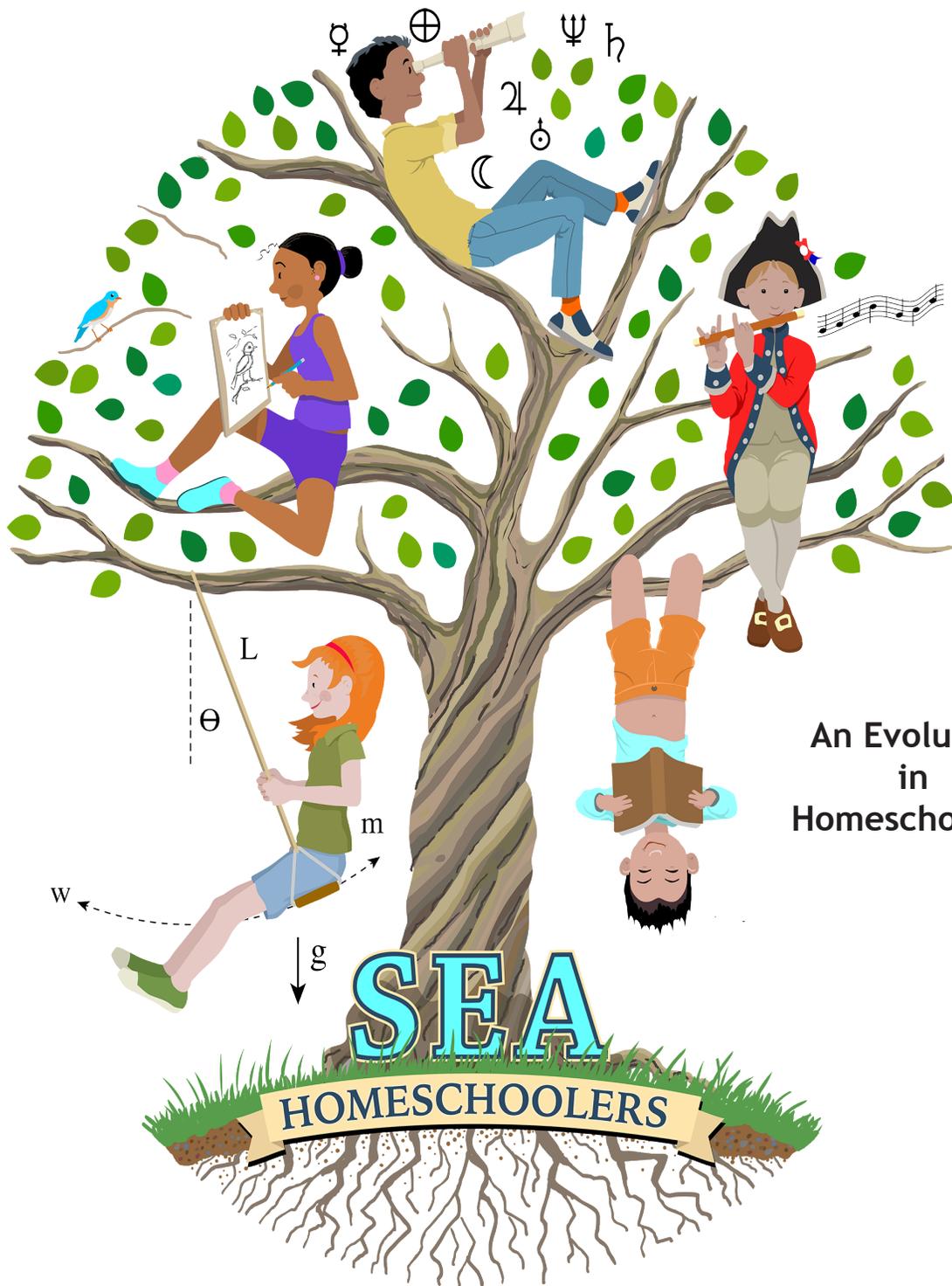


# Secular, Eclectic, Academic Homeschoolers Conference 2017

June 1 - 4, Shepherd University  
Shepherdstown, West Virginia



## Hello and Welcome to the Secular, Eclectic, Academic Homeschooling Conference 2017,

When conference chair Christina Keller approached me with the idea for this conference in June, 2016, she told me she wanted to have a conference that focused on secular academics, kids, and community. She wanted to have the conference at a college and have the college provide workshops and information for homeschooled kids. She offered to help develop a model for a conference that reflected what SEA Homeschoolers is about: secular academics, eclectic academic homeschooling, community, and kids. It is exciting to see her idea come to fruition!

