

International Educational Conference in Seattle, WA: ***Professional development clock hours are available***

The conference on *Education for Excellence, Diversity, and Respect*, to be held on Seattle Pacific University campus (spu.edu) on August 22-25, 2018 (<http://korczakconference2018.com>) is initiated, cosponsored, and organized by the SPU School of Education together with the Korczak Association of the USA (korczakusa.com). The conference concept is inspired by the ideas and practice of Dr. Janusz Korczak (1878-1942), a Polish/Jewish educator and writer, an author of the first Declaration of Children's Rights and a passionate champion for these rights. However, the conference goals are much broader than the exploration of the ideas and practices of this remarkable person and allow to introduce many national and international innovations and practices based on an interdisciplinary research in education, moral psychology and neurobiology that lead to creating compassionate schools, culturally responsive classrooms and provide more opportunities for social emotional learning in schools, after school programs, and summer camps. They are also oriented towards helping our students to become accomplished adults with a moral compass in life.

Renowned researchers and practitioners are going to be among the presenters: Professor **Darcia Narvaez** (USA) who has recently received a Vatican award for one of her books in moral psychology; **John Graham** (USA), a co-leader of the *Giraffe Heroes Project* and a developer of the school curriculum based on these ideas; **Nair Kremer** (Brazil), a remarkable art educator and artist; **Jonathan Levy** (France), a consultant for UNESCO and UNICEF, the initiator of *Children as Actors for Transforming Society* (CATS), **Marek Michalak**, Ombudsman for Children (Poland) and a tireless advocate of children's rights, and many more.

The Organizing Committee has put together a program of numerous creative activities to make this conference uniquely relevant for practitioners from different helping professions but mainly for those working with children and young adults. We are committed to equip the participants with valuable experiences of using innovative ideas in their institutions and settings. This will be done during multiple hands-on workshops. Conference participants may receive up to **24 WA clock hours in professional development**. All the other details in this regard are on the registration page.

Please note that teachers and other educators, school principals and school counselors whose schedule does not allow participation during weekdays, may choose to join the conference on Saturday, August 25. This day will be specifically focused on the needs of practitioners through handpicked presentations and workshops.

We expect the attendance of at least 120 people, including locally, nationally and internationally acclaimed educators, psychologists, children's rights' advocates, K-12 teachers, and college instructors from 20 countries across the world.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to present your own work, meet, and start networking with amazing educators and other professionals from Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, and more. In case of any additional questions, please contact Vice Chair of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Tatyana Tsyrlina-Spady, at tsyrlinaspat@spu.edu.