

Presenters and Co-Presenters 2019

Armstrong, Don

Session(s) 19

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Lieutenant Don Armstrong has more than 33 years of service with the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office. He has held various supervisory and command level positions including SWAT Team, Emergency Management, Investigations, Jail, Courthouse Security, Transportation, Civil, Reserves, Community Policing, and Patrol. He currently oversees Patrol and Reserves and is the SWAT Team Commander. Don is also a certified instructor in Firearms, Subgun Rifle, Simmunition (Force on Force), NRA Pistol and Rifle, and PPCT Self-Defense. He has completed basic, advanced, and command levels of SWAT training, tactical operations in Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Hazard Materials Technician and Explosive Recognition. He was formerly Lead Firearms Instructor at the Western Iowa Tech Police Academy. Don has a strong belief in God and feels called to help faith-based organizations prepare for evil that exists in the world today.

Bandstra, Alan

Session(s) 16

Sixth grade teacher, Sioux Center Christian School

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Al writes and presents on the topic of classroom discipline from a Christian perspective. He currently teaches fifth and sixth grade at Sioux Center Christian School. His previous teaching experience includes grades five through eight in the classroom setting and at church. Al's book, "Beyond Control: Heart-Centered Classroom Climate and Discipline" (2014, Dordt College Press), offers encouragement and advice for teachers who struggle with the attitudes of wayward children. He holds a B.A. in education and an M.Ed. degree in curriculum and instruction (both at Dordt College). Al's study of recent developments in brain research was motivated by a desire to help traumatized children in his classroom and by the desire to gather information for a second book on classroom discipline.

Bleeker, Beth

Session(s) 23

Kindergarten Teacher, Sioux Center Christian School

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Beth has been teaching Kindergarten at Sioux Center Christian for 11 years. She graduated from Dordt College in 2007 with an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education, minoring in Reading and Early Childhood. Beth returned to Dordt College and graduated in 2012 with a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction

Boer, Tara

Session(s) 40

Instructor of Social Work and Criminal Justice, Dordt University

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Tara spent 13 years practicing Social Work in case management, child welfare, and mental health settings serving abused and traumatized children. She currently teaches in the Social Work department at Dordt University and spends time in the community serving children and families affected by trauma and adversity.

Bunkers, Beth

Session(s) 2

4-H Youth Development, Youth Program Specialist

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Beth is from Iowa State Extension and Outreach and serves as a Youth Program Specialist, supporting the counties of Sioux, O'Brien, Lyon, Osceola, Plymouth and Cherokee. Iowa State Extension and Outreach works as a group providing quality programming to youth grades K – 12. They are the heart of 4H and Clover Kids in the counties, and they also engage in programming with school enrichment, after school events, Summer Camps, STEMFests, Healthy Living and Leadership. Previous to Iowa State Extension and Outreach, Beth was a teacher, and Athletic Director in private education for 30 years.

Chase, Ryan

Session(s) 11

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Ryan is currently a pastor at Emmaus Road Church in Sioux Falls. He had previously been a high school Bible teacher at Sioux Falls Christian for 8 years where he also served as a TFT Coordinator. Ryan holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Thomas Edison State College, and is currently enrolled as an MDiv student at Sioux Falls Seminary.

de Boom, Karinda

Session(s) 57

Art Teacher, Career Counselor, Yearbook Adviser, Western Christian High School

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Karinda de Boom received her Bachelors Degree in art from Northwestern College in Orange City, IA. She received her Masters Degree in Education from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD. Between degrees, Karinda worked as a service associate for Jostens for two years serving middle and high schools in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. Her teaching experience includes middle school and high school art in Vermillion, elementary, middle school and high school art in the Sioux Falls Public School District and middle school art at Sioux Falls Christian School. She is currently in her tenth year teaching art at Western Christian High School where she has served as yearbook adviser for six years.

