

ACSA Region 6 Leadership Summit 2017  
*Thriving on the Vine:*  
**Leadership for Equity, Engagement & Belonging**  
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**Jeremy Hunter – A Leader's Guide to Thriving:  
Managing Uncertainty from the Inside Out**

Jeremy Hunter serves as Associate Professor of Practice and the Founding Director of the Executive Mind Leadership Institute at the Peter F. Drucker Graduate School of Management at Claremont Graduate University. He has more than a decade's experience helping leaders to relentlessly develop themselves while retaining their humanity in the face of monumental change and challenge.

Jeremy believes that "When we live with greater attention and presence we act more deliberately, prudently, and effectively. Life starts to work as it should. In short, we find peace amidst the chaos."

**Shawn Ginwright – A More Beautiful Struggle**

Dr. Shawn Ginwright is a leading national expert on African American youth, youth activism, and youth development. He is an Associate Professor of Education in the Africana Studies Department and Senior Research Associate for the Cesar Chavez Institute for Public Policy at San Francisco State University. In 1989, Dr. Ginwright co-founded Leadership Excellence Inc., an innovative youth development agency located in Oakland, California that trains African American youth to address pressing social and community problems, which he has since transformed into Flourish Agenda, a social impact company that supports schools and community organizations with building well-being and healthy school climates.



**Jan Tomsky & Terilyn Finders -  
There's a News Van in the Parking Lot!**

**Jan E. Tomsky** is the managing partner of Fagen Friedman & Fulfrust, and she is responsible for monitoring international, federal and state education themes and working to ensure that the firm's services are current and able to meet the needs of its growing client base. Ms. Tomsky serves clients from the Oakland office, and she is frequently located in the firm's capital office, which allows her to maintain strong partnerships with leading education associations.

**Terilyn Finders** is the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs at Fagen Friedman & Fulfrust. She assists clients statewide with strategic communications needs ranging from helping build understanding for school reform to handling employee and student misconduct, labor negotiations and community outreach related to Local Control Accountability Plans. With over 25 years of corporate and crisis communications experience, Ms. Finders supports the firm's clients when their legal matters capture the attention of their communities and the media.





## *Wade Colwell-Sandoval & Benji Howard – Deep Equity and Student Aspirations*

**Wade Colwell-Sandoval** is the co-founder of Youth Equity Stewardship (YES!), an arts-based, experiential and inter-generational process of transformational stewardship of our school communities. As an educator engaging the creative/cultural modalities of song, spoken-word, movement, ceremony and restorative circle keeping, Wade is a rising national voice for deepening relations across generation and difference. His touring multi-media performance *Borderless*, with musical partner Benjie Howard, is a folk & hip hop fused journey examining the intersections of race, class, identity, immigration, sexual orientation, gender and environmental & indigenous justice. He is lead facilitator/consultant with Corwin Press (Deep Equity and Student Aspirations) and lead restorative practices educator with NYC-based Counseling in Schools.

**Benji Howard** is the co-founder and executive director of New Wilderness Project, a musical performance group and an arts based experiential outdoor education program focusing on developing youth leadership for equity, environmental sustainability, and social justice. He is the co-architect of Youth Equity Stewardship (YES!), an inter-generational process for growing soulful, inspired, brave, and inclusive educational spaces and inspiring authentic community transformation. Benjie is a Deep Equity consultant with Corwin Press. He is a touring singer-songwriter with 4 albums, including his collaborative 2015 release, *BORDERLESS* with Wade Colwell-Sandoval. Benjie is a river guide and wilderness educator designing and leading educational expeditions for teachers, leaders and youth.



## *Bill McBride - Teaching to Gender Differences: Building Equity for Girls and Boys*

Bill McBride has worked in a variety of public school and university settings as both a teacher and a consultant. In middle and secondary schools, he has served as a Reading Specialist, an English, Social Studies and Drama teacher, and a gifted and a talented instructor. On the university level, Dr. McBride has assisted in the training and evaluation of middle and secondary English teachers. For fifteen years Bill worked as an editor and National Reading Consultant with McDougal Littell/Houghton Mifflin Publishing Co., developing both secondary Language Arts and Social Studies materials. An exciting and inspirational speaker, Bill shares his professional beliefs and teaching strategies at conferences and workshops all over the United States and abroad.

## *Erik Palmer – Good Thinking: Navigating the Digital World of “Fake” and Facts*

Erik Palmer taught English, math, science, and civics over a twenty-year career and coached numerous sports as well as debate and forensics. His consulting work focuses on how to teach oral communication, how to teach good thinking (argument, persuasion, and reasoning), and how to update instruction with practical ways to use technology in the classroom. Erik is a frequent presenter and keynoter at conferences of education professionals, and he has led workshops for schools, school districts, and universities across the United States and around the world. Erik's recent book is *Good Thinking: Teaching Argument, Persuasion, and Reasoning*.





## *Wendy Tokuda – Closing Keynote & Women's Leadership Kick-off*

A well-loved Bay Area reporter and news anchor for 30 years, Wendy Tokuda brought stories into our living rooms that helped us connect with one another as members of a community. One of the pioneering female and minority reporters of the day, she started anchoring in the 1970's when there were only four local stations, and footage was shot on "film." She refers to it as a "magical time."

KPIX vice president and news director, Dan Rosenheim, said, "She anchors the news with intelligence and polish and warmth. It's kind of a magical combination and it helps explain why she has been so popular with the audience. She is very knowledgeable, very well read."

An advocate for social justice and equity, Ms. Tokuda told the stories of what happened in the Bay Area during the Japanese Internment, and established the "Students Rising Above" feature – raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to send kids to college each year. Now retired, she focuses her time on her family, storytelling, environmental restoration and finding ways to help at-risk children.

## *Nancy Dome – Becoming a Courageous & Compassionate Communicator; and Understanding the Skin We Speak*

Dr. Nancy Dome has been supporting children to overcome their barriers and developing educators for over 20 years. Starting her career as a Child Care Worker, she has always had a strong desire to support those students most at risk. Realizing the education track would allow her greater flexibility and reach than the social services track, she reeducated to become a teacher and spent 10 years working in multiple capacities, ranging from classroom teacher, Mentor Teacher and Teacher on Special Assignment, in the Juvenile Court and Community Schools in San Diego. These roles allowed her to train and support teachers in becoming more culturally competent educators for the diverse population they served.



Dr. Dome's passion for education prompted her to obtain her doctorate in 2004, which allowed her to secure a tenure track faculty position at CSUSM in the College of Education. There she spent 7 years working with future teachers to build their capacity in the classroom with a social justice focus, building their awareness around the necessity of being culturally competent. During that time, Dr. Dome coordinated a College of Education program that sought to identify racially under-represented undergraduates and support them in becoming teachers to help diversify the workforce.

Today Dr. Dome continues her important work as Founder/CEO of Epoch Education whose primary charge is to provide current, accessible and transforming Professional Development for educators on the topics of Equity, Critical Race Theory, and Culturally Relevant Teaching and Learning.

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