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# Gifted & Talented Symposium

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-7:30



**Dr. Tracy C. Missett, *The State of Gifted Education in Montana***

Dr. Tracy C. Missett is an Assistant Professor at the University of Montana's Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences where she currently holds the Suzanne and Dave Peterson Endowed Professorship in Gifted Education. Dr. Missett received her Ph.D. and B.A. from the University of Virginia, her J.D. from the University of California, and her M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. Missett has engaged in research with the American Psychological Association and the National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented (NRC/GT) on the effectiveness of the CLEAR Curriculum Model as well as on the impacts of Destination Imagination. Dr. Missett has published multiple articles and book chapters on topics in gifted education, and she has received awards in both curriculum and research from the National Association for Gifted Children.



**Dr. Jann Leppien, *Beyond the Boundaries of Giftedness***

Jann Leppien, Ph.D. is an associate professor and the Margo Long Endowed Chair in Gifted Education at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. She conducts professional staff training for educators in the areas of differentiated instruction, curriculum design and assessment for advanced students, thinking skills, and gifted program development, both nationally and internationally. She has served on the board of the National Association for Gifted Children, and currently serves on the board of the Association for the Education of Gifted Underachieving Students (AEGUS), the 2E Center for Research and Professional Development, NAGC's Diversity and Equity and Awards Committees, and Washington State's Gifted and Talented Advisory Board. She is also President of Edufest, a summer teaching and learning institute held each summer in Boise, Idaho. She is the coauthor of *The Multiple Menu Model: A Practical Guide for Developing Differentiated Curriculum*, *The Parallel Curriculum: A Design to Develop High Potential and Challenge High-Ability Students* and editor of a series of related books illustrating sample units designed using PCM.

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