We have worked hard to develop a conference model that takes the best aspects of other conferences and adds some unique elements. In addition to information from Shepherd College, we are hosting a college fair. We are raising money for a permaculture service project and hosting a blood drive both of which reflect the strong commitment to service of many members of the SEA Homeschoolers community. One of the purposes of SEA Homeschoolers is to promote the providers of secular academic materials and programs. To help with that, we will share information and specials from all conference sponsors and vendors into our online groups.

Homeschooling conferences provide an important service. For people just considering homeschooling, they are a great place to find out about homeschooling and meet homeschooling parents and their kids. For veteran homeschoolers, they are a great way to connect with others in your community, get inspiration and support, and get ideas about innovative things others are doing in their home. For homeschooled children and teens, they will make friends, learn, and make wonderful memories. I am delighted to meet you!

Thank you so much for being a part of the SEA Homeschool Community,

*Blair Lee, Founder of SEA Homeschoolers*



**Conferences are fun for little ones, but sometimes it is nice to go to talks without them.**

**We have a dedicated space for our youngest attendees with activities and childcare providers.**





SEA Homeschoolers is starting our 2017 conference  
COLLEGE FAIR!

Six colleges will be on site and several other colleges sent materials. We have the local area looking for homeschool friendly colleges. Shepherd University, Hagerstown Community College, Ohio University, Berry College, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, and Shippensburg University.

Additional information will be provided from MIT, Duke University, University of Florida, Florida Polytech University, and Florida State College Jacksonville.

Shepherd University will be giving a College 101 Session as well as a camp. They will be talking about transcripts, the application process, what colleges look for in students, and financial aid.

As a service to our homeschool community, the college fair is free to attend. In addition, all college fair attendees will receive a \$5 discount on Vendor Hall.

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# THURSDAY JUN. 1

11:00AM-5:00PM

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## College Fair

■ Adults & Teens

12:00PM-4:00PM

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## Welcome, Registration & Check-In

■ All Ages

12:00PM-6:00PM

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## Vendor Hall

■ Vendors

1:00PM-5:00PM

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## Minecraft Builder's Kickoff

■ Children & Teens

■ Adults & Teens

## Children's Room

■ Children

## A Homeschooler's Guide To College

1:45PM-2:45PM

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## 5 Strategies for Supporting Kids with Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia, Processing Delays, and Other Learning Differences

■ Adults

## Physics of Music

■ Adults & Teens

## Entomology and Eating Bugs for Kids of All Ages

■ All Ages

## Homeschooling 101-Get Past The Fear

■ Adults

## Short and Long Chain Solitaire Math Card Games

■ Children

3:00PM-4:00PM

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## ADHD, LD, and College Bound? Preparing Your Alternative Learner for College

■ Adults

## Tabletop Games

■ All Ages

## Introduction to Michael Clay Thompson Language Arts Curriculum

■ Adults

## The Common Civil War Soldier

■ All Ages

## Meet the Author

■ Authors

## Unschooling Reading: ■ Adults

4:00PM-5:00PM

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## Arts & Crafts

■ Children & Teens

## Game Room Teen Time

■ Teens

7:00PM-10:00PM

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## Magic the Gathering Tournament

■ All Ages

## Open Game Room

■ All Ages

7:30PM-10:00PM

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## Reception at the Four Seasons Bookstore in Shepherdstown

■ Adults

## FRIDAY JUN. 2

8:00AM-9:00AM

### Welcome, Registration & Check-In

All Ages

9:00AM-10:00AM

### Help! The Test Report Says 'LD', Now What??

Adults

### Homeschool and Working Parents

Adults

### Introduction to Four-Level Grammar Analysis

Adults

### Nature Learning - Permaculture, Biodynamic Soil, and Compost

Adults

### Seed Bombs

Children & Adults

9:00AM-6:00PM

### Children's Room

Children

### Vendor Hall

Vendors

10:15AM-11:15AM

### Creating a Culture of Learning in Your Family

Adults

### History—Why Bother?

Adults

### Homeschooling Gifted Students

Adults

### Rhetorically Reading Pop Culture & Historical Documents: How to Use Rhetorical Analysis to Analyze Written and Visual Texts