De Jong, David

Session(s) 30, 42, 53

**Assistant Professor of Educational, Leadership/Superintendent Program Coordinator,
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David De Jong, Ed.D, is an Assistant Professor and Superintendent Program Coordinator in the Division of Educational Leadership in the School of Education at the University of South Dakota. He teaches graduate online and hybrid courses and chairs doctoral dissertation committees. Before coming to USD, David was the Principal of Pella Christian Grade School for eight years. His wife Nicole is a first grade teacher at Sioux Falls Christian where their three boys attend school: Moose (age 10), Wolf (age 8), and Hawke (age 5). He was awarded the University of South Dakota School of Education Teaching in Excellence Award in 2017 and the Research in Excellence Award in 2019. He has led several simulations in dozens of cities across the United States.

Dean, Heidi**Session(s) 4****Curriculum & Instruction Bible Specialist, Christian Schools International****hdean@csionline.org**

Heidi Dean (Th.M.) serves as the Bible Specialist for Christian Schools International. She blends theological training from Duke and Reformed Theological Seminary with active classroom teaching. Having formerly worked for a Christian research organization, she now gathers best-practices in Bible instruction through interviews, stories and research. Her education includes Covenant College (B.A.), Reformed Theological Seminary (M.A.), and Duke University (Th.M.).

DeJong, Nicole**Session(s) 37****First Grade Classroom Teacher, Sioux Falls Christian****ndejong@siouxfallschristian.org**

Nicole DeJong is a 2004 graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. In 2011 she received a Masters Degree in teaching from Drake University with a reading endorsement. This provided opportunities for her to learn the best ways kids learn how to build the foundation for reading. She has also had the opportunity to learn various orton-gillingham routines from colleagues and instructional coaches and apply them in her classroom. She taught kindergarten in Pella, Iowa for 11 years. This is currently her fifth year teaching first grade at Sioux Falls Christian. Student prayer life is something that Nicole is passionate about.

De Wit, Jessica**Thurs. Tft Sessions, 65, 66****Teaching for Transformation coach/coordinator, Sioux Falls Christian****jdewit@siouxfallschristian.org**

Jessica has been teaching in Christian schools for the past 12 years. She holds a B.A. in Music Education and a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Sioux Falls. She currently teaches and serves as the K-12 Teaching For Transformation coach and coordinator at Sioux Falls Christian School.

Douma, Heidi**Session(s) 54****Professor of Practice in Education; Director of BAEC Online Program, Northwestern College****heidi.douma@nwcsiowa.edu**

Heidi Douma is a Professor of Practice in Education at Northwestern College. She has a masters degree in curriculum and instruction and over 20 years of experience in Early Childhood and Special Education. Heidi is also the Director of the B.A. in Early Childhood Online Degree Completion Program.

Dykstra, Wayne**Thurs. Tft Sessions****Head of School; Unity Christian High School****wdykstra@unitychristian.net**

Wayne Dykstra is Head of School at Unity Christian High School. He has been a part of the Tft expansion at Unity for the past 6 years.

Engel, Jill

Session(s) 34

Middle School ELA, Sioux Falls Christian Schools

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Jill graduated from Augustana College with degrees in Elementary Education and Music Education. She is a National Board Certified Teacher, as well as a Gifted Education Specialist. She has spent most of the 29 years of her teaching career in upper elementary and middle school settings. Jill is committed to helping students develop the love of reading and writing through the workshop model, utilizing her experience in the use of mentor texts and writing assessment. She is also a member of the District Writing Assessment Team for Sioux Falls School District.

Gesch, Sam

Session(s) 26, 50

Spanish and Art Instructor, Alpha Omega Academy

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Sam received his B.A. in Spanish from Dordt College and his M.A. in Linguistics and English Literature from Iowa State University. He has been interested in and involved in art since he was a child and has now taught Art at Alpha Omega Academy for 4 years. He has been involved in several local art shows over the years in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the Luverne, Minnesota, areas. Sam has 17 years of teaching experience at the high school level and spent junior high and high school in Peru as a missionary kid with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Over the years, he has continued to dabble in whatever languages present themselves to him.

Haan, Megan

Session(s) 23

Kindergarten Teacher, Sioux Center Christian School

Megan has been teaching kindergarten for 9 years at Sioux Center Christian School. She graduated from Dordt with an undergrad for Elementary Education with a Reading Endorsement, and with a Masters in Teacher Leadership with an Early Childhood Endorsement.

