

### Special Thanks to our Planning Team Members:

**Stacey Cruise**  
**Stacia Parker**  
**Sam Reed**  
**Peggy Savage**  
**Lisa Hollenbach**  
**Lisa Hantman**  
**Jess Shupik**  
**Daniel Schiff**  
**Christine Hence**  
**Chris Rogers**  
**Chris Angelini**  
**Andy Danilchick**  
**Ami Patel Hopkins**

Aside from the generous donation from ECET2, we could not have this event without additional support from our community sponsors:

#### Philadelphia Education Fund

The Philadelphia Education Fund drives exceptional outcomes for all students by developing great teachers and building paths to college and career success. Our vision is that all young people in Philadelphia have the skills and opportunity to succeed in college and career.

#### The Delta Teacher Efficacy Campaign

DTEC offers a multi-pronged approach to strengthen teacher effectiveness: training teachers, informing local communities, and publishing a scholarly research publication on teacher efficacy.

*Thank you for making a difference!*



**#THANKATEACHER**

### WITH GRATITUDE:



## MORE ABOUT ECET2

The ECET2 network was born out of a desire to provide a forum for exceptional teachers to learn from one another and to celebrate the teaching profession. Nearly 200 educators attended the first national ECET2 convening in 2012. Since then, energized teachers have organized regional convenings to inform and inspire colleagues at home, develop attendees' leadership potential, and hone their craft. Teachers develop the convenings' goals and content, identify speakers, and manage the logistics - all in the spirit of bringing teachers together to collaborate and learn.

## DETAILED AGENDA - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

### AGENDA

- 6:00p - Arrivals & Networking
  - Student Entertainment
- 6:30p - Formal Welcome & Speaker Introduction
  - Chris Angelini, Planning Team Member
- 6:35p - Keynote Address: Helen Gym
- 7:00p - Soliloquy "Cultivating a Calling"
  - Stacey Cruise, Planning Team Member
  - Intermission: Student Entertainment
- 8:15p - Closing Remarks
- 8:30p - End of Reception



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**Helen Gym** is a former teacher and a parent of one recent high school graduate and two children currently in the public schools. She is a co-founder of the Public School Notebook, Parents United for Public Education and the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School. In May, she won the Democratic nomination for City Council At-Large and will run in November in the general election.

### Soliloquy 2.0: "What would you tell your 1st year self"

**Dr. Angela Whitsett Gilbert** is a Career Educator and Professional Life Coach with a passion for helping people. Utilizing more than 30 years of experience as a mentor, teacher, supervisor, principal, central office administrator, professor, and public speaker, Angela founded Peace and Purpose Coaching in order to continue her strong commitment to service, building leaders, and enhancing lives. As a Professional Life Coach, Angela focuses her passion for helping people to guide others into the full lives they were meant to live! She uses cutting edge coaching to attain extraordinary results!



Angela



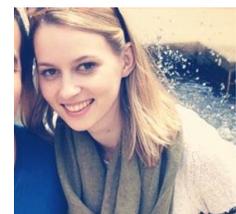
Jenna

**Jenna Chavis** is currently a 6th grade teacher with the school district of Philadelphia. As a Temple University graduate, Jenna began teaching at First Philadelphia Charter while completing a Masters program at Neumann University in Educational Leadership.

**Herman Douglas** is an ordinary man that believes great teachers are an excellent deterrent to the school to prison pipeline. Ultimately, Mr. Douglas believes the key to teaching is getting over the fear of failure, rejection, thinking outside of the box and most important relating to youth. Herman has close to 20 years experience teaching middle school Reading, English, Language Arts (RELA) in urban areas. Herman has a diverse background that ranges from entrepreneurship, pharmaceutical sales and real estate. Currently, Mr. Douglas is a 7th-grade RELA teacher in PSD.



Herman



Isobel

**Isobel Dewey** is currently serving in her 5th year as a teacher in Philadelphia at Simon Gratz High School, where she has taught a variety of subjects from Technology and Engineering to Chemistry and Conversational Spanish. During her time serving as a summer policy and research fellow at the Ed Fund, she helped with the design and launch process of the teacher network framework, which perfectly aligned with her self-proclaimed love of tech, science, and all things geeky. extraordinary results!

### SOLILOQUY 2.0

Soliloquy 2.0 is a creative forum for educators to present a "reality check" reflection about a compelling teaching experience. During the soliloquy, the audience can tweet feedback and questions for responses offered by the educator.