Adults

### Arts & Crafts

Children & Teens

### How to Write a College Essay

Teens

12:00PM-2:00PM

### Smash Brothers' Contest

Children & Teens



# Tournament

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Game  
Cube

**Controllers not provided**

**You don't want to miss SEA's Smash Bros tournament**

## FRIDAY JUN. 2 - Continued

1:00PM-2:00PM

Key Note Address - The Benefit of Homeschooling: It's Innovative, It's Eclectic, It's Organic, It's Academic

All Ages

2:00PM-5:00PM

Drop In Yearbook/Portfolio Mashup!

Adults & Teens

2:15PM-3:15PM

Reading - When to Worry

Adults

Teaching Physics

Adults

The Poetry of Prose

Adults

There is Nothing Inappropriate about Secular

Homeschooling

Adults

Fraction War (Math Games)

Children

Philosophy for Children

Children & Adults

2:15PM-6:15PM

Building The Perfect PC From Scratch

Teens

3:30PM-4:30PM

An Introduction to the Fabulae Caeciliae Latin

Curriculum

Adults

Finding Facts in the "Fake News" Cycle: How to Find Credible Sources for Information and Research

Adults

Montessori in the Homeschool

Adults

Civil War Medicine

Adults & Teens

Zinn Education Project: Teaching People's History

All Ages

Matchbox Physics

Children

4:45PM-5:45PM

Live Online Classes in Action, How They Work and How You Can Use Them

Adults

Using the MLA Method to Teach Academic Writing

Adults

Real Live Homeschool Graduates!

Adults & Teens

Multiplication Games

Children

4:45PM-6:00PM

Book Readings & Meet and Greet with Children's Author JR Becker

Children & Adults

7:00PM-11:00PM

2017 Homeschool Spring Formal

Teens

7:30PM-9:30PM

Adult Mixer

Adults

Children's Bowling

Children & Teens

Most folks don't think too often about the consistent, and at times desperate, need that exists in hospitals and medical centers all across the world for blood. When tragedy strikes and blood is needed to keep your loved one alive, it leaves an indelible



impression of the importance of having an adequate blood supply. Blair Lee, SEA Homeschoolers founder, and her husband Jim understand this after their son Sean was a victim of violence. In a stabbing attack, Sean lost 2 liters of blood and was minutes away from death. It was the kindness and generosity of strangers, via blood donations, that saved Sean's life.

On behalf of Sean and his parents, SEA Homeschoolers is excited to host an Inova Blood Center blood drive this Saturday, June 3rd at the conference.

Donors will receive a coupon for 25% off 1 SEA Homeschoolers item in the Conference Bookstore or 25% off a pass to the Vendor Hall.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

EACH PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES

SEA Homeschoolers would like to thank The National Alliance of Secular Homeschoolers for donating their program ad space to Inova Blood Center to promote the blood drive.



In Honor  
of  
Sean Lee

**Saturday, June 3, 2017 10am - 5pm**

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## Thursday Night MAGIC

The Gathering®



# Tournament

Don't miss SEA's Magic The Gathering tournament

Come by the BFFTNEF booth to learn more about permaculture and to make seed bombs.

We have partnered with SEA Homeschoolers to build three permaculture structures on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Spring 2018.



Join Your Fellow Secular Homeschoolers

June 1st - 4th

Featured Vendor/Presenter:  
BFFTNEF  
Jolinda Kohl

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Secular Homeschool Conference

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# SATURDAY JUN. 3

8:00AM-9:00AM

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## Welcome, Registration & Check-In

■ All Ages

9:00AM-10:00AM

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## Homeschool Portfolios Workshop

■ Adults

## Learning Differences: An Introduction for Homeschooling Families

■ Adults

## Teaching Primitive Skills to Children

■ Adults

## Meaningful Play Workshop with Arbor Arts

■ Children & Adults

9:00AM-11:15AM

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## Bushcraft Skills Training - Ages 7-12

■ Children

9:00AM-6:00PM

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## Vendor Hall

■ Vendors

10:00AM-11:30AM

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## Game Room Teen Time

■ Teens

10:00AM-4:00PM

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## Blood Drive

■ Adults & Teens

10:15AM-11:15AM

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## Four-Level Literature Trilogies