Hageman, Emily

Session(s) 43

Band, Choir, and Theater Teacher, Siouxland Christian School

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Emily Hageman is a 2012 graduate of Dordt College with a degree in K-12 Music Education and a minor in Theatre. She is also a published playwright whose ten minute plays and one acts have seen production all over the world. Emily has grown her theatre program from nineteen students in grades 7-12 to fifty-one students over the course of seven years. Nearly half the middle school and high school populations at Siouxland Christian participate in theatre and speech. In their third year of participation in the Iowa High School Speech Association, nine out of ten groups were honored at the Large Group All-State Festival. Siouxland Christian also took home the Critic's Choice banner in 2018 and 2019 for their one acts "Back Cover" and "The Cages We Build," both written by Emily Hageman, as well as the Critic's Choice Banner for short film in 2019.

Heyboer, Rachel

Session(s) 4

Director of Product Development, Christian Schools International

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Rachael Heyboer currently serves as the Director of Product Development for Christian Schools International (CSI). She completed her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at Calvin University, and is currently working toward a Master of Business Administration from Davenport University. In her role for CSI, she works to provide high quality Bible and science curriculum materials, instructional support and professional development events, including the CSI Bible Instruction Symposium and the Christian School Educators Science Academy.

Hiatt, Angela

Session(s) 1

Educational Outreach Coordinator, Iowa Public Television

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Angela Hiatte is a former teacher with an undergrad in Elementary Education and endorsements in Reading, Science and Early Childhood from Graceland University. Angela received her graduate degree in Teacher Leadership from Northwest Missouri State University.

Huhnerkoch, Cathy

Session(s) 37

First Grade Classroom Teacher, Sioux Falls Christian

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Cathy Huhnerkoch is a 2009 graduate of University of Sioux Falls. In 2015 she received a Masters of Reading also from USF. She has taught at Sioux Falls Christian for 10 years and has enjoyed learning numerous ways to incorporate prayer in her classroom.

Johnson, Grace

Session(s) 15

Potter/speaker, The Potter's Heart

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Grace received a BA in fine art from Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. She has been making pottery for the past 40 years, and has spoken nationally with her potter's wheel for the past 20 years

Kaemink, Shirley

Session(s) 13

High School Math Teacher, Unity Christian High School,

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Shirley graduated from Dordt College. She taught math at Westminster Academy in Florida for 3 years, then taught K-8 PE at Sioux Center Christian for 2 years. Shirley continued on to teach combinations of math, PE, and TAG at Unity for 27 years. She is currently teaching Algebra II and Geometry.

Kooima, Megan

Session(s) 10, 60

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Megan holds a Master's Degree as a reading specialist and has her administration degree and math specialist license. Megan taught at the elementary and middle school levels for ten years before opening up Excel Achievement Center. Megan has been a leader in professional development for schools in Iowa and Nebraska in the areas of reading and math. Recently, Megan was trained in the Wilson Reading System, which is designed to meet the needs of students with Dyslexia. Megan has a passion for meeting the needs of every student and cares deeply for each family she encounters.

Koppendrayer, Susan

Session(s) 28, 39

STEM Education Specialist, Christian Schools International and Avail Academy
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In addition to teaching middle school students at Calvin Christian (Now Avail Academy) in Minneapolis, Susan is the STEM Education Specialist for Christian Schools International (CSI). She provides resources, training, science instruction consulting and is a lead mentor for the Christian School Educators Science Academy. She has a Master's Degree in Education from Michigan State University and completed her post graduate science education course work at the University of Minnesota. Susan attended Advanced Space Academy for educators at the US Space and Rocket Center and NASA's Marshall Space Center in Huntsville Alabama. Along with over 20 years of teaching experience, Susan is a National Science Teaching Association Presenter, and a Van Andel Education Institute STEM Presenter

Kroese, Allison

Session(s) 27

4th Grade Teacher, Sioux Falls Christian School
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Allison graduated from Dordt College in 2014 with a degree in elementary education and a reading endorsement. She is currently seeking her Master's in educational technology from Dordt University. She taught 1st and 2nd grade at DeMotte Christian School (Indiana) and is currently in her 4th year at Sioux Falls Christian School (South Dakota) teaching 4th grade. She is a certified Google educator and has a passion for using technology in the classroom to differentiate and allow students to reflect on their learning.

