



# Rutgers Center for Literacy Development

## 2022-2023 Speaker Series

### Cornelius Minor

*We Got This: Literacy Instruction that Promotes Equity, Access and Being who our Students Need us to Be*

**Oct. 20**

In his presentation, Cornelius will discuss what we are missing in Literacy Instruction to promote Equity. He asks why we keep walking when we know how to fly? Cornelius will discuss how to put kids on the path to success and the different kinds of successes there are in learning to read and write. He says, "We know a lot about teaching and literacy. Therefore we need to be more than yesterday's orthodoxy by being creative with a vision for tomorrow." Strategies will be provided that demonstrate the vision.

### Doug Fisher

*Reading Reimagined: Weaving Word Recognition and Language Comprehension for Effective Literacy Instruction (The Science of Reading)*

**Dec. 8**

What does it take to ensure that the vast majority of children learn to read? What do we know, for sure, that must be included in reading instruction? If these are the question that keep you awake at night, this session is for you. We'll explore early literacy learning and foundational skills for readers. But we will also explore verbal reasoning and the theory of mind that is required to produce amazing readers. The session will focus on two major strands of reading development recognized in the Science of Reading: Word recognition and language comprehension. Weaving these together is critical if we are going to effectively answer the daunting questions about teaching reading well.

**Registration cost for one Speaker Series event: \$175**  
**Discounted registration cost for all 5 events: \$750**





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### John Schumacher

The Gift of Story: Exploring the Affective Side of the Reading Life

**Feb. 23**

When we share our hearts through story, we inspire others to think more deeply about their own hearts and how stories connect us all. In this presentation of the heart, teacher, librarian, children's author, book lover, and story ambassador John Schu invites readers to consider literacy beyond its academic benefits, highlighting the ways story speaks to our hearts and brings us together. Presented through a study of five affective elements of story --- healer, inspiration, clarifier, compassion, and connector --- participants will explore how the universal truths found in stories can change us, inspire us, connect us to others, answer our deepest questions, and help us heal.

### Penny Kittle

The Writing Lessons I Learned from Hamilton: Relevance, Engagement, and Community

**Apr. 20**

The Pulitzer Prize winning play by Lin-Manuel Miranda has lessons to teach us all about passion, creativity, genre, and the process of writing. Each year we have the opportunity to help students construct identities of power and opportunity, to challenge themselves as readers and writers, and to act with agency in our classrooms. We will unpack the classroom conditions and practices in writing that are grounded in key principles for motivation: relevance, engagement, and community.

### Presenters to be Announced

**May 25**

Current Issues In Literacy Instruction: Differentiated Instruction, Struggling Readers, and the Science of Reading



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