■ Adults

## Lapbooks Workshop

■ Adults

## Preparing for Physics

■ Adults

## Transitioning to Independent Learning

■ Adults

## Book Readings with Children's Author JR Becker

■ Children & Adults

10:15AM-12:00PM

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## Making The Most Of Linux

■ Teens

11:15AM-12:00PM

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## Meet the Author

■ Authors

# SATURDAY JUN. 3 - Continued

1:00PM-2:00PM

## Building a Solid Math Foundation

■ Adults

## Living Books and Adapting Charlotte Mason for Modern Secular Homeschooling

■ Adults

## Project-Based Learning

■ Adults

## What Does Online Learning Look Like?

■ Adults

## Tabletop Games

■ All Ages

1:00PM-3:15PM

## Bushcraft Skills Training - Ages 13-18

■ Teens

2:15PM-3:15PM

## Interdisciplinary Vocabulary with Latin and Greek Stems

■ Adults

## Not your Mother's Comic Books Anymore: Looking at Graphic Novels for Learning about History, Literature, and Social Justice

■ Adults

## Social/Emotional Wellbeing for Homeschool Families

■ All Ages

## Cool Science Experiments

■ Children & Teens

## Understanding Seasons

■ Teens

3:30PM-4:30PM

## Homeschooling Through High School

■ Adults

## Homeschooling Your Gifted/Twice Exceptional Kids

■ Adults

## Meaningful Play: How to Create an Enticing, Relaxed Environment for Exploratory Learning.

■ Adults

## The Student as Teacher - A New Approach to Chemistry Education

■ Adults & Teens

## Arts & Crafts

■ Children & Teens

## Minecraft Builder's Judging

■ Children & Teens

4:45PM-5:45PM

## Adapting and Modifying to Support Homeschooling with Special Needs

■ Adults

## Between The Rock & A Hard Place: Secular Homeschooling as a Person of Faith: A Discussion

■ Adults

## Let's Play Math Games!

■ Adults

## True Colors Shining Bright: Supporting LGBTQ Youth

■ Adults & Teens

## Corners Variation & Welcome to the Dump (Math Games)

■ Children

7:00PM-9:00PM

## Children & Teen Talent Show

■ Children & Teens

9:00PM-9:30PM

## Art Show Results

■ Children & Teens

# SUNDAY JUN. 4

8:00AM-12:00PM

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## Vendor Hall

■ Vendors

9:00AM-10:00AM

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## Learning Styles in Your Homeschool

■ Adults

## National Parks Programming #1

■ Children & Adults

## Supporting Wellness in Our Gifted Kiddos

■ Adults

9:00AM-12:00PM

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## Children's Room

■ Children

10:15AM-11:15AM

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## Neurodiversity and Sensory Processing:

### Embrace Diversity

■ Adults

## National Parks Programming #2

■ Adults & Teens

## Science for the Secular Homeschooler

■ Adults

## Matchbox Physics

■ Children



Between sessions and in the evening there is a gameroom, with a bowling alley, pool tables, and video games where you and your kids can hang out and relax.



## Michael Clay Thompson - Featured Speaker

**Michael** is the author of more than seventy books about language arts. He is the Past President of the Indiana Association for the Gifted, and he served two terms on the Board of Directors of NAGC, the National Association for the Gifted.

Join us for Michael's presentations:

"Introduction to Four-Level Grammar Analysis" on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

"The Poetry of Prose" on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 2:15 p.m.

"Using the MLA Method to Teach Academic Writing" on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 4:45 p.m.

"Four-Level Literature trilogies" on Saturday, June 2, 2017 at 10:15 p.m.

"Interdisciplinary Vocabulary with Latin and Greek Stems" on Saturday, June 2, 2017 at 2:15 p.m.

## Conference Speakers

**Elizabeth Barr Elizabeth (Beth)** is a former public school teacher who never quite fit into the box that is public education. After gay marriage was legalized, and she married, Beth was able to pull her own daughter from public school and begin the homeschooling journey.

