



INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI ADMINISTRATORS RETREAT

22 to 24 July 2015, Waikiki, Honolulu

Hosted by Montessori Administrators Association
and the Montessori Australia Foundation

Focused on the global challenges of leadership, this retreat will provide a unique opportunity to network and learn from Montessori school leaders from the United States, Australia and around the world. The program will feature two renowned international leadership and motivational speakers and will be held in the Rainbow Suite and Patio at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki, Hawaii with stunning views to the lagoon and beach. All the ingredients to be refreshed, inspired and reinvigorated.

**LIMITED SPACES – PLEASE BOOK EARLY
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 10 JULY 2015**

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WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2015

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Evening reception – Selection of canapés and drinks

THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2015 – Dr Yong Zhao

Two Education Paradigms: What Defines and How to Create a World Class Education

The world needs creative and entrepreneurial talents who are globally competent to take advantage of the opportunities brought about by technology and globalization and tackle the tough challenges facing human beings. But our schools are being pushed to produce homogeneous, compliant, and employee-minded test-takers, as a result of the seductive power of the traditional education paradigm. In this presentation, Dr Yong Zhao challenges the traditional ideal, debunks the myth of standardized tests such as PISA and TIMSS, and proposes a new criterion for education aimed to cultivate diverse, creative, and entrepreneurial talents.

SCHEDULE

9:30am – 11:00am	Session 1
11:00am – 11:30am	Break
11:30am – 1:00pm	Session 2
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Session 3
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Break
4:00pm – 5:00pm	AMI Forum – Philip O'Brien, AMI President and Lynne Lawrence, AMI Executive Director



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FRIDAY, 24 JULY 2015 – Trinidad Hunt

Managing Those Difficult Conversations

One of the great challenges in our personal and professional lives is entering difficult situations and having those difficult conversations. Because these conversations can be uncomfortable, or because we aren't skilled in how to approach them, we sometimes go into avoidance hoping they will go away. In this informative program Trinidad will deliver a template for success in any difficult conversation whether with teachers, parents or students. Through data, discussion and practice, participants will learn how to stay in the driver's seat and guide the conversation to achieve their desired outcomes.

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7:00pm – 10:00pm Dinner

Join delegates for an Hawaiian themed dinner overlooking the lagoon and beach including Friday night Fireworks at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.



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SPEAKERS



DR YONG ZHAO is an internationally known scholar, author, and speaker. His works focus on the implications of globalization and technology on education. He has designed schools that cultivate global competence, developed computer games for language learning, and founded research and development institutions to explore innovative education models. He has published over 100 articles and 20 books, including *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Dragon: Why China has the Best (and Worst) Education System in the World*, *Catching Up or Leading the Way: American Education in the Age of Globalization* and *World Class Learners: Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students*. He is a recipient of the Early Career Award from the American Educational Research Association and was named one of the 2012 10 most influential people in educational technology by the Tech & Learn Magazine. He is an elected fellow of the International Academy for Education. His latest book, *World Class Learners*, has won several awards including the Society of Professors of Education Book Award (2013), Association of Education Publishers' (AEP) Judges' Award and Distinguished Achievement Award in Education Leadership (2013).

He currently serves as the Presidential Chair and Director of the Institute for Global and Online Education in the College of Education, University of Oregon, where he is also a Professor in the Department of Educational Measurement, Policy, and Leadership.

Until December 2010, Yong Zhao was University Distinguished Professor at the College of Education, Michigan State University, where he also served as the founding director of the Center for Teaching and Technology, Executive Director of the Confucius Institute, as well as the US-China Center for Research on Educational Excellence.

Zhao was born in China's Sichuan Province. He received his B.A. in English Language Education from Sichuan Institute of Foreign Languages in Chongqing, China in 1986. After teaching English in China for six years, he came to Linfield College as a visiting scholar in 1992. He then began his graduate studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1993. He received his A.M. in Education in 1994 and Ph.D. in 1996. He joined the faculty at MSU in 1996 after working as the Language Center Coordinator at Willamette University and a language specialist at Hamilton College.



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TRINIDAD HUNT is a former classroom teacher and internationally renowned author, keynote speaker and corporate consultant. She has over 30 years of experience in the area of curriculum writing and program development.