McKenzie, Jim

Session(s) 6, 48, 56

Headmaster, The Rock School,
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Jim is the Headmaster at The Rock School, a PK-12 Christian school in Gainesville, Florida. In his tenure, he has tripled enrollment, increased revenue five-fold, and helped his school earn a net promoter score higher than many well-known brands including Apple, Amazon, and Disney. Jim is an innovator and visionary who is willing to think outside the box of traditional Christian education. He provides consulting services to Christian schools and ministries.

Menning, Jordan

Session(s) 7

Education Consultant, Northwest AEA

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Jordan Menning is an education consultant at the Northwest AEA. Over his seven years at the agency, he has been involved with instructional coaching, science & STEM consulting, mentoring & induction, para education, conceptual learning, national presenting, and working with administration. He has a strong passion for creating real-world authentic learning experiences for students and enjoys working with teachers who are striving to make a difference for students. He currently holds an elementary teaching degree, Masters in Science of Education, along with a Ed.S. degree in leadership.

Moore-Huss, Tonya

Session(s) 54

Instructor in Education, Northwestern College

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Tonya Moore-Huss is also an instructor in the Education Department at Northwestern College, specializing in Special Education. She has a Master's Degree in Collaborative Learning and Teaching and has over 25 years of experience teaching; 15 years in special education and 8 years in 6th Grade Language Arts.

Mulder, David

Session(s) 3

Associate Professor of Education, Dordt University

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Over the past 22 years, Dave has worked with learners at every grade level from Kindergarten through graduate school. He currently serves in the Education department at Dordt, where he teaches courses for undergraduates in the Teacher Preparation Program as well as graduate students in the Master of Education Program. He also co-leads the New Faculty Seminar, coaching and mentoring faculty who are new to Dordt and/or new to teaching.

Dave has a Master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction, and his doctorate is in Educational Technology. His ongoing research interests include creativity in classroom instruction and assessment, promising practices in online teaching and learning, teacher self-efficacy for technology integration, and teaching Christianly.

Mulder, Kristin

Session(s) 9, 25, 49, 58

Director of Digital Education, Sioux Falls Christian Schools

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Now entering her twenty-fifth year in education, Kristin has held positions in the elementary and middle school classrooms, area colleges and technical schools, and currently as the Director of Digital Education at Sioux Falls Christian Schools. She is a "Google for Education Certified Trainer," and leads in-services for local school districts as well as workshop sessions to help others see the benefits of using Google's educational tools. Kristin received her B.A. in Elementary Education from Sioux Falls College and an M.A. in Education (with an emphasis in Technology Leadership) from the University of Sioux Falls.

Mulder, Sheila

Session(s) 27, 34

Elementary Curriculum, Sioux Falls Christian Schools
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Sheila graduated from Dordt College with a degree in elementary education and a middle school endorsement. She received her Masters of Education in Leadership from the University of Sioux Falls. Having taught science for 1 year at Patrick Henry Middle School, she is currently in her 9th year at Sioux Falls Christian. Sheila is a Seesaw ambassador and has taught sessions on the Seesaw app. Sheila has a passion for differentiation and creating different opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning and has found that the use of online apps and tools have been beneficial in student learning.

Nieuwsma, Tammy

Session(s) 23

Kindergarten Teacher, Sioux Center Christian School
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Tammy taught 13 years of Head Start Preschool & has taught kindergarten 10 years at Sioux Center Christian School. She graduated from Buena Vista University with my BA in Elementary Education, and Early Childhood Endorsement and a Reading Endorsement.