**Sharlena Barrow**, lives near Baltimore, MD with her husband and two sons. Wanting to better advocate for her own children, one gifted and one learning with autism spectrum disorder, Barrow earned her Masters of Curriculum and Instruction-Learning Disability, Concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis. In her role as homeschool consultant, she provides individualized and group instruction in all core subject areas for students in 1st-6th grade, utilizing multi-sensory lesson plans. She collaborates with parents, students, and service providers to develop and implement, IEPs, Functional Behavior Assessments, as well as Behavior Intervention Plans. Barrow is also Founder and Executive Director of Inspiring People and Community. IPC is dedicated to empowering and connecting individuals and families with autism spectrum disorders with appropriate resources, ensuring participation in recreational, behavioral, academic and vocational programs.

**J. R. Becker** holds a B.A. in Philosophy and a Juris Doctorate from Emory University School of Law. When he's not practicing entertainment law, drumming, or enjoying the outdoors, Joseph enjoys all the science and philosophy books and podcasts he can.

**Heather Boorman** is a homeschooling mom to 3 gifted/2e kids by day and a licensed clinical social worker, writer, & speaker by night. She specializes in supporting neurodiverse families in her therapy practice and at The Fringy Bit blog and podcast.

**Dr. James J. Broomall** is the Director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War (GTMC) and an assistant professor of history at Shepherd University. A published writer, Broomall oversees public programs at the GTMC.

## 2017 SEA Homeschoolers Conference Keynote Speaker: Blair Lee



**Blair Lee MS** is the founder of SEA Homeschoolers. She is an author for the critically acclaimed R.E.A.L. Science Odyssey Series and this summer she is releasing her first self-published book, *The Science of Climate Change: A Hands-On Course*.

Blair is a passionate advocate of innovative academics using secular materials for all disciplines. Through her speaking and writing, her goal is to empower homeschoolers to dare to be innovative and create something unique and academically-rich when handcrafting their child's journey through learning.

Join us for Blair's presentations:

"The Benefit of Homeschooling: It's Innovative, It's Eclectic, It's Organic, It's Academic" on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

"Project-Based Learning" on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

"Science for the Secular Homeschooler" on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 10:15 a.m.

## Conference Speakers

**Mari Buckroth** has been secularly homeschooling her daughter since 2009. She has a B.A. in Criminal Justice and an M.A. in Public Administration. She has worked in the juvenile justice system as well as a mental health advocate. She is a freelance writer who volunteers at her local co-op. She blogs as The Inappropriate Homeschooler and is the co-founder of The National Alliance for Secular Homeschoolers.

**Beverly Burgess**, author of *Out of the Box Learning ~ Empowering YOU On Your Homeschool Journey*, lives in Rhode Island with her husband and three children. Bev loves sharing her eleven plus years of expertise with homeschoolers across the country and internationally as a Homeschool Coach & Consultant. She coaches new & experienced homeschoolers, and lectures on a multitude of topics about Homeschooling. Her oldest child is a writing major at a small liberal arts college in Vermont. Her middle child just left for the Marines (literally), and her youngest child is still homeschooling and runs his own video editing business. Bev spent seven years as the Executive Director of the largest secular nonprofit homeschooling group in Rhode Island and is an admitted curriculum hoarder.

**Amy Cannava** is a veteran school psychologist who specializes in LGBTQ youth. She is Chair of the NASP's LGBTQI2-S Committee & VP of PFLAG Winchester. She is regularly reminded of all she doesn't know by the trans youth who lives with her!

**Lauren Connolly** teaches rhetoric, writing, as well as ethics & diversity at Lewis-Clark State College, in addition to, homeschooling her 9-year-old. When she is not teaching, you can find her reading, writing and traveling with her family.

## Conference Speakers

**Emily Cook** is the author and creator of the secular homeschool curriculum Build Your Library, a literature-based K-9 program infused with the teachings of Charlotte Mason. She writes full year lesson plans as well as shorter topical unit studies. Emily has been homeschooling her four children in Southern NH for 14 years. She is passionate about reading aloud to children of all ages and loves to share her love of literature with others. She and her family also make videos about homeschooling, books and more on Youtube at [ARRRRGH! Schooling](#).

**Lauren Cooper** is the coordinator of the Zinn Education Project. She attended the Johnston Center at the Univ. of Redlands (Calif.), an intentional living/learning program built on community and consensus, where students design their majors.

**Rebecca Cumbie** understands and works with ALL homeschooling methods and philosophies. It is her passion to help fellow parents realize that homeschooling is possible for all families, has limitless benefits, and can be tailored to meet individual needs.

