

schedule

Wednesday, February 16

5:00-7:00 p.m. — Opening Reception

Thursday, February 17

7:30 a.m. — Breakfast

8:00-9:15 a.m. — Welcome/General Session

featuring Non Stop Bhangra & Dholrhythms

9:15-9:45 a.m. — Refreshment Break in

Exhibit Halls

9:45-11:15 a.m. — Morning Workshops

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Lunch/General Session

featuring Lois Davis, Ph.D.

1:15-2:45 p.m. — Afternoon Workshops

6:00-10:00 p.m. — Cultural Arts Celebration

Reception. *This is a ticketed event. Check*

www.rootsconference.org for updates.

Friday, February 18

7:30 a.m. — Breakfast

8:00-9:15 a.m. — Welcome/General Session

featuring Pedro Noguera, Ph.D.

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featuring Franklin Rossman (aka The

Incomparable Shakespeare) and John Silliphant,

Friends Without Borders

1:15-2:45 p.m. — Afternoon Workshops

continuing ed

Thanks to our partnership with Synchrony of Visalia, Inc., continuing education units (CEUs) are available for every one-hour workshop attended. College credits are also available through a partnership with Fresno Pacific University. If you have questions regarding earning CE units or college credits, please contact conference coordinators Kari Wilson or Maria Magallanes at info@rootsconference.org.

registration

Online Registration

Registration is available at www.rootsconference.org/registration.

Premier Registration

October 30, 2010 through December 31, 2010

\$185 per person covers both days

Registration is not guaranteed unless paid in full by January 14, 2011. If payment is not received by this date, additional fees will apply.

Standard Registration

January 1, 2011 through February 4, 2011

\$205 per person covers both days

Registration is not guaranteed unless paid in full by February 14, 2011. If payment is not received by this date, additional fees will apply.

Onsite and Late Registration

after February 4, 2011

\$125 per person for one day

\$225 per person for both days

Onsite registration is not guaranteed and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Single Day Registration

August 1, 2010 through February 4, 2011

\$105 per person per day

Registration is not guaranteed unless paid in full. Registration fees are due within 10 days of online registration.

For a printed copy of the registration form, contact Kari Wilson or Maria Magallanes, Roots Conference Coordinators, at (559) 732-5302 or info@rootsconference.org.

proceeds

Proceeds from the conference will stay in the communities of the central San Joaquin Valley. Roots Collective, Inc. will use a portion of the proceeds to provide supplemental services that support the social and emotional development of students in after school programs. Additionally, individuals and/or organizations who attend the conference will qualify to apply for mini-grants for innovative projects that address the needs of youth and their families.

contact

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Kari Wilson and Maria Magallanes, conference coordinators



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February 17 & 18, 2011

Visalia Convention Center
Visalia, California



featuring Pedro Noguera, Ph.D., renowned teacher, author and expert on school reform, diversity, and the achievement gap

presented by:

Tulare County
Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools



keynote presenters

Pedro Noguera, Ph.D.

Dr. Pedro Noguera is one of America's most important voices for healthy public education. An expert on school reform, diversity, and the achievement gap, he is currently a professor at the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University and Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education. He is also a part-time high school teacher, the author of several groundbreaking texts, and a regular guest on CNN. Dr. Noguera will examine how schools are influenced by social and economic conditions in the urban environment. He will show you the hurdles in providing equal education to all – and the solutions already working to overcome them.

Lois Davis, Ph.D.

Dr. Lois M. Davis is a Senior Policy Researcher at RAND in Los Angeles who recently completed a commissioned report for The California Endowment Foundation that provides a comprehensive look at disparities in the life chances of boys and men of color in California. Dr. Davis will present the findings from this report that identifies where the largest disparities lie in four outcome domains: health, education, public safety, and socioeconomic outcomes. She also will discuss possible starting points for addressing them.

John Silliphant

John Silliphant wanted to give back to the country of India. Together, with his friend, Mark Peters, Friends Without Borders (FWB) began an international pen pal program. With this initiative – 15,000 letters and cards advocating peace from children across India to children in Pakistan were collected. FWB has remained a non-religious, non-political, all-volunteer organization with an impressive demonstration of what a small group of truly dedicated people with enough heart can accomplish. John will speak about their efforts, as well as ways to establish service-learning programs.

