

Accommodations and Registration

Our 2010 accommodations at Lake Erie College are small apartments featuring single or double occupancy bedrooms, air conditioning, laundry service, and free wireless internet connection. These accommodations offer shared bathrooms and include all bed linens and towels. The Lake Erie exercise facility will also be available at no additional cost.

Register early to ensure your space in this inspiring discussion of community building in the Elementary and beyond. To register for the conference, use the inserted form or download the form at ami-eea.org.

**Registration Deadline:
May 31, 2010**



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Cultivating Community across the Planes of Development

AMI-EAA Annual Summer Conference
Cleveland, Ohio
July 18-23, 2010

Workshops

Patricia Bachmeier, an AMI Elementary teacher with over 30 years of teaching experience, will focus on the role of ritual in the Elementary classroom. She will examine specifically how ritual builds community, creates a classroom identity, and promotes an internal transformation in the child.

Laurie Ewert-Krocker is the Assistant Head of School and the Head Teacher at the Hershey Montessori Adolescent Program. An AMI trained Elementary teacher, she helped design the farm environment and implement the program. She will lecture on the needs, characteristics, and the prepared environments of the second and third planes.

Andrea Fleener has ten years experience in the Elementary classroom and currently teaches in an AMI 6-12 classroom. Along with Jamie Rue, she will address ways to build community by helping children connect work in the garden with creating a nourishing and nutritious meal. Her hands-on presentation is entitled, "From Garden to Plate: Connecting Children to Nature in the Elementary."

David Kahn is the Executive Director of the North American Montessori Teacher's Association based in Cleveland, Ohio. He is also the founder and Executive Director of the Montessori High School in Cleveland. Mr. Kahn will address topics connected to the continuum of the second and third planes of development.



Tony Losasso taught in an AMI Elementary environment for nine years before joining the faculty at the Hershey Montessori Adolescent Program, where he teaches. Along with Laurie Ewert-Krocker and Jim Webster, he will address participants on the importance of bringing Cosmic Education to the third plane of development.

Greg MacDonald is currently the Director of Training at the Hershey Montessori Institute at Lake Erie College. He holds AMI Primary and Elementary diplomas and has served as an AMI consultant. His presentation is entitled, "Early Literacy in the Elementary," in which he will address the role of language in the young elementary community.

Jamie Rue, an AMI trained Elementary teacher, is currently course assistant at the Hershey Montessori Institute. Along with Andrea Fleener, she will conduct a hands-on session entitled, "From Garden to Plate," which will focus on the practice of cultivating organic and whole foods with the Elementary community.

Maren Schmidt will present a lecture entitled, "Effective Communication: The Roots of Community." Ms. Schmidt will lead a discussion on the basic skills required for effective communication, and how this can lead to a peaceful community. Maren Schmidt is most recently the author of [Understanding Montessori: A Guide for Parents](#).

Jim Webster teaches Latin, Algebra, Humanities and Occupations at the Hershey Montessori School Adolescent Program. He completed the AMI Elementary training in 1984. Mr. Webster, along with Laurie Ewert-Krocker and Tony Losasso, will discuss the connections between the second and third planes by examining topics such as botany and history.



Location

The 2010 AMI-EAA Annual Summer Conference will be held at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio. Established in 1856, this beautiful and vibrant campus is now home to the Hershey Montessori Institute at Lake Erie College.

Workshops for the Annual Summer Conference will be held on the campus of Lake Erie College and on the campus of the Hershey Montessori Adolescent Program, where participants will spend an entire day touring the farm property, attending presentations from the faculty, and enjoying a delicious meal prepared with organic and whole foods grown on site.

Lake Erie College is located 30 miles from Cleveland, 40 miles from Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport and 18 miles from the Hershey Montessori Adolescent Program in Huntsburg, Ohio. A complete listing of shuttle service operators from Cleveland-Hopkins International is available on the airport website, www.clevelandairport.com.

Transportation will be provided to all lectures. If you would like to explore independently, we encourage you to bring a rental or a personal car to the campus.