**Lorilei Dreibelbis** 30+ years Girl Scouting, 1200+ hours as a challenge course facilitator, 12 years parenting autism, 10 years parenting dyslexia, 10 years classroom teaching, 9 years swim instructing, 5 years home-schooling, 3 years presenting nationally = Experience.

**Corin Goodwin** founded GHF: Gifted Homeschoolers Forum in 2004. She has written many articles, papers, two books and a textbook chapter. She serves on several advisory boards. Her kids have finally grown up and she's trying to catch up on her sleep.

**Jeffrey Gottlieb**, MS (in Biology), has been a Naturalist, Outdoor Educator and Primitive Skills Instructor for more than 30 years. He works with school groups, nature centers, museums, scout troops and summer camps, builds full-sized wigwams and longhouses and replicates primitive tools and artifacts for display. His areas of special interest include fiber arts, flintknapping, basketry, edible and utilitarian plants, and nature awareness. He travels widely in the Eastern U.S. teaching at rendezvous, gatherings and historic fairs. He has written a how-to manual on building wigwams, and an instructors' manual entitled *Teaching Primitive Skills to Children*. His new book on natural fibers and ropemaking is available directly from him.

**David Gracer** has taught writing and literature at Community College of Rhode Island for fourteen years... and in many different educational settings. He has published many articles and is writing three books. He discovered entomophagy in 1999 and has worked to advance the subject, which is a bridge between our past and future, and a lens through which to observe our relationships to the planet. He has participated in many entomophagy-centered events, given a TED talk on the subject, and had many adventures throughout the world, including a six-week visit to Tanzania, where he walked across the Serengeti National Park eating bugs along the way as part of a reality television show.

**Kathryn Grogg, Ph.D.**, is a certified school psychologist, educational consultant, mother of twin tween girls, home educator, & Christian who chooses a secular approach to homeschooling. She lives in Atlanta, GA, & consults nationally.

**SEA Homeschoolers is having 2 conference raffles to kickoff our new service project! One will be in person at the conference and the other online.**

SEA Homeschoolers is partnering with the nonprofit organization Bringing Food Forests to NE Florida on a permaculture project in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. We are raising funds to build sustainable greenhouses and educate community members about how to start and maintain food forests. Pine Ridge residents experience a lack of access to fresh fruits and vegetables year round. The most heavily impacted are children, elderly, and veteran populations. Our goal is to stretch the growing season by installing sustainably built greenhouse. You can support this project when you buy raffle tickets at the SEA Homeschoolers Conference Bookstore or online at SEAHomeschoolers.com. We will be adding prizes until the day of the conference. With a ticket purchase, you will be entered to win amazing prizes from these conference supporters! If you would like to make a donation email [kat@seahomeschoolers.com](mailto:kat@seahomeschoolers.com).

**Build Your Library**

**Pandia Press - History Odyssey and REAL Science Odyssey**

**Kate Laird's *Homeschool Teacher***

**Online Classes for Groovy Kids**

**GHF: Gifted Homeschool Forum**

**Beverly Burgess Homeschool Coach**

**JR Becker, author of the *Annabelle & Aiden* children's series**

**Right Start Math**

**Oak Meadow**

**Be Naturally Curious**

**Arbor Arts**

**Brave Writer**

**Math Mammoth**

**Suki Wessling, author of *Hanna, Homeschooler***

**Blair Lee's new book *The Science of Climate Change: A Hands-on Course***

**Next Level Homeschool**

**SEA SWAG Goodie Basket**

## Conference Speaker

**Ian Guch** has a B.A. in Chemistry from UCSB and has been teaching and writing about chemical education for nearly 20 years. His website and books have helped students and teachers alike with their free tutorials and educator resources. He has been using the GNU/Linux operating system for five years and isn't planning on going back to Windows. Ian will be running a workshop focused on how to build your own computer for the ground up including where to get, install, and use the free Linux Operating system.

## Conference Speakers

**Jessica Hobbs** holds a MS in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, is a certified kindergarten and pre-school teacher, has served as a preschool director, and a inspector for childcare centers and preschools. Throughout her career Jessica has struggled with the fact that many of the theories and curriculum intended for early childhood education are not age appropriate or effective. Based upon her successes in the classroom she decided to write her own early childhood curriculum. After several years of writing and testing the curriculum she founded Arbor Arts Early Childhood Educational Solutions. Although Jessica has spent her career working with children in a school setting she knows how clearly children thrive and learn at home. She and her husband, while also teaching in brick and mortar schools made a commitment to homeschool their now 12 year old son.