Penner, Joel

Session(s) 24

Head Football Coach, Dordt University
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Joel was named the head coach of the Defender football program for the 2016 season and has guided the Defenders to a pair of 5 win seasons in 2016 and 2017, and Dordt football's first ever winning record at 7-3 in 2018". He has 18 years of college football coaching experience with stops at Malone (Ohio), Northwestern College (Iowa), Trinity International (Illinois), Greenville (Illinois), and Pacific Lutheran (Washington). Being involved in football is what Joel loves and considers it a gift to have the opportunity to share his passions with players leading them to compete fiercely out of a secure identity in Christ. Joel has his B.A. in sports and wellness management and his M.A. in Christian studies.

Pettingill, Jacob

Session(s) 62, 63, 64

Dean of Students, Sioux Falls Christian
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Jacob has an undergraduate in Physical Education with a minor in Health from Dakota State University, and he holds a Masters in Educational Leadership from South Dakota State University. He resigned last season as the head football coach at Sioux Falls Christian after winning back-to-back state championships. Jacob has been involved in education for 12 years, both in the private and public school settings. Jacob also won the National Christian School Athletic Association 2018 Coach of the Year. He currently serves at Sioux Falls Christian as Dean of Students.

Philipsen, Kim

Session(s) 35

Enrichment Coordinator, Orange City Christian School
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After graduating from Dordt College in 2003, Kim began teaching at Hull Christian School. She taught various middle school classes in Hull for 5 years and then switched to her alma-mater, Orange City Christian School. After 8 years of teaching language arts classes in the OCCS middle school, Kim began to coordinate and teach classes for high-ability learners. Currently, Kim works with students in 3rd-8th grades.

Pullen, Ben

Session(s) 2

Youth Program Specialist, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H

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Ben serves as a Youth Program Specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach supervising 4-H programs for the Western third of Iowa. From 2008-2016 he worked in the Storm Lake Community School District as a Special Education Teacher and School Counselor. Prior to that he worked at Linn-Mar School District as a Special Education Teacher. He received his B.A. in Elementary Education and M.A. in Professional School Counseling from Buena Vista University.

Scholten, Dr. Shawn

Session(s) 14

Co-Director and Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Creative Living Center

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Dr. Shawn holds a Doctoral Degree in Counseling Psychology. She has been practicing individual, couples, and family therapy with the Creative Living Center since 1993. Her specialties lie in grief and loss, anxiety disorders, children and adolescent therapy, and conducting trauma debriefings. Further interest is aiding in conflict-laden systemic situations. Dr. Shawn is an Iowa Licensed Mental Health Counselor and a National Board Certified Counselor. She also is a member of the NWIA Crisis Intervention Stress Management Team. Dr. Shawn has an undergraduate degree in education and was a teacher across all age-spectrums in her first career.

Schorg, Janelle

Session(s) 5, 21, 47, 55

Math Consultant, Northwest AEA

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Janelle Schorg is a Math & School Improvement Consultant at Northwest Area Education Agency. She has been providing schools of Northwest Iowa with professional development to educators in the areas of Mathematics, Authentic Intellectual Work, and Multi Tiered System of Supports.

Skinner, Chris

Session(s) 18

HS Science Teacher, Sioux Falls Christian

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Chris has served 31 years in both public and private education. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Science. In 2002 he began his training in "Classroom Instruction That Works". Since then, Chris has utilized these strategies in the classroom and also conducted numerous workshops for colleagues and other schools.

Stegemann, Heather

Session(s) 8, 20

Sioux Falls Christian, 1st Grade Teacher

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Heather Stegemann has taught first grade for twelve years. She has taught students of all demographics and backgrounds, teaching her first six years at a Title school and now teaching her fourth year at Sioux Falls Christian.

Stiemsma, Gerry

Session(s) 44

Retired teacher 2016, G. Stiemsma Presents

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Gerry is a retired teacher with 40 plus years of experience in the classroom. He received his Masters from Valparaiso University In Indiana.

Terveen, Katie

Session(s) 8, 20

First grade teacher, Sioux Falls Christian

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Katie Terveen is starting her 11th year teaching first grade. She enjoys the opportunity to work with young students and being a part of their journey in growing into who God created them to be. She is an Osmo and Seesaw ambassador and has presented at the TIE Conference and Heartland Teacher Convention.