2011 roots conference

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Join us as we launch our first annual, **national-level conference for educators from after school and regular day programs, with crossover topics relevant to mental health and public health professionals.** The Roots Conference has been **carefully aligned with the U.S. Department of Education and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration objectives** to provide you with proven strategies for increased student academic performance and success in school and life. Workshops on a wide variety of topics will be offered, including: **creating positive school climates; meeting the needs of English learners; emphasizing social and emotional learning; developing effective Title I programs; and supporting coordination between education, mental health, and public health organizations.** In addition, you will enjoy a global musical and artistic entertainment experience and connect with exhibitors with products and services to maximize the effectiveness of your programs.

breakout presentations

Conference attendees may select from dozens of breakout sessions organized into five thematic strands: Social and Emotional Learning, Families and Health, Violence Prevention, Program Development and Collaboration, and Professional Development. Below is a selection of breakout sessions offered during the two-day conference. For details, visit www.rootsconference.org.

A Mindfulness-Based Approach to Working with Incarcerated and High-Risk Adolescents

Presented by Sammy Himelstein, Program Manager & Vinny Ferraro, Training Director, Mind Body Awareness Project, Oakland, CA

Media-based Service Learning and Prevention Programs

Presented by Dr. John Minkler, Ph.D., Executive Director, Center for Multicultural Cooperation, Fresno, CA

Early Environmental Effects on Brain Development and Behavior in the Later Years

Presented by Dr. Edwyn W. Ortiz-Nance, MAOB, Psy.D., Clinical Director Synchrony of Visalia, Inc. & Assistant Director, Alliant International University Office of Professional Training and Placement

Embedding Prevention into After School Programs

Presented by Adam Valencia, CHOICES Program Supervisor & Diane Wilcock, Regional Director for After School Programs in Region VII, Tulare County Office of Education, Visalia, CA

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Playing for Keeps: What Educators and Clinicians Should Know about Adopted and Foster Children with Reactive Attachment Disorder

Presented by Dr. Kyle Weir, Ph.D., Associate Professor/Program Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Dept. CSER, Counselor Education Program

What do Jay-Z and Language Arts Have in Common?

Presented by Franklin Rossman, Director, The Incomparable Shakespeare, New York, NY

Putting it All Together: Planning with the End in Mind for a High Impact Summer Program

Presented by Larry Smith, Program Quality Manager, National Summer Learning Association, Baltimore, MD

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) for ALL

Presented by Jennifer Kobrin, Assistant Director, Language and Literacy, Foundations, Inc., Moorestown, NJ

Crucial Links, Practical Strategies: Aligning School and Afterschool for EL Success

Presented by Jennifer Kobrin, Assistant Director, Language and Literacy, Foundations, Inc., Moorestown, NJ

Using Students' Perspectives to Inform Our Support Processes: Best Practices and Next Steps

Presented by Gretchen Brion-Meisels, Doctoral Candidate, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA

New Funding Opportunities for Nutrition

Presented by Kathryn Quillen, Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Food & Nutrition Service, Alexandria, VA & Crystal Weedall FitzSimons, Director, Food Research and Action Center, Washington, D.C.

Triglossia: Engaging the Multiple Literacies of the 21st Century Student

Presented by Michael Cirelli, Executive Director & Jamila Lyiscott, Program Associate, Urban Word NYC, New York, NY

Managing Conflicts in the Workplace: Promoting Healthy Boundaries

Presented by Beverly J. Anderson, MFT, PPS, Trainer/Consultant, Heartworks, Inc.

Reduce Student Stress: Learn Simple Techniques that Strengthen Different Learning Styles

Presented by Dr. Shirley Baker, Ph.D., Director for the International Language Education and Cultural Center, Alliant International University, Fresno, CA

Motivating the Difficult-to-Motivate Child

Presented by Barry Sommer, Educational Psychologist & Marriage and Family Therapist, The Helix Group, Visalia, CA

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entertainment



Non Stop Bhangra & Dholrhythms

Imagine a scene from a Bollywood movie – the swirling colors, the rhythm of pounding feet, and the relentless energy of brilliant beats – that's Non Stop Bhangra (NSB) and Dholrhythms. Together, NSB and Dholrhythms provide a unique experience that celebrates the beautiful and vibrant spirit of Bhangra, a traditional folk music and dance from Punjab, India. They are dedicated to educating people about the cultural and artistic heritage of India.

Franklin Rossman, AKA Incomparable Shakespeare

Besides traveling the country performing and opening up for some of his musical influences, Franklin Rossman, aka Shakespeare, has been highlighted on MTV, and prominently featured on many major Hip-Hop websites and blogs. In addition to performing, Shakespeare is intimately involved in education, creating an English curriculum that looks at Hip-Hop music from a literary perspective. He further expands his curriculum by doing incredibly popular creative writing workshops geared for middle school students.

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