**Lucius Irvin** is a homeschool parent. He teaches public school where he has introduced a Mindfulness program and partnering with the University of Tenn. to research its effectiveness. He is also writing a curriculum on supporting Executive Function.

**Kate Johnson**, publisher with Pandia Press (REAL Science Odyssey and History Odyssey), has been a pioneer in secular homeschooling since the oldest of her four children, now a college graduate, was in kindergarten.

**Thom Jones** has a J.D. (Law), as well as B.A. and M.A. degrees in history. He has taught a variety of courses at the college level, as well as programs and online classes for homeschoolers.

**Dr. Sharon Kaye** is Professor of Philosophy at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. She has published numerous articles and books, which have been translated into several languages. She runs a philosophy for kids program and has 2 young kids.

**Alessa Giampaolo Keener** teaches a 7-week course on Unschooling Reading to homeschoolers and child care workers in Maryland. With an advanced degree and training from Johns Hopkins, she also conducts reading assessments for homeschooling families.

**Christina Keller** has a Masters Degree in Clinical Behavioral Applications of Psychology. She has spent 15 years as a licensed special education teacher, 12 years providing behavior and developmental support in early intervention, and 1 year as a supervised clinical therapist specializing in supporting children and families. She has been homeschooling her two children for 7 years.

**Dr. T. M. Kemnitz** founded Royal Fireworks Press in 1977 to develop curricula for gifted and talented children. He was a university professor with a specialty in Victorian England, but he was profoundly dissatisfied with how ill-prepared for higher education his students were. It seemed to him that students knew far too little about far too few subjects, and he sought to offer broader and deeper curricula choices. He has consistently tried to shape curriculum that is child-centered, demanding, creative, and filled with art, humor, and joy. Often that curriculum does not look like what he experienced as a child or what is offered in most classrooms. When homeschooling became a viable option, Dr. Kemnitz quickly embraced it because he thought that what you could do only with gifted children in classrooms you can do with any child in the homeschool setting. He also has been impressed by the focus on pedagogy that homeschool parents share. Dr. Kemnitz is the author of many books for children and parents/teachers. In the past year, he has concentrated on writing about the worlds of ancient Greece and Rome for students of the Royal Fireworks language arts curriculum by Michael Clay Thompson.

## Conference Speakers

**Kathleen Cotter Lawler** travels all across the US and Canada helping parents teach their children to understand, apply, and enjoy mathematics. In her spare time, Kathleen designs and creates quilts and is re-learning how to unicycle.

**Amanda McClure** is the Founding Director of Groovy Kids Online, a nonprofit organization dedicated to making every family a learning family. Additionally, she homeschools her 11-year-old son and the occasional neighbor kid when they need it.

**Dr. Sytil Murphy** is a professor of Physics at Shepherd University, who conducts research in Physics Education Research. She is also the co-organizer of the Seeding Your Future Initiative — an outreach program for students in grades 5-12 (or equivalent).

**Amir Nathoo** is founder of Outschool.com - a new service for homeschoolers to find and book small-group, online classes for kids offered by independent teachers.

**Tammy Oesting** is cofounder and a trainer for ClassroomMechanics a Montessori Professional Development company. American Montessori Society-credentialed from 3-12 y.o., Tammy has over 20+ years in the classroom and delivering engaging workshops nationally.

**Alexander Ojeda** is a professional permacultural design educator and has been teaching the Permaculture Design Curriculum since 2013. In the last 5 years he's devoted his life to permaculture and has built a community of over 2500 members and installed over 22 acres of permaculture zone one gardens.

**Justin Schwamm**, Director of Online Classes for Gifted Homeschoolers Forum, teaches online and face-to-face Latin classes and private lessons for homeschoolers and is the founder of the Tres Columnae Project, a “storyworld” approach to Latin.

**Rebecca Wald, Ph.D.** is both an experienced homeschooler and a psychologist licensed in the state of Maryland. Through her clinical psychology practice, Minds in Focus, she helps homeschooling families (and others outside the mainstream) with concerns about learning disabilities, ADHD, behavior problems, anxiety, and depression. Dr. Wald has a particular interest in working with “twice exceptional” children – gifted and learning disabled, or gifted with a mental health condition.