

Fall 2009 Practitioners Conference

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Conference Keynote Speakers

Karla Reiss is the founder of The Change Place which is a consulting and coaching firm specializing in continuous improvement of individuals, groups and school systems. As a school administrator for twenty years, she has worked with more than 50 school districts, planning teams, and individuals. Ms. Reiss has conducted and coordinated professional development for educators and is trained and experienced in strategic planning and organizational development. She holds a School District Administrator license and a Masters Degree in Elementary and Special Education. She is also a certified Professional Empowerment Coach, member of the International Coach Federation, and hosts the international Educator Special Interest Group. She is a graduate of the Institute for Professional Empowerment Coaching, and has had additional coach training at the College of Executive Coaching. She is the author of *Leadership Coaching for Educators; Bringing Out the Best in School Administrators*, and recipient of the 2007 National Staff Development Council Book of the Year Award. Karla was selected from 2,000 applicants to participate in *"The Life Makeover Project,"* a five-hour television documentary shown on the Oxygen cable channel.



Dr. Randall Collins is the 2008–2009 President for the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and the Superintendent of schools in Waterford, Connecticut. He has been a professional educator for 38 years serving on the eastern seaboard. Dr. Collins received his Bachelors degree in History and Government from Gordon College and has a distinguished military background. He pursued his advanced studies earning a Masters from the University of Maine and an Ed.D. from Boston University. Dr. Collins' experience in the Waterford District is a model for many districts struggling to balance rigorous academic work and student engagement in service to their community. He pioneered the development of the *"Learning through Service Program,"* which made Waterford one of the first public schools in America to require a designated number of community service hours as a requirement for graduation. His leadership has been extraordinary in carrying the message of the value of service-learning and its benefits for young people, schools, and communities. He is the founding member of the National Center for Learning and Citizenship, one of seven centers sponsored by the Education Commission of the States in Denver, serving as past Chair. During his service in the military, he received several medals and commendations including the Connecticut Veteran's Hall of Fame. He has also received numerous professional awards and honors for outstanding contributions to education. Having begun his career as a head start teacher, Dr. Collins remains a vocal advocate for pre-school education, for the right and necessity for all children to learn, and for adequate and equitable funding for public schools.



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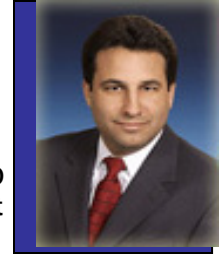
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Dr. Mark Elgart Dr. Mark Elgart currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer for AdvancED, the parent organization for the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) and the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA). Under his leadership, AdvancED is being recognized as a leader on issues of educational quality. Prior to his appointment to lead AdvancED, Dr. Elgart served as Chief Executive Officer for SACS CASI. Previous appointments include Executive Director of the SACS Commission on Secondary and Middle Schools for two years and Associate Executive Director for seven years. During his tenure with SACS CASI, he provided leadership for the consolidation of the SACS Commissions on Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Schools to form the SACS Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. He also led the development and implementation of the “next generation accreditation” model and the District Accreditation protocol. Dr. Elgart is a national and international trainer and presenter on the topics of accreditation, school improvement, leadership, and accountability. Elgart currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the Knowledge Alliance, and on the Advisory Board of Measured Progress.



Dr. Christopher Koch The State Board of Education appointed Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D. to serve as Illinois State Superintendent of Education on May 1, 2007. Prior to his appointment as State Superintendent, Dr. Koch served in the position in an interim capacity. Dr. Koch has been with the Illinois State Board of Education, serving in a variety of capacities, including Director of Special Education and ISBE's Chief Education Officer. Dr. Koch has experience as a special educator having taught in four states in various settings including an Outward Bound program, a college preparatory school, a youth detention center, a psychiatric hospital and a church-sponsored day school. He served at the federal level, with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education where he administered programs in correctional education and School-to-Work (“STW”) transition. As ISBE's Assistant Superintendent for Special Education he worked to ensure the continuation of federal funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to Illinois, implemented a performance-based accountability system for special education, established public reporting of performance data for school districts, promoted parent and school district partnerships and embraced a philosophy of continuous improvement. Dr. Koch is a member of the Council of Chief State School Officers and serves on that organization's Early Childhood and Special Education subcommittees. He is an Illinois native, and obtained his master's and doctoral degrees in Educational Policy and Leadership from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.



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Join your fellow professionals to share solutions that bring real results and will help you raise student achievement!

You can expect...

