





CONCURRENT PLENARIES: JUNE 10TH, 8:45-10:45 AM

(Each Plenary begins with a Youth Speaker sharing his or her experience while growing up)

 <p>RESILIENCE AND SCHOOLS</p> <p>Location: Venue A, KTS Room</p>	<p>Professor Petra Engelbrecht is the Executive Dean at the Faculty of Education Sciences North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) and an internationally recognized researcher in the field of inclusive education. She has led several international research projects on the implementation of inclusive education in various countries. Previously Senior Director: Research at Stellenbosch University, Professor Engelbrecht has been awarded a Senior Research Medal by the Education Association of South Africa (EASA), honouring her exceptional contribution towards research in education, her key role in the establishment of an equitable education system, and her contribution towards colleagues' personal and professional development in the fields of education and psychology. She has published widely and has led several international research projects on inclusive education including a UNESCO funded project on The INDEX for Inclusion.</p> <p>Neerja Sharma, Ph.D., is a Reader in the Department of Child Development, Lady Irwin College, New Delhi, India, and an internationally recognized researcher in the area of education, inclusion, and children with disabilities. She is also co-editor of a number of books including <i>Researching Families and Children: Culturally Appropriate Methods</i>.</p> <p>Youth Speaker: Stella Ducklow</p>
 <p>COMMUNITY RESILIENCE</p> <p>Location: Venue A, LSC 338</p>	<p>Jack Saul, Ph.D., is Director of the International Trauma Studies Program at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. As a psychologist he has created a number of psychosocial programs in New York City for populations that have endured war, torture and political violence and is known for his innovative work with communities that integrates testimony, healing, media, and the performance arts. In 1995 he co-founded the Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture and was its clinical director until 1998 when he founded the International Trauma Studies Program at NYU School of Medicine. In 1999, he established Refuge, a community based program for survivors of torture and refugee trauma, a member of the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs. He works internationally with reporters and photographers on the coverage of survivors of severe human rights violations and with humanitarian, legal, and media organizations on the development and implementation of staff welfare programs.</p> <p>Youth Speaker: Lucas Krefit</p>
 <p>FAMILY RESILIENCE</p> <p>Location: Venue A, Alumni Hall</p>	<p>Froma Walsh, MSW, PhD, is Co-Director and Co-Founder of the Chicago Center for Family Health, and is the Mose and Sylvia Firestone Professor Emerita in the School of Social Service Administration and Department of Psychiatry, Pritzker School of Medicine, at the University of Chicago. Dr. Walsh has developed a resilience-oriented, community-based practice approach to strengthen families in crisis (e.g. major trauma; loss); in disruptive transitions (separation, divorce; migration); and facing challenges of persistent, multi-stress conditions (e.g. illness, disability; economic hardship). With over 90 publications, her books include: <i>Strengthening Family Resilience</i>, (2nd Ed., 2006); <i>Spiritual Resources in Family Therapy</i> (2nd Ed., 2009); <i>Normal Family Processes: Growing Diversity and Complexity</i> (3rd Ed., 2003); and <i>Living Beyond Loss: Death in the Family</i> (2nd ed. 2004). Dr. Walsh is past editor of the <i>Journal of Marital and Family Therapy</i> and past president of the American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA). Among many honors for her distinguished contributions to family systems theory, research, and practice are awards by AFTA and the American Psychological Association (APA) Division of Family Psychology.</p> <p>Youth Speaker: Loryn Oliver</p>
 <p>RESILIENCE IN CULTURALLY DIVERSE SETTINGS</p> <p>Location: Venue A, LSC 242</p>	<p>Laurence J. Kirmayer, MD, FRCPC, is the James McGill Professor and Director, Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University. He is Editor-in-Chief of <i>Transcultural Psychiatry</i>, and directs the Culture and Mental Health Research Unit at the Department of Psychiatry, Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital in Montreal where he conducts research on mental health services for immigrants and refugees, and the mental health of Canadian Aboriginal peoples, as well as a cross-national comparative study of mental health services for culturally diverse populations.</p> <p>Youth Speakers: Afsa Shaban and Akram Hamdan</p>