Trinidad has won the prestigious 2010 VIP Woman of the Year Award from the National Association of Professional Women (NAPW), located in New Jersey. NAPW represents women executives and entrepreneurs in the United States, with members hailing from industries that include direct sales, health, education, advertising, manufacturing, communications, entertainment, law, and more. Hunt captured the honor for her expertise as a motivational speaker, corporate coach, consultant, and trainer. In 2011 she was honored by Heroes for Humanity.

As co-founder of the Élan Enterprises, Trinidad developed and delivered organizational training programs for business leaders nationally and internationally for such companies as Pepsi Cola, Frito Lay, and Sprint. As co-founder of World Youth Network International (WYN) in the U.S., Australia, Philippines, Singapore and Canada, she designed, developed and delivered an Anti-bullying and Character Ed for students, parents and teachers. The resultant effect has been education for the entire community.

Trinidad's book, *Learning to Learn: Maximizing Your Performance Potential*, was named Self-Help Book of the Year by the North American Book Dealers Exchange in 1992, and went on to become a national best seller. It is also used by different accelerated learning courses and used as a text in various universities and community colleges. *Operator's Manual for Planet Earth-An Adventure for the Soul*, was released in 1996 by Hyperion Press. Both books have been translated into 5 different languages.

She has co-authored four books:

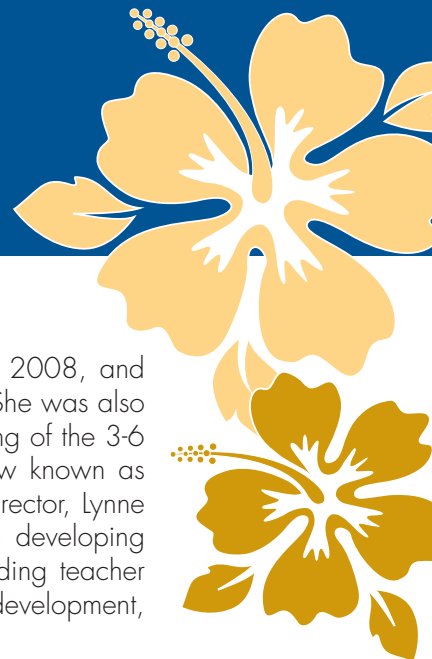
- Road Map to Success – with Stephen Covey and Ken Blanchard
- GPS – Goals and Proven Strategies for Success – with Stephen Covey, Dr Jon Gray and Les Brown
- Words of Wisdom – Experts Share Strategies for Mastering Life and Business Success – with Brian Tracy and Dr John Gray
- Bootstrap Business – How the Entrepreneurial Spirit Has Shaped Business Success – with Jack Canfield, John Christensen, and Tom Hopkins



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LYNNE LAWRENCE has been the Executive Director of AMI since June 2008, and prior to this held the position of AMI General Secretary ad interim (2007). She was also head of the AMI Human Resources Committee. Lynne was Director of Training of the 3-6 AMI Course at the Maria Montessori Training Organization (MMTO), now known as the Maria Montessori Institute, since 1990. In her role as AMI Executive Director, Lynne actively promotes AMI's involvement in Montessori educational projects in developing countries, alongside the many other areas of the association's work, including teacher training programs globally and ancillary Montessori programs, research and development, in cooperation with the AMI Board and committees.



PHILIP O'BRIEN is the President of the Association Montessori Internationale and Senior Adviser at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation. He was previously Executive Vice President for Communications Advocacy and Development at the Foundation. Prior to joining Elizabeth Glaser, Philip worked for UNICEF in a number of positions and roles, including as Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe, and Director of Private Partnerships and Fundraising. He has lived and worked in Asia, Africa, US and Europe. He holds a Master of Science in Economics from the University of Wales, Swansea UK.

ACCOMMODATION RATES



Venue Accommodation Option

HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE WAIKIKI BEACH RESORT

2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu

Tel: +1-808-949-4321

BOOK HERE:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=12821658

Room Rate – Starting from US\$279 (plus taxes)



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DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL ALANA WAIKIKI

1956 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu

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