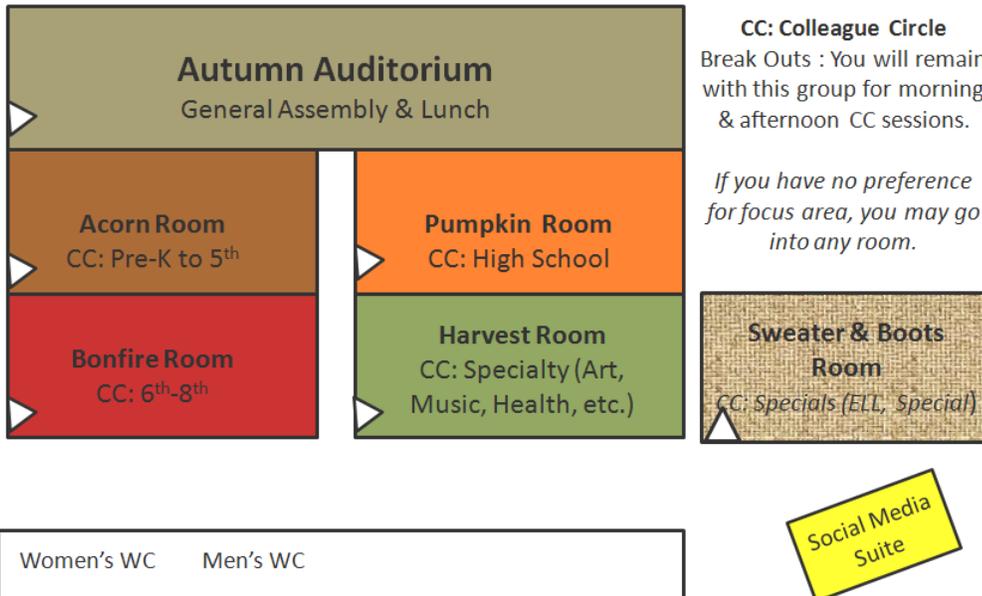
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# DETAILED AGENDA - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

## AGENDA

- 9:00a-9:30a - Autumn Auditorium: Registration & Welcome
- 9:30a-10:00a - BREAKOUT A: Meet with Colleague Circles
  - ▶ See Map of Breakout Rooms below for Colleague Circle Rooms
- 10:10a-10:25a - Autumn Auditorium:
  - ▶ Guest Speaker: Kira Baker-Doyle "Value of Teacher Networks"
- 10:30a-12:30p - BREAKOUT B: Teacher-Led Workshops
  - ▶ See next pages for details!
- 12:30p-1:00p - Autumn Auditorium: Lunch
  - ▶ Raffle Items!
- 1:00p-2:30p - BREAKOUT C: Colleague Circles - Focus of Practice
- 2:30p-3:00p - Autumn Auditorium: Wrap Up & Reflection
  - ▶ Raffle Items!

## Map of Breakout Rooms



**KIRA BAKER-DOYLE**

Assistant Professor of Education at Arcadia University. Director of Programs in Literacies, Technologies, and Citizenship Studies in the School of Education. Author of "The Networked Teacher" (Teachers College Press, 2011). Co-founded John & Kira's chocolates with hubby John Doyle in 2000.

## SOCIAL MEDIA SUITE - HOSTED BY #STORYSQUAD

The Social Media Suite is a networking space like no other! Are you new to social media? Do you need help sending your first Tweet? Do you need the 411 on what platform is best to use when and for what purpose? The **#StorySquad** has got your back...look for them in bright yellow shirts! Are you an experienced social media user interested in networking and building a regional and national PLN? Are you interested in learning more about how you can safely use social media with your students? The Social Media Suite is the place for you! Perhaps you are a social media maven looking for advice on creating a personal brand. Perhaps you are interested in learning how to use your voice to shape the national narrative around education through social media? If so, the Social Media Suite has what you need! Stop in, relax, take in the ambiance, make connections, and learn how to extend the benefits of the convening well beyond this weekend.

 **#StorySquad**

# TEACHER-LED WORKSHOPS

## Break Out Sessions - Round 1 [10:30am-11:15am]

Autumn Auditorium

Leader: Stacey Cruise



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### Town Hall Teacher Advocacy Meeting:

incl Guest Panelists: Dr. Alan Lee- University of Pennsylvania, Dean Nancy Butler Songer- Drexel University, Dr. Robbin Smart- Girard College, Mrs. Ami Patel Hopkins - Philadelphia Education Fund

Teachers Believing = Students Achieving Town Hall is a "call to action" It is expected to stimulate dialogue and share recommendations/ solutions to support greater teacher effectiveness through practices. We will focus on teacher preparation programs, school culture, rigorous professional development opportunities, and teacher networking in relation to building higher levels of teacher efficacy.

Pumpkin Room

Leader: Andy Danilchick



#ecet2tri4

### Professionalizing Yourself: Engaging in Action Research to Transform Yourself and Your Students

Do you want to take control of your own professional growth? Join us to learn about how teacher action research can help you systematically analyze, reflect on, and change your teaching practice in a way that will transform both your classroom and your school. Hear stories, get practical tools, and begin an action research project.

Acorn Room

Leaders: Linda Coger & Dontina Jones Jackson



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### "I will make a difference" Enhancing Classroom Culture

An opportunity for teachers to identify and share strategies to use in creating a positive culture within the classroom that will enhance student achievement.

