

# Keynote Speakers

## SUNDAY



### Adria Klein

*Reading Recovery trainer, Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA*

#### Looking Back and Moving Forward: Literacy Learning in the 21st Century

Clay cautions: "Strong forces work against change. Most innovations never are tried because we have so much invested in the status quo" (*Partners in Learning*). We will explore how teachers, school, and district leadership teams can move from best practices to possible next practices and empower our students to be future ready. We can start with the question of what have our students taught us and how we can become more student-centered in all our work.

## MONDAY



### Douglas Reeves

*Founder, Creative Leadership Solutions, Boston, MA*

#### The E-Squared Solution: Equity and Excellence Right Now

When students are struggling with reading, they don't want to hear that, "We've got some good ideas, but it will take five to seven years to make them happen." Our students and teachers need to have change that happens right now, with immediate and clear impact on student results and educational equity. A roadmap for teachers, administrators, and policymakers at every level to make change happen is illustrated.

## TUESDAY



### Nikki Grimes

*Children's author & poet, Corona, CA*

#### The Power of Poetry

From poems that bring reluctant readers to the page, to novels-in-verse that persuade students to abandon risky behavior, or dissuade them from desperate acts like suicide, Grimes has witnessed, and shares, the power of poetry. Explore how verse can be used to entice students to read, motivate them to write, and enhance the culture of the classroom by creating a sense of community.

### About our keynote speakers

Adria Klein, Ph.D., is the trainer and director of the Reading Recovery Center at Saint Mary's College of California. She is also a professor emeritus of reading education at CSU San Bernardino where she was chair of the Department of Elementary and Bilingual Education. Dr. Klein is the author of four professional texts and many scholarly articles. Her most recent book is *Meaningful Reading Assessment* co-authored with Peter Afflerbach. She has also authored several children's books. As a senior consultant for the nonprofit New Teacher Center, she was a principal investigator for a Hewlett Foundation-funded grant on oral language development for PreK-Grade 8.

Douglas Reeves, PhD, is the author of more than 30 books and 100 articles on educational leadership. His newest book, *The New Model of Change*, provides a clear roadmap for teachers, administrators, and policymakers at every level to make change happen. Twice named to the Harvard University Distinguished Authors Series, he has received many national and international honors for his contributions to education. His volunteer work includes FinishTheDissertation.org, providing free and non-commercial support for doctoral candidates around the world, and The SNAFU Review that publishes essays, poetry, stories, and artwork of disabled veterans.

Nikki Grimes, creator of the popular *Meet Danitra Brown* series, began composing at the age of 6. Her distinguished works include the much-honored books *Garvey's Choice*, ALA Notable book *What is Goodbye?*, Coretta Scott King Award winner *Bronx Masquerade*, and Coretta Scott King Author Honor books *Jazmin's Notebook*, *Talkin' About Bessie*, *Dark Sons*, *Words with Wings*, and *The Road to Paris*. The *New York Times* best-selling author is the recipient of the 2017 Children's Literature Legacy Award, the 2016 Virginia Hamilton Literary Award, and the 2006 NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children.