



# Remake Learning: Philanthropic Opportunities for Enhancing Local Learning Landscapes

A CGLR Funder-to-Funder Conversation

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*Presenter Bios*

## PRESENTERS



**Gregg Behr**

**Executive Director**

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Gregg Behr, executive director of The Grable Foundation since 2006, is a father and children’s advocate. For more than 15 years, he has helped lead Remake Learning—a learning ecosystem involving thousands of educators, scientists, artists, and makers he founded in Pittsburgh—to international renown. Remake Learning has turned heads everywhere from Forbes to the World Economic Forum for its efforts to ignite children’s curiosity, encourage creativity, and foster justice and belonging in schools, libraries, museums, and more. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Duke University, Gregg holds honorary degrees from Carlow University and Saint Vincent College. He’s an advisor to The Brookings Institution and the Fred Rogers Institute, and he has been cited by President Obama and the Disruptor Foundation as an innovator and thought leader. He is the co-author of *When You Wonder, You’re Learning: Mister Rogers’ Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids*.



**Melanie Claxton**

**Senior Program Officer**

**Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation**

Melanie Claxton is a Senior Program Officer of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. In this role, Melanie oversees the Foundation’s grants programs in education.

Prior to joining Benedum, Ms. Claxton worked with dedicated professionals in the K-12 education system, as well as community-based Out-of-School Time providers, to ensure that youth in her region had access to high-quality afterschool and summer learning opportunities. She has supported local system and capacity-building initiatives to enhance the delivery of educational services to youth and has always been passionate about ensuring that youth have access to the resources needed to thrive. Ms. Claxton serves on the board of Pennsylvania School-Age Child Care Alliance (PENN SACCA), Contemporary Craft, and is a member of the Remake Learning Council.

Melanie Claxton has been recognized locally as a 2018 New Pittsburgh Courier Fab 40 honoree and recognized statewide as a 2018 Afterschool Champion by the Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool Youth Development Network (PSAYDN). She has a bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, and a M.S. in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University’s Heinz College.



**Connor LaGrange**  
**Fellow**  
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Connor LaGrange joined The Patterson Foundation (TPF) as its fourth fellow in July 2021. He works across a wide array of TPF initiatives to help strengthen people, organizations, and communities within TPF's four-county region.

Originally from Indianapolis, Connor graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication studies from Indiana University in 2019 and a master's degree in philanthropic studies from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in spring of 2021. Before joining TPF, he worked in a movement design studio, [Influence|SG](#), managed by Derrick Feldmann. Connor worked on projects including the [Influencing Young America to Act](#) reports and [Movement of Movements](#) with the Skoll Centre at the University of Oxford. Prior to this, he worked with a higher education marketing firm, [RHB](#), in Indianapolis. He helped spearhead research included in the book [What Makes A Strategic Plan Strategic?](#) released in the fall of 2021. This work led Connor to be nominated by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce for an IMPACT Award in the category of Intern of the Year. Before university, he spent time living and working in Kenya on village health initiatives and reading literacy programs. Connor is thrilled at the opportunity to work alongside individuals looking to improve their communities by using new and innovative approaches to philanthropy. He hopes to build connective tissue and create lasting relationships. Connor currently resides in Sarasota, Florida, with his wife, Maggie. They enjoy going to church, finding new coffee shops, golfing, and exploring their new community. The LaGrange's welcomed their first child, Taytum Grace, in April of 2022.