Harvest Room

Leader: Casey Cohen



#ecet2tri5

### iTunes U for You Too!

This presentation will show attendees how teachers are writing courses in iTunes U to up-level teaching and learning across grades and content at Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School: A String Theory Charter School. It will also discuss how to create a paperless workflow with iTunes U at the core.

Bonfire Room

Leader: Jeffrey Harlan



#ecet2tri3

### Motivation and Meaning: Uniting Community with Dream Flags

Find out what has captured the hearts of more than 100,000 K-12 students from Philadelphia to China. Participants will gain the understanding and tools to bring this inspiring and unifying project to their own schools and districts.

Sweater & Boots Room

Leader: Barbara Ledford



#ecet2tri6

### Sparking Innovation in a Mathematics Classroom

When you think of a math class, you envision a teacher telling you to take out a book complete problems #1-50. However, creating innovative, thought provoking lessons can be easy! By the end of the workshop, you'll have "thoughts in your head" to take back to your classroom.

## WANT MORE INFO?

Tell people the neat things you are hearing and learning in the individual workshops by using the session hashtags! Want more info on why to do this? Ask a member of the Story Squad (hint; they are wearing the bright yellow shirts!)



#StorySquad



## Break Out Sessions - Round 2 [11:30am-12:15pm]

Autumn Auditorium

Leader: Stacey Cruise



#ecet2tri7

### Teacher-Led Round Table Discussion: Teacher Efficacy

Join the Town Hall panelists (Round 1) for small group discussions right after the Town Hall Meeting. Discussions will start with hot topics on Teacher Efficacy from the Town Hall Meeting. The discussion will end with an action plan to increase teacher efficacy in failing urban schools.

Acorn Room

Leader: Lisa Hantman



#ecet2tri8

### Creating Intentional Curriculum that Inspires Investment and Activism

Teachers will hear a description of how one plans a curriculum that is integrated and intentional; one that offers students the opportunity to become experts on a topic and encourages investment in their learning, as well as supporting them to be engaged citizens in their community.

Bonfire Room

Leader: Meagan  
Ingerson



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### PhilaSoup Microgrants for the Classroom

If you can answer the question, "What would you do with \$200 for your classroom?" you can submit a grant! Along with fellow workshop attendees and our proposals committee, learn about the PhilaSoup microgrant model, and go from idea to submission in one workshop.

Pumpkin Room

Leader: Lisa Hollenbach



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### Can You Hear Me Now?

#### Using Blogs to Amplify and Empower Teacher Voice

Join National Blogging Collaborative coach, Lisa Hollenbach, for this live, real-time, interactive, blog-writing session. Participants will see how a blogger coaching session works, engage in writing a blog post, and work to further develop and polish their piece of writing.

Harvest Room

Leader: Tim Brewer



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### Teachers and Policy Change: A Blueprint for Finding Solutions and Building Consensus

The output for this workshop will be for attendees to be equipped with a "toolbox" to address policy barriers and challenges within their schools, districts, or more broadly, using the Rodel Teacher Council's process of developing and sharing the Blueprint for Personalized Learning in Delaware as a framework.

Sweater & Boots Room

Leader: Jason Falconio



#ecet2tri12

### Using Problems and Arguments to Ignite Learning

We need to prepare our students for a world where they need to adapt to unforeseen problems. I can show you how to start teaching problem solving in your classroom in small and simple ways, then building up to robust projects that align with state and national standards.

## WORRIED ABOUT MISSING A SESSION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN?

The Philadelphia Teacher Network Portal ([www.philadelphia Teachernetworks.org](http://www.philadelphia Teachernetworks.org)) will host any relevant content from today's workshops. You may access this information any time by going to the "Learn" Section on the website. You can also join the ongoing discussion through the portal's forum via the dedicated discussion thread for that workshop. If you'd like more information about a particular workshop, send an email to [phltriconvening@gmail.com](mailto:phltriconvening@gmail.com). We can put you in touch with the Leader(s) of the workshop.

Let's hear it for our other support during the past two days!

**The Noble Nation** is a collective of four groups: "The Noble Kings, Noble Queens, Noble Princes and Noble Princesses." The Noble Nation is a family bound by blood, purpose and love... They are a group of young people who have made a conscience decision to follow Christ and serve him wholeheartedly. Using the creative and performing arts as their tool, they spread the Gospel declaring that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.



All songs, poems, skits & spoken word is written by the Queen herself, "Mama" Assata Nobles and they are under the creative direction of Neffertari Nobles-Jordan and Kenia Tabourn with the unwavering support of the entire family- To book them for your youth event contact their Manager- John Tabourn 267-746-1016 [jtabourn@me.com](mailto:jtabourn@me.com)

**Friday :**

*Table Decor: McCall School, Grade 3*

*The Noble Nation Performers*

**Saturday:**

*Graphic Note Taker: Khalil Abdellah*

*Book Baskets for Raffle: Legacy School Services*

**Overall Event Consultation:** *Arabella Advisors*

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**Connect. Collaborate. Continue.**

**How do we CONTINUE the story from today?**

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