- Award winning keynote speakers
- Powerful workshop sessions focused on student success
- Products and services to assist you in your continuous improvement efforts
- Legislative dialogue on the latest educational issues impacting your work
- Opportunities to network with your peers from around the state

Conference At-A-Glance

	All Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday 10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Begins at 7:30 AM - Continental Breakfast Provided • Practitioners Sessions • Exhibits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote at 9:00 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karla Reiss • Practitioners Sessions • Educator Coaching Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karla Reiss (Reservations Only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practitioners Sessions • Lunch Provided • Educator Coaching Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karla Reiss (Reservations Only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Social
Friday 10.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Begins at 7:00 AM - Breakfast Buffet Provided • Exhibits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote at 8:30 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Randall Collins • Educational Forum at 9:15 AM • Dr. Christopher Koch at 10:30 AM • Dr. Mark Elgart at 11:00 AM • Adjournment by 12:00 PM 		

At the 2009 Fall Practitioners Conference, educators will:

- ⇒ Unite to share and learn promising practices that have raised student achievement
- ⇒ Communicate strategies to ensure student preparedness in tomorrow's world
- ⇒ Engage in professional conversations to help grow organizational effectiveness

For more information and to register at the Early Bird Price of \$195 (In-Network) and \$245 (Out-of-Network), visit:
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At this conference, we are highlighting excellence in Illinois schools! This is your opportunity to find out how professionals from around the state have developed and implemented practices that are providing today's students with the skills and knowledge to compete and succeed in tomorrow's world— So please join us at this two-day conference where informed educators will connect to engage in professional conversations to:

1. Share the challenges they face impeding student, school, or district performance.
2. Identify what strategies they implemented to resolve these challenges.
3. Celebrate and communicate the success of their results!

The 2009 NCA CASI Fall Practitioners Conference is intended to provide you with tools and replicable models that can be easily implemented within your classrooms, buildings, and/or districts. You will learn about **practices that focus on enhancing the quality of education in schools and districts to improve student achievement and grow organizational effectiveness.** This conference is designed to assist you with moving beyond today's challenges and help you bring about sustainable results — **Real Challenges. Real Solutions. Real Results!**

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS—At the conference you will be able to hear from distinguished professionals, all of whom are dedicated to helping you help raise student achievement!

- ◆ **KARLA REISS**— Award winning author of *Leadership Coaching for Educators; Bringing Out the Best in School Administrators* and Certified Professional Empowerment Coach
- ◆ **DR. RANDALL COLLINS**— American Association of School Administrators 2008—2009 President, Waterford, CT School Superintendent, and pioneer in *Learning Through Service Program*
- ◆ **DR. MARK ELGART**— AdvancED President and CEO
- ◆ **DR. CHRISTOPHER KOCH**— Illinois State Board of Education Superintendent of Schools

DATE AND LOCATION (*Registration begins at 7:30 AM on 10.1 and 7:00 AM on 10.2*)

- ⇒ October 1, 2009: 8:45 AM—3:45 PM; I Hotel and Conference Center; 1900 S. First Street; Champaign, IL
- ⇒ October 2, 2009: 8:15 AM—11:45 AM; I Hotel and Conference Center; 1900 S. First Street; Champaign, IL

NOTE: ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

Check here if you require accommodations to participate. Please provide and submit a description of accommodation requirements at least four weeks prior to the conference.

Workshop Fee: (*Register by August 31 and receive the early bird special pricing!—\$195 In-Network and \$245 Out-of-Network*)

- * **\$245 NCA/AdvancED (In-Network)**
- * **\$295 Non-Member (Out-of-Network)**

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CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received by September 1, 2009 will be refunded, minus a \$50.00 administrative fee. After this date, no refunds will be granted for cancellations or no shows. AdvancED will process all refunds/credit after the event. In the event that the workshop is postponed due to natural disaster or other cause beyond NCA/AdvancED's control, we will make every effort to reschedule. Any registration payment made will automatically be applied to the rescheduled event. If you choose not to attend the rescheduled event, AdvancED will provide a full refund upon written request from the registrant.

SUBSTITUTIONS: If you are unable to attend the event after registering, you may send someone in your place. Please follow these steps:

1. You must submit the person's name and contact information in writing to NCA/AdvancED no less than 3 days prior to the start of the event. Fax and email requests will be honored.
2. If you are from an accredited school, and your replacement is not, he/she must pay any outstanding balance as a result of the difference in corresponding registration rates.