

**CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY  
EARLY LEARNING WITH FAMILIE (ELF2.0)  
CLA Pre-Conference November 1-3, 2013  
Faculty Roster**

**FACILITATOR: Sam Eddington**

*ALSC Chair and Training Coordinator, Eastern Shore Regional Library  
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Mr. Eddington is the current chair of the ALSC Education Committee, and the co-founder of the children's literature review blog, *For Those About to Mock* (<http://abouttomock.blogspot.com/>). He has designed, taught, and facilitated hundreds of classes, trainings, and conferences over the past 10 years.

**KEYNOTE: Joshua Sparrow, MD**

*Director of Strategy, Planning & Program Development, Brazelton Touchpoints Center at Boston Children's Hospital; Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School  
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At the Brazelton Touchpoints Center, Dr. Sparrow's work focuses on cultural adaptations of family support programs, organizational professional development, and aligning systems of care with community strengths and priorities. He has lectured extensively nationally and internationally on related topics and has consulted on media programming for children and parents, for such organizations as PBS Frontlines and Discovery Kids.

**HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS:**

**Music: Francie Dillon**

*Singer/Storyteller; Adjunct Professor, California State University  
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Ms. Dillon is a national award-winning children's singer/storyteller and educator. Her efforts promoting language, literacy and the arts has reached over 125,000 elementary students in Northern California, and thousands of children and families in public libraries and at special events throughout the state. She is also an Adjunct Professor of Literature for Children at California State University, Sacramento.

**Art & Movement: Sharron Krull**

*Early Care & Education Teacher, Trainer & Founder of Play Power  
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Ms. Krull has a BA in Education and over 43 years of teaching experience, encompassing nearly all areas of early childhood education. She is a veteran preschool teacher, has taught parent education classes, school-age childcare programs, park and recreation programs, and elementary school. She is currently an Early Care and Education Teacher Trainer through her company Play Power at [www.sharronkrull.com](http://www.sharronkrull.com) and an Early Childhood Educational Consultant for Discount School Supply. Ms. Krull speaks at national, state, and regional early childhood conferences, workshops, and staff trainings sharing developmentally appropriate curriculum activities and resources.

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**Play: Rae Zarghami**

*Early Childhood Literacy Specialist*

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Ms. Zarghami has worked in the Early Childhood Education field for 27 years, much of that time directing and teaching in preschool centers. She also served as an Outreach and Early Childhood Literacy Specialist for the El Dorado County Library system where she promoted the “Learn through Play Philosophy” to both local preschools and the parents who brought their young children to the library. She has a Master’s in International Teaching.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS PANEL:**

***Cecelia Fisher-Dahms, Education Administrator, Sacramento, CA***

**CA Department of Education, Child Development Division**

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Ms. Fisher-Dahms is the Administrator of the Quality Improvement Office for the Department of Education’s Child Development Division (CDD), responsible for Quality Improvement projects including the development of California’s early learning foundations, curriculum frameworks, Desired Results assessment system and programs that support early childhood professional development. She oversees the state’s Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge state-level projects and the State Advisory Council ARRA projects.

***Kathleen Guerrero, Executive Director, Placerville, CA***

**First 5 El Dorado Commission**

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As the Executive Director for First 5 El Dorado, Ms. Guerrero is dedicated to providing high quality services for families with young children in El Dorado County. Ms. Guerrero has over 28 years of experience in early childhood education and has developed programs that offer newborn home visits, developmental screenings, early literacy activities and quality early care and education programs. As a leader in the community, Kathleen continues to facilitate innovative practices that promote parents as their child’s first teacher. She holds a Bachelors and Master’s degree in Sociology.

***Tahra M. Goraya, Director, Los Angeles, CA***

**ZERO TO THREE, Western Office**

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Ms. Goraya manages all aspects of ZERO TO THREE’s work on the West Coast. Prior to joining ZERO TO THREE, she served as the District Director for a California State Senator and is also the founder and president of Goraya Consulting. Ms. Goraya has headed up several nonprofit organizations working in a number of areas including civil rights and juvenile justice in both California and Washington, DC.

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**WISE USE OF NEW MEDIA PANEL (Moderated by Joshua Sparrow):**

***Carisa Kluver, MSW, Founder, Los Osos, CA***

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Ms. Kluver has a Masters in Social Work and has worked as a school counselor and community-based health educator, spending several years studying maternal and child health issues. She has conducted numerous workshops on health education topics, including media literacy. She began and currently curates the review site, [www.Digital-Storytime.com](http://www.Digital-Storytime.com), which has over 700 reviews of children's picture book apps for the iPad. In 2011, she began the blog, *The Digital Media Diet* (<http://digitalmediadiet.com/>) which includes curated "top 10" lists of great book apps as well as articles about digital media, kid lit, parenting and the fast-evolving kids app industry.

***Kristin Torres, Early Childhood Specialist, Placerville, CA***

**Office of Education, County of El Dorado**

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Ms. Torres has a BA in Child Development and is currently finishing her MS in Applied Behavior Analysis. She has worked in the early care and education field for 17 years as a preschool teacher, center director and, currently, as an Early Childhood Specialist. Through parenting workshops and one-on-one assistance, she helps parents of young children understand and track their child's developmental milestones. She also works with ECE providers in the areas of professional development and quality improvement.

***Merve Lopus, Senior Education Program Manager, San Francisco, CA***

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Mr. Lopus has a degree in both Psychology and Sociology and over 9 years' experience managing and developing educational partnerships with parents, school districts, and other organizations that collaborate with educational stakeholders to recognize the opportunities and address the perils of our digital world. Mr. Lopus is also an advisor for San Mateo County's *Respect 24/7* initiative which aims to reduce bullying, and *On the Line* – an organization working to simplify how school districts and county offices of education navigate the complex issues surrounding technology in education.

***Cen Campbell, Founder, LittleeLit.com; Library Manager, Bookboard.com, Mountain View, CA***

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Ms. Campbell is the founder at <http://littleelit.com/> and Library Manager at <http://bookboard.com/>. She has driven a bookmobile; managed branch libraries; developed innovative programs for babies, young children and teens; and now helps other libraries incorporate digital media into their early literacy programs. She attended the California State Library's Eureka Leadership Institute in 2008 and currently serves on the Association for Library Services to Children's *Children & Technology* committee. She will be creating a toolkit, *New Media for Kids in Libraries: Access, Content & Engagement*, as part of this ELF2.0 statewide initiative.

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***Virginia Walter, PhD***

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Dr. Walter is a former professor and chair at the Department of Information Studies in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. She has conducted numerous research studies on such topics as children's information needs and information resources; childhood and family literacy; social issues and emerging trends in children's literature; and evaluation of library services. She will be creating a *Young Children & New Media* white paper as part of this ELF2.0 statewide initiative.