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LEADERSHIP 2025 INSTITUTE

Advocating to Empower our Most Vulnerable Students
Address Your Own Unique Problem of Practice at BLI

July 13th - 16th, 2025
USC Hotel, University Park Campus
Los Angeles

USC Rossier created the Breakthrough Leadership Institute to give school leadership teams and individuals a place to think deeply about their school communities and how they can move intractable challenges forward.

The institute focuses on interrogating a local problem of practice from a variety of school district compositions – rural, urban, or suburban.

Attending teams or individuals can include a diverse cross-section of positions, such as, district superintendent, cabinet/c-suite members, classroom teachers, principals, instructional leaders/coaches, supervisors/directors, union presidents, school board members, community partners, and teachers on special assignment.

How We Will Engage

Create an Engagement Plan

Keynote Speakers

Case Studies

Facilitated Breakout Sessions

Lunchtime In-Practice Speakers Series

Team Dinners and Networking

Post-institute Follow-up Sessions

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Why Attend?

Post Institute Support

Personalized virtual consulting from facilitators for the duration of the school year, as needed.

Guidance from USC Rossier Faculty

In depth planning with support from Rossier faculty with years of accomplished leadership experience.

Valuable Connections & Networking Opportunities

Opportunity to network and build connections with educators from different districts.

Custom Engagement Plan

Facilitated development of a focused engagement plan for your district.

Select Speakers



Dean Pedro Noguera

Distinguished Professor of Education
Emery Stoops and Joyce King Stoops Dean
School of Education; Creator, Breakthrough
Leadership Institute; **Author**, *A Search for
Common Ground: Conversations about the
Toughest Questions in K-12 Education*



Dr. Eugenia Mora-Flores

Professor of Clinical Education, Assistant Dean of
Teacher Education; **Author**, *Teaching &
Supporting English Learners: A Guide to
Welcoming & Engaging Newcomers (2022)*



Dr. Darline P. Robles

USC Rossier Associate Dean for Diversity &
Community Engagement; Award-winning
Retired Superintendent; Creator,
Breakthrough Leadership Institute; **Author**,
*Now What?: Confronting Uncomfortable
Truths about Inequities in Schools (2022)*



Dr. Stephanie Dewing

Assistant Teaching Professor of Education, MAT
Program; **Author**, *Teaching & Supporting English
Learners: A Guide to Welcoming &
Engaging Newcomers (2022)*



Dr. Mary-Helen Immordino-Yang

Fahmy and Donna Attallah Chair in Humanistic
Psychology; Director, USC Center for Affective
Neuroscience, Development, Learning and
Education; Professor of Education, Psychology &
Neuroscience; Member, U.S. National Academy of
Education; **Author**, *Emotions, Learning & the
Brain: Exploring the Educational Implications of
Affective Neuroscience (2015)*



Dr. Royel Johnson

Professor at USC Rossier School of Education with
courtesy appointment at Dworak-Peck School of Social
Work; Co-Chair of the PhD in education program; Director
of the National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates
in the USC Race and Equity Center; Co-Director of the
Research Institute for Scholars of Equity (RISE), North
Carolina Central University; **Author**, *From Foster care to
College: Navigating Educational Challenges & Creating
Possibilities (2024)*



Dr. Shon Hiatt

Associate Professor of Management and
Organization, USC Marshall School of Business

Facilitators



Dr. David Cash

USC Rossier Professor of Clinical
Education, Award-winning Retired
Superintendent



Dr. Vivian Ekchian

USC Rossier Assistant Adjunct
Professor; Award-winning Retired
Superintendent



Dr. Rudy Crew

USC Rossier Professor of Clinical
Education; Nationally acclaimed
educator & author; Award-winning
Retired Superintendent



Dr. Maria G. Ott

USC Rossier Irving R. and Virginia A.
Melbo Chair in Education
Administration; Award-winning Retired
Superintendent



Dr. Greg Franklin

USC Rossier Professor of
Clinical Education; Award-winning
Retired Superintendent



Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto

USC Rossier Professor of Clinical
Education; Founder & CEO, Voices for
Equity, Empowering Women for Policy
Leadership; Award-winning Retired
Superintendent

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“Sometimes teams get stuck admiring problems. The Breakthrough Leadership Institute helped us get “unstuck” by helping us see our challenges and opportunities differently. We started this school year focused and with a new, positive energy and commitment to improving systems to benefit our students thanks to BLI.”

Dr. Wes Smith
Superintendent, Newport-Mesa Unified School District
Executive Director, Association of California School Administrators (2013-2021)

“The real in-depth conversation that pushed our thinking around our problem of practice. We moved past the technical fixes to dig deep in creating our theories of action. Dr. Crew shared artifacts, stories, and honest feedback.”

Dr. Julienne Lee
Superintendent, Buena Park School District



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Location & Details | USC Hotel Ballroom

July 13-16, 2025
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Los Angeles, California

<https://connect.rossier.usc.edu/register/2025-bli-registration>

Individual tuition is \$3500 per attendee and includes materials, facilitation, post-institute follow-up, and all meals. Groups of 5 or more people receive a discount of 10% off total registration.

Sierra Sands Superintendent, Dr. April Moore, came to the Breakthrough Leadership Institute with teams from two schools and the district office to reimagine their middle school experience. “It was amazing to see the evolution of our thinking over the three days with probing from Dean Noguera and Professor Darline Robles,” said Moore. “They challenged our thinking, and we recast our timeline and approach to ensure our students are at the center of this reimagination.”

Dr. April Moore
Superintendent, Sierra Sands School District

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