

Speakers



David Kahn, Program Sponsor, serves as founder and executive director of Montessori High School at University Circle. He holds a B.A. in fine arts and classics from the University of Notre Dame (IN) as well as the AMI Montessori Elementary diploma from Bergamo, Italy. He has seventeen years of Montessori teaching experience, twelve of them as teaching principal at Ruffing Montessori School (Cleveland Heights, OH).



Jenny Höglund is an Auxiliary Trainer in the AMI Training of Trainers Programme at the Elementary level. She is in her sixth year of assisting Baiba Krumins Grazzini in Bergamo, Italy, at the International Centre for Montessori Studies. She earned her AMI Elementary diploma at the Ohio Montessori Training Institute and her AMI Primary diploma at the Washington Montessori Institute. She has worked with Montessori adolescents in Sweden from ages 12-15. She intends to specialize in adolescent teacher preparation as she prepares to be a fully vested AMI Elementary Trainer.



Laurie Ewert-Krocker is Head Teacher at Hershey Montessori adolescent program on the farm, Huntsburg, Ohio. She holds AMI diplomas at both the Primary and Elementary levels, a B.A. in English from John Carroll University (OH), and an M.A. in English from the University of Washington. Ms. Ewert-Krocker was the founding head teacher of the Hershey farm program.



John McNamara is Head of School and director of the middle school at Ruffing Montessori School West, Rocky River, Ohio. He received his B.A. from the University of Windsor, Ontario, his master's in educational administration from the University of Toronto, Ontario, and the AMI Elementary diploma from Bergamo, Italy. Mr. McNamara founded the Montessori adolescent program at Ruffing.



Linda Davis began her Montessori work in 1971. Her adolescent work began in 1992 and has included starting programs and advising schools. She has participated in all five Adolescent Colloquia; has been on staff at the NAMTA *Adolescent Orientation* since 2003; and has given presentations at AMI, NAMTA, and other Montessori conferences. Currently she is program director of the Adolescent Program of the Montessori School of Lake Forest (IL), a land-based program.



Jacqui Miller holds a B.A. in architectural design from the University of Pennsylvania and the AMI Elementary diploma from the Washington (DC) Montessori Institute. She has taught adolescents at Arbor Montessori School in Atlanta, Georgia, for ten years.

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Christopher Kjaer teaches science and mathematics at Montessori High School at University Circle in Cleveland, Ohio. He completed his Montessori Elementary training at the International Centre for Montessori Studies in Bergamo, Italy. He holds a B.A. in mathematics from Cornerstone University (MI) and an M.A. from Marygrove College (Detroit, MI). In his five years at New Century Montessori High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he was twice listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* for his work as a mathematics teacher. Areas of research have included topology and classroom use of primary sources in math and science.



James Moudry is director of administrative affairs at Montessori High School at University Circle in Cleveland, OH. He holds the AMI Primary diploma, a B.S. from the University of Minnesota with majors in math, philosophy, and psychology, and an M.Ed. from Loyola College in Maryland.



Michael Waski is a math and science teacher at Montessori High School at University Circle in Cleveland, Ohio. He holds the AMI Montessori Elementary Diploma from International Centre for Montessori Studies in Bergamo, Italy. He completed NAMTA's *Orientation to Adolescent Studies* in 2005.



Pat Ludick directs the adolescent program at Hudson Montessori School, Hudson, Ohio. She taught humanities in the middle school program of Ruffing Montessori School East (Cleveland Heights, OH) for eleven years, and served as middle school coordinator at Ruffing. She also spent two years as Project Director of Land School Model at Montessori School of Raleigh (NC).



Alyssa Conklin-Moore is a full-time mother and a former Assistant to Infancy teacher at Hershey Montessori School in Concord Township, Ohio. She received her B.A. in Anthropology and Psychology from Oberlin College, her master's in education from Cleveland State University, her AMI Primary diploma from the Ohio Montessori Training Institute, and her AMI Assistant to Infancy diploma from The Montessori Institute in Denver, Colorado.



Under the direction of Laurie Ewert-Krocker, the summer staff of Hershey Montessori School adolescent program on the farm will assist participants during the first and second weeks. Staff includes a biologist, a naturalist, a wood shop director, a farmer, a bioshelter manager, a cook, a fine arts specialist, humanities leaders, and AMI-trained Montessorians.