Thomas, Alex

Session(s) 17

6,7,8 Science and Art, High School Biology and Yearbook, Siouxland Christian School

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Alex Thomas is in her fourth year at Siouxland Christian School, but previously was in law enforcement for four years. She taught fellow officers Krav Maga and PPCT, and now uses those skills to assist the ministry of His Armor.

Thomas, Jean

Session(s) 32

Elementary Lead Teacher/ Kindergarten Teacher, Siouxland Christian School

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Jean Thomas has 36 years of teaching experience, 32 of which have been in kindergarten. She currently works Siouxland Christian School as an elementary lead teacher and as a kindergarten teacher.

Van Dyke, Janie

Session(s) 22

English teacher/Theater Director, Unity Christian High School

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Janie graduated from Dordt University with a B.A. She has been teaching English for 36 years. This journey began in Sun Valley, California, moved to Fulton, Illinois, and continued in Edgerton, Minnesota. This year, Janie began her 20th year at Unity Christian in Orange City, Iowa. Along with teaching in the classroom, she also has been involved with theater for over 30 years.

Van Mersbergen, Howard

Session(s) 31

Vice President of Employee Benefits, Christian Schools International

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Howard Van Mersbergen is the Vice President of Employee Benefits at Christian Schools International. A graduate of Dordt College, he holds the Certified Investment Management Analyst and Certified Employee Benefit Specialist designations.

Van Nieuwenhuyzen, Jeremy

Session(s) 33

MS/HS Principal, Sioux Falls Christian

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Jeremy's teaching experience includes serving as a Spanish Teacher at Unity Christian High School in Orange City, IA, and at Ontario Christian High School in Ontario, CA. He also worked at Ontario Christian as the Technology Director. Currently, Jeremy serves as the principal at Sioux Falls Christian Middle/High School. He received his B.A. from Dordt College in Spanish Education, his M.A. in Educational Multimedia from California State Polytechnic, Pomona, and his Ed S. from the University of Sioux Falls in Educational Leadership

Van Ravenswaay, Laura

Session(s) 59

5/6th teacher, Sioux Center Christian School

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Laura currently teaches 5th/6th grade at Sioux Center Christian School, Sioux Center, IA. She earned her B.A. degree at Dordt University and her M.A. from the University of Sioux Falls. Before settling in at Sioux Center Christian, she taught her first year at Oskaloosa Christian. Laura has taught 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students as well as Title 1 Reading over the last 33 years. Because Laura is always looking for ways to increase student involvement she continues to do research in this area and uses technology to enhance student learning.

Van Schepen, Matt

Session(s) 36

Technology Coordinator/Assistant Principal/Middle School Science, Orange City Christian School

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Teaching middle school for 12 years, Matt served at Timothy Christian, Elmhurst, IL, for 5 years before coming to Orange City Christian. He received his B.A. in Education with endorsements in P.E. & Science from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. He has a Master's in Educational Leadership from Dordt University.

Van Soelen, Jill

Thurs Tft Sessions, 65, 66

Library Media teacher, Sioux Center Christian

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Jill Van Soelen is the Library Media teacher at Sioux Center Christian School for grades TK-8. She also serves as an instructional coach at Sioux Center Christian and a Teaching for Transformation school designer with CACE.

Vanden Hull, Rachel

Thursday Tft sessions, 65, 66

6th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Sioux Center Christian

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Rachel Vanden Hull is the 5th grade language arts teacher at Sioux Center Christian School. She also serves as an instructional coach at Sioux Center Christian School.

Vermeer, Vicki

Session(s) 29, 41

Center for Economic Education Director, Dordt University

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Vicki received a B.A. in Business from Calvin College, and has 30+ years experience in business. Her experiences include becoming a program director, working for non-profit organization, owning her own business, office administration, human resources, and management.

