

GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinar
Engage Every Student:
National Initiatives -> Local Impact: One Year In and A Strong Future

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Moderator, Presenter and Commentator Bios

MODERATOR

John Gomperts

Executive Fellow, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading



John Gomperts is a long-time leader in non-profits and government organizations devoted to civic engagement and to creating greater opportunity for children and youth. From 2012 - 2020, John served as President & CEO of America's Promise Alliance. Prior to that, John served as the Director of AmeriCorps in the Obama Administration. Earlier in his career, John worked in the US Senate (Sens. Wofford, Kerry, Daschle), practiced law and served as a judicial clerk. John earned his JD from Georgetown University Law Center and his AB in History from University of California, Berkeley. John has served on a wide range of boards including FoodCorps (Chair), Points of Light, Presidio Institute, News Literacy Project, and others.

PRESENTERS

Maureen Tracey-Mooney

**Senior Advisor, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development
U.S. Department of Education.**



Prior to joining the Department, Maureen served as Special Assistant to the President for Education at the White House Domestic Policy Council, and as Senior Advisor on the Biden-Harris transition. In these roles, she helped to develop the American Rescue Plan's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund provisions and was the President's policy lead for K-12 education. She served on President Obama's primary and general election campaigns, on the Obama-Biden transition, at the U.S. Department of Labor, and as then-Vice President Biden's Deputy Domestic Policy Advisor. She has worked in local public education in Newark (NJ) and Brooklyn (NY).

Sheronda Witter, Ph.D.

**Out-of-School Time Partnerships Fellow, Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Education**



Dr. Sheronda Witter serves as the Out-of-School Time Partnerships Fellow in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education. In this capacity, Dr. Witter helps to drive and coordinate the Department's Engage Every Student Initiative, which is a bold new call to action to provide high-

quality out-of-school time learning opportunities for every child who wants to participate. Previously, she served as the Director of the North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs. Through this role, Dr. Witter provided visionary and strategic leadership of North Carolina's State Afterschool Network to make North Carolina a place where all youth have access to high-quality learning opportunities beyond the school day that prepare them for success in education, career and life. As a college student, Dr. Witter founded the Ladies of Distinction mentoring program for middle school girls, which ignited a passion within her for positive youth development and the necessity for access to out-of-school time learning opportunities for all youth. Following that trajectory, she dedicated the last 15 years of her career to serving youth in South and North Carolina through an array of roles in out-of-school time programs and youth serving organizations. Dr. Witter has vast experience in program advocacy, evaluation and management, policy analysis, community and partner engagement, diversity, equity and inclusion and youth development. Furthermore, she brings a wealth of practical experience and education around afterschool and out-of-school time learning opportunities that can be used to advance and support the work of programs across the nation to ensure access for all the nation's children. Dr. Witter earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Intercultural Youth Development from Furman University, a Master of Science degree in Youth Development Leadership at Clemson University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Research and Policy Analysis for K-12 Education at North Carolina State University.

COMMENTATORS

Giselle Antoni

Vice President, Youth Development, Wallace Foundation



Giselle (Gigi) Antoni joined The Wallace Foundation in June 2017. She leads the team responsible for the strategy and implementation of the foundation's work in areas including social and emotional learning, summer learning and after-school system building. Before joining Wallace, Antoni served for 21 years as president and CEO of Big Thought, a nonprofit that focuses on closing the opportunity gap for children living in poverty in Dallas. She led the organization to deepen its impact and expand its services, so that today Big Thought serves 130,000 of Dallas's most marginalized young people year-round, with school and community-based programming during the school day, after school and over the summer. Antoni also led in-depth, city wide research and planning processes that increased the breadth of arts and out-of-school-time programming in Dallas, as well as children's and teens' access to these programs. Antoni is a graduate of the Drama Studio London at Berkeley and studied theater at Stephen F. Austin State University and social work at the University of Texas at Arlington. She is the co-author of *Collaboration & Sustainability in Arts Education* and has written numerous op-eds, essays and white papers. In 2011, President Barack Obama named Antoni a Champion of Change for Arts Education.

Lindsay Dolce
Chief Advancement Officer
Ampact



Lindsay Dolce (she/her/hers) serves as the Chief Advancement Officer for Ampact. She is responsible for leading the Development team to secure the resources necessary to support continuous improvement and scaling of all strategic initiatives. Dolce supports Executive Directors in growth and scaling efforts in existing states. She is responsible for sourcing growth capital, site partnerships, and local champions to successfully launch the replication of Early Learning Corps, Reading Corps, Math Corps and Recovery Corps in all emerging states. Dolce brings extensive national and state-level advocacy and outreach experience to the position, having served as Executive Director of Serve Colorado, the state's service commission, and Colorado Reads - Colorado's Early Literacy Initiative. She provided statewide leadership in Colorado's AmeriCorps programs, in the office of Governor Hickenlooper, including strategic planning for national and community initiatives, program development, community outreach, organizational and financial operations, and administration. Prior to this, she worked as Senior Program Manager for the David and Laura Merage Foundation supporting implementation of the shared services approach for early care and education providers. Dolce started her career as a domestic relations attorney, a judicial law clerk and a domestic violence prosecutor. Prior to attending law school, she served a DC based staff member for United States Senator J. Robert Kerrey and President Bill Clinton. Dolce received her B.A. in English, Political Science and International Relations from William Jewell College, studied at St. Peter's College at Oxford University and received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Bryan Joffe
Project Director of Education and Youth Development
AASA, The School Superintendents Association



Bryan Joffe is the Project Director of Education and Youth Development for AASA. He leads AASA's efforts in Innovative Teacher Professional Development funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, working to assist districts in redesigning teacher PD and highlighting the need for school systems to revamp professional development systems and structures. He also leads AASA's school discipline reform and school climate efforts to highlight discipline disparities and reform strategies.

In 2012, Bryan was named a Trustee of the America's Promise Alliance and served on the Council of State Government Justice Center's School Discipline Consensus Project. He received a BA from Tulane University and a Master of Public Affairs from Brown University. He joined AASA in October 2009.

Shawna Rosenzweig
President, Campfire



For the past decade, Shawna has worked in Positive Youth Development, bringing with her an expertise in curriculum design, civic engagement and program quality improvement in out-of-school-time settings. Shawna joined Camp Fire in June 2013. Previously, she worked at Thrive Foundation for Youth and Global Kids in New York City. Shawna also spent time in the Middle East, developing and facilitating education material for various organizations promoting conflict resolution among teens in the Israeli Palestinian Conflict, including Seeds of Peace, Just Vision, and Parents Circle-Families Forum. In her current role, she is responsible for Camp Fire National Headquarters' program quality, evaluation, and program staff training and development efforts. Shawna earned a master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction at University of Wisconsin-Madison. She holds a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Education and Applied Psychology from University of California Santa Barbara.