

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013 • 8:30 A.M.-2 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE!  
**CELEBRATING THE TREASURES  
OF CHILDHOOD.**



Illustration by Craig Frazier.

## Celebrating Children Conference

For early educators in infant to 2nd grade classrooms, this conference focuses on the use of developmentally appropriate curriculum, teaching techniques and environments to discover and unlock the “hidden treasures” of childhood. Recent research in the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of children is explored as it applies to classroom practices. A variety of workshops utilizing different theories and methods, provide teachers with interactive strategies to facilitate the early steps and emerging skills of young children.

**Fee:** Thru Mar. 31: \$115 / After: \$165 (includes parking) \$50 Early Bird discount applies to all participants who register by Mar. 31. \$20 Multiple class discount is available for students w/paid 121, 122, 123 or 124 registrations. Students are not eligible for both \$20 Multiple Class reduction and \$30 CARES Plus discount, but must choose one or the other.

**Section:** 124-EDH-H50



## KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

### Jim Gill



Over the years, Jim Gill's music and books have received, among other honors, five awards from the American Library Association. Early childhood professionals, however, are

most interested in the fact that Jim's music play is created with a purpose, based on his graduate studies in child development and 20 years of experience leading play programs for families with children with special needs.

In this energizing session, Jim helps explain the purpose behind his play. His active music play provides a context for children to develop abilities, such as self-regulation, essential to school success. Jim's clever word play and rhymes in the context of active movement games also provide broad opportunities for literacy development.

Teachers and care providers will leave the session with a repertoire of music play activities that can be put to immediate—and purposeful—use in their program. Best of all, they will leave the session understanding the power of play to inspire, in children, agility in thought and a love of learning.

### Karen Rae Kraut



Karen teaches “Storytelling and the Second Half of Life” for UC Riverside's Osher Institute. She is a touring and teaching artist for the McCallum Theatre Institute in Palm Desert, and

presented her brain-based story hour stretches workshop at the National Storytelling Conference in Chicago. She was featured in the Pacific States Showcase at the 2010 Conference in Los Angeles.

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