



# Summer Learning Research: Past, Present, and Future

Wednesday, November 14, 2018  
Kansas City Marriott Downtown, 200 W 12th St  
Kansas City, MO 64105



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The National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) is pleased to invite you to join us for a research symposium, Summer Learning Research: *Past, Present, and Future* on **Wednesday, November 14, 2018**, from **8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

## Agenda Highlights:

- **General Summer Changes Everything™ conference plenary session**
- **Research symposium plenary session | Summer Learning Research: State of Play and a New Research Agenda**
  - Remarks on 25 years of Summer Learning Research and Practice  
*Dr. Karl Alexander, John Dewey Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University*  
*Dr. Matthew Boulay, CEO National Summer Learning Association*
  - Presentation of A New Research Agenda for Summer Learning
  - Preview of “Investing in Successful Summers: Evidence of Summer Program Effectiveness”  
– a report on summer research and ESSA tiers of evidence  
*Catherine Augustine, RAND Corporation*
  - Discussion of current/new research among participants
- **Networking Lunch**
- **Research breakout session options**

### Supporting Interest and Engagement in Summer Learning Programs

*Neil Naftzger, American Institutes for Research*

This session will present findings from a four year study of STEM Summer Learning Programs serving middle school-aged youth conducted by American Institutes for Research oriented at exploring what practices and approaches drive youth interest and engagement in programming. A new online toolkit for practitioners assembled based on study findings will also be previewed.

### Summer Counts: Emerging Research on the Impact of Camp Experiences

*Laurie Browne, American Camp Association*

New findings from ACA's 5-Year Impact Study suggest that camp experiences promote social emotional learning in ways that last over time and transfer to academic and career-related contexts.

### Measuring Summer Social-Emotional Development in STEM Programs

*Dr. Gil Noam, PEAR Institute*

The PEAR Institute: Partnerships in Education and Resilience (PEAR) at McLean Hospital and Harvard Medical School will present recent findings on summer program quality and educator and youth outcomes from national studies of state afterschool networks and youth-serving organizations.

- **General Summer Changes Everything™ conference closing keynote session**
- **Closing reception**



## Registration

Follow this [link to register](#) and **enter the code RESEARCH18 at Step 1** to receive the special pricing for this event.

The cost to attend the research symposium is **\$175 for one-day registration**. (If you wish to attend the full [NSLA Summer Changes Everything™ Annual Conference](#) you may register at a discounted rate using the **RESEARCH18** code.)

## Hotel information

Kansas City Marriott Downtown  
200 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64105

**Reservation Link:** <https://book.passkey.com/event/49501002/owner/587/home>

## Questions? Contact:

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***This meeting is an activity of the NSLA Summer Changes Everything™ Annual Conference.  
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