Wallace, Marty

Session(s) 14

Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Creative Living Center

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Marty is a licensed mental health counselor who is qualified to practice registered clinical play therapy, dyadic developmental therapy for attachment and trauma, EMDR (eye movement desensitization reprocessing for trauma), and TF-CBT (trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy). Marty taught at Sibley-Ocheyedan in Sibley, Iowa, for 20 years. He was the K-8 school counselor for 13 years so he understands the school's need for training on the topics of attachment, trauma, anxiety in students and more importantly, what can educators do to help those students in the classroom?

Wassenaar, Erica

Session(s) 14

Clinical Mental Health Counselor, Creative Living Center

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Erica holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Wayne State College. She specialized in play therapy and has a Level II certification in Autoplay Therapy, which is play therapy specifically for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. She is also trained in Traumatic Incident Reduction, Critical Incident Stress Management, and EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) Therapy. She is a member of the Association for Play Therapy, Iowa Association of Play Therapy, and the Iowa Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. Erica is also a member of the NWIA Crisis Intervention Stress Management Team. Erica has an undergraduate degree in education and was a home visitor through Upper Des Moines in her first career

Wiekamp, Tonya

Session(s) 51

Third grade teacher, Sheldon Christian School

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Tonya graduated from Dordt University in 1991 and is currently working on her EdTech master's degree. She has taught grades 3 through 6 and art for grades 4 through 8.

Wilson, Sarah

Session(s) 38

Science/Curriculum Director/ Resource, Western Christian High School

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Sarah has been teaching at Western Christian High School for 7 years, and has had the privilege of holding a variety of positions during her time there. She has taught primarily Resource, but has also taught Animal Science, Biology, Physical Science, and Exploratory Science. Sarah currently teaches Science and serves as Western's Curriculum Director as well as working with the Resource Room and with At-Risk students. She has a long time passion for working with individuals with disabilities, and has greatly enjoyed the opportunities she has had to work both in the special education and general education settings.

Winkel, Jon

Session(s) 19

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Captain Jon Winkel is a 35-year veteran of the Sergeant Bluff, Iowa Fire Department. He has overseen multiple fire and rescue efforts in his own community and in various locations as a member of the Iowa Urban Search and Rescue Team. Jon proudly served as a member of the United States Air Force and as a Magistrate in Woodbury County. He was a successful CEO at Longlines LTD in Sergeant Bluff. He served for 20 years on the Woodbury County Sheriff's SWAT team as a Tactical Medic and is also a Plans and Rescue Team Manager and a Certified NRA Firearms Instructor. Jon is currently the mayor of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. He has extensive and specialized training in multiple areas and uses his leadership, knowledge, and experience to assist faith-based organizations to develop effective solutions to prepare for emergency situations. Most importantly, as a Lay Minister, Jon has a firm belief in God and credits his wife Nan for keeping him well grounded in his faith walk.

Youngers, Tyler

Session(s) 52

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Tyler earned a B.A. in History, Secondary Education & Music - Vocal Performance from Saint John's University, and an M.A. in Instructional Technology from the University of Northern Iowa. Currently, he serves as an Instructional Technology Consultant at Northwest Area Education Agency. Tyler also teaches online courses on a variety of topics for AEA Learning and the Iowa State Education Academy (ISEA). His former experience includes Middle/High School Social Studies, teaching courses such as American Government, US History, Geography, Sociology, Global Studies, Digital Citizenship, & Pop Culture.

At NWAEA, Tyler is currently working in the areas of new social studies standards, digital learning, instructional design, Open Educational Resources (OER), Project-Based Learning (PBL), co-teaching, mentoring and induction, digital citizenship, and the new computer science standards.

Zonnefeld, Ryan

Session(s) 12

Director of Teacher Preparation, Dordt University
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Ryan has served as the Director of Teacher Preparation at Dordt University since 2012. Prior to coming to Dordt, he taught in the education department at Northwestern College in Orange City for three years and served as a teacher and administrator in Christian schools for 9 years.

Zonnefeld, Valorie

Session(s) 13

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Valorie is a former middle school and high school teacher with an Ed.D in Curriculum and Instruction. She currently teaches math and education courses at Dordt University.