



Francis Marion University Center of Excellence

to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty



10th Annual Summer Institute

June 27-28, 2017

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Chapman Auditorium – McNair Science Building – Francis Marion University
4800 Patriot Drive – Florence, SC 29506

The Center of Excellence Summer Institute is a two-day event designed to provide participants with practical, research-based information that focuses on the needs and abilities of under-resourced learners. Four keynote addresses and specialized breakout sessions will focus on classroom strategies and best practices for under-resourced students around this year's theme:

Challenges and Opportunities: Teaching Children of Poverty.

2017 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Judy Willis



Strengthening Students' Executive Functions: The Skillsets for 21st Century Success

Judy Willis, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and middle school teacher in Santa Barbara, California. She is an authority in the field of learning-centered brain research and classroom strategies derived from this research.

Mike Kuczala



The Kinesthetic Classroom: Teaching and Learning Through Movement

Mike Kuczala is a bestselling author, acclaimed keynote speaker and innovative professional developer in education and corporate settings. He is a leading authority on the importance of understanding brain and body connections and how to effectively use movement in every classroom.

Robyn Jackson



Mustering the Principles of Great Teaching

Robyn Jackson, PhD, increased enrollment of minority and nontraditional students in AP Language and Composition classes and tripled course enrollment within one year without a decrease in test scores. An educator and best-selling author, Jackson has identified practices that lead to mastery teaching and student success.

Gerry Brooks



How Social Media Can Change the Way You Teach

Award winning Kentucky Principal, Gerry Brooks, is an internet sensation who has found a way to connect with educators through social media. His humor is wildly entertaining, but it also connects educators to real issues that impact day-to-day teaching. Find him on Facebook or follow his channel on YouTube "Lex Prin".

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Professional Development Recertification hours for all sessions*