

From Reading First to Reading Legislation With Albert Shanker Institute

A GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinar

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Speakers:



Susan B. Neuman, Ed.D.

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Professor of Childhood & Early Literacy, NYU Steinhardt

Susan B. Neuman is a professor of Childhood and Early Literacy at the New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development. She is a specialist in early literacy development; whose research and teaching interests include early childhood policy, curriculum, and early reading instruction for children who live in poverty. In her role as the U.S. Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Neuman established the Early Reading First program, developed the Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program, and was responsible for all activities in Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Act. She has written more than 100 articles and authored and edited eleven books. She received her doctorate from University of the Pacific, Stockton, California.



Esther Quintero

Senior Research Fellow, Albert Shanker Institute

Esther Quintero is a senior fellow at the Albert Shanker Institute. Her work focuses on conducting and synthesizing research on schools as organizations, teachers' social capital, diversity in the teaching workforce, and the sociology of the classroom. In July 2014 Quintero launched the *Social Side of Education Reform* initiative, which highlights the social-relational aspects of teaching and of school improvement. Quintero is the editor of *Teaching In Context*, which will be published by *Harvard Education Press* in April 2017. Quintero is co-PI in a multi-year research project, funded by the Institute of Education Sciences, that will develop a novel instrument to capture rich evidence about teachers' professional activity, the characteristics of the contexts in which it occurs, and teachers' affective responses to their work. She has a B.A. from the University of Seville (Spain) and a Ph.D. in sociology from Cornell University (Ithaca, NY).



Kayla Reist
Research Consultant, Albert Shanker Institute

Kayla Reist is a research consultant at the non-profit Albert Shanker Institute in Washington, D.C. She recently graduated from the Educational Transformation program at Georgetown University after spending nine years in the classroom as a high school English teacher. She is interested in teacher working conditions, teacher burnout, and teacher collaboration. In the fall, she will start a Ph.D. program at the University of Virginia in

Curriculum and Instruction.



Mary Cathryn Ricker
Executive Director, Albert Shanker Institute

Mary Cathryn Ricker is a board-certified English/language arts teacher currently serving as executive director of the Albert Shanker Institute. Before coming to ASI, Mary Cathryn was Minnesota's commissioner of education. She has also served as the executive vice president of the American Federation of Teachers and president of her local union, the Saint Paul Federation of Teachers, Local 28. Her teaching has been

featured in the Annenberg Institute's *Write in the Middle* professional development series, as well as the Minnesota Writing Project, and professional publications.

Moderator:



Suzanne Mineck
Founder & CEO, Mineck Advisors

Suzanne Mineck serves as Founder and CEO of Mineck Advisors, bringing more than 25 years of experience and expertise from a variety of philanthropic leadership roles. As a nationally recognized expert in transformative philanthropy, she offers a unique understanding of nonprofit leadership, fund development, and giving strategies— along with innovative thinking and connections to local and national initiatives

addressing pressing issues. For more than a decade, Mineck served as CEO of Mid-Iowa Health Foundation, overseeing the vision, partnerships, and strategies that advanced community initiatives working to improve central Iowa's health and well-being. Prior to that role, she spent 15 years working directly with nonprofits and philanthropists to support high impact giving through The Stelter Company, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Cancer

Society, the University of Iowa, and the University of Memphis. Recently the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs named Mineck as Honorary Consul for the states of Iowa and Nebraska. In addition to her career, Mineck prioritizes serving on nonprofit boards, which currently includes Polk County Housing Trust Fund, the Harwood Institute, Iowa ACEs 360, and the Science Center of Iowa. She has been recognized with a number of awards, including Des Moines Business Publication's Woman of Influence and the Business Record's Forty Under 40. She is an alumnus of Luther College.