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RENZULLI CENTER NEWS

Confratute Announcements

A Unique Virtual Learning Experience

Confratute is the longest running summer institute on enrichment-based, differentiated teaching that has been held annually at the University of Connecticut for over 40 years! We hope you are able to join us virtually for another memorable year.

[Register for Confratute here—Space Filling Quickly!](#)

Upcoming Events

Free Webinar on Evaluating Your Gifted Program

Saturday, June 11, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon Eastern time

Evaluating Your Gifted Program: Why? What? How?

Dr. E. Jean Gubbins - University of Connecticut

Program evaluation is an ongoing process designed to raise questions about the match between identification systems and programming options to guide next steps in maintaining effective programs and practices. Explore the why, what, and how to evaluate your gifted program. Learn how to develop and implement a program evaluation plan matched to expected outcomes.

[REGISTER HERE FOR THE LAST OF OUR 2021-22 WEBINARS](#)

For more information, contact: Del Siegle at del.siegle@uconn.edu

ISO Gifted Identification Matrix Samples

Pam Peters, current doctoral student here at the Renzulli Center, is conducting research on the ways that students are identified for gifted programs, with specific attention to matrix systems. She is looking for samples of gifted identification matrices from school districts around the United States. If your district uses a matrix to identify students for gifted programming and you are willing to share it to support this research, please forward a copy of that matrix to her at pamela.peters@uconn.edu. Thank you so much!

For more information, contact: Pam Peters at pamela.peters@uconn.edu

Awards, Publications, and Presentations

Sally Reis: Celebration of 40 Years of Success

Sally Reis, the Letitia Morgan Chair in Educational Psychology at the Neag School of Education, first connected to the University of Connecticut during her master's program at Southern Connecticut State University in the mid-1970s. While in one class, she heard UConn Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor Joseph Renzulli talk about his work in educational psychology, specifically his internationally-known and pioneering work in gifted and talented with the Enrichment Triad Model.

Read more from NEAG School of Education online article at <https://education.uconn.edu/2022/05/18/sally-reis-a-reflection-of-40-years-of-success/>

Sarah R. Luria Wins 2022 Scholar Award

Sarah R. Luria, a Ph.D. candidate in Neag School of Education's Educational Psychology program, has been selected as one of 100 nation-wide recipients of the \$20,000 Scholar Award from the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Sisterhood.

Read more from UConn Today online article at <https://today.uconn.edu/2022/05/graduate-student-sarah-r-luria-wins-2022-scholar-award/>

Renzulli and Reis Featured on TAGT Podcast

Don't miss the opportunity to hear Joe and Sally on a new Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) podcast. You can find the podcast on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcast](#), and [Google Podcast](#).

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Alumni News

UConn Grads Create Social Justice Curriculum

Two new books by UConn grads Bryan Kirby and Jessica Stargardter titled *Empowered Leaders: A Social Justice Curriculum for Gifted Learners, Grades 4-5* and *Empowered Leaders: A Social Justice Curriculum for Gifted Learners, Grades 6-8* provides educators with a practical guide for incorporating critical social justice themes into enrichment programming for gifted students.

See books' promotional flyer at <https://gifted.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/961/2022/05/Empowered-Leaders-Book-Promo.pdf>

Fun and Useful Resources: From Us to You

Geeking Out and Meaningful Tools Podcast

Check out "[Geeking Out and Meaningful Tools: A Conversation with Brian Housand and Andi McNair](#)," which is part of the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented Podcast series hosted by Michael Flusche. The podcast includes interviews with Dr. Brian Housand, self-proclaimed geek and gifted education expert, and Andi McNair, MasterMind speaker and Genius Hour guru. Dive in with these amazing speakers as they share their stories on how important it is to be passionate about something and offer tips on how to make classroom tools meaningful.

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What Do You Do With a Problem?

Joe recommends another great book for younger children by the authors that wrote *What Do You Do With an Idea?*

[What Do You Do With a Problem? — New York Times best seller: Kobi Yamada \(Author\), Mae Besom \(Illustrator\)](#)



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