

# Schedule

2022 Special Topic Meeting, *Learning through Play and Imagination*. April 1-2, 2022 | St. Louis, Missouri, USA.  
*Schedule subject to change.*

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## Friday, April 1, 2022

### 8:00 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast and Welcome

**Location:** Grand Foyer Area

### 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Panel Presentation: Play, Imagination and Media in Early Childhood

**Location:** Grand Ballroom CD

**Session Type:** Invited Panel

**Panelists:**

- *JaNay D. Brown-Wood, Author and Scholar*  
Advocating for diverse and representative children's books
- *Anne F. Lund, PBS Kids*  
Bolstering children's learning through television shows, apps, and other educational tools
- *Yalda T. Uhls, University of California, Los Angeles*  
Bridging research and practice about children's media

**Moderator:** Jacqueline D. Wooley, *University of Texas at Austin*

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## 10:15 am – 11:45 am

Symposium: Methodological Innovations for Tapping into Free Play in Infants and Children

**Location:** Grand Ballroom A

**Session Type:** Paper Symposium

Symposium: Pretend Play and Learning: Academic Achievement, School-based Programming, and Intervention Approaches

**Location:** Grand Ballroom B

**Session Type:** Paper Symposium

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## Paper Session: Parental Perceptions and Interactions During Play

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**Location:** Grand Ballroom EF

**Session Type:** Paper Session

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## Paper Session: Exploration and Problem Solving Through Imagination and Play

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**Location:** Grand Ballroom G

**Session Type:** Paper Session

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## 11:45 am - 12:45 pm - Lunch Break on own

**Location:** Grand Foyer Area

## 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm

## Panel Presentation: Non Human Play



**Location:** Grand Ballroom CD

**Session Type:** Invited Panel

**Panelists:**

- Gordon Burghardt, *University of Tennessee*
- Vincent Janik, *University of St. Andrews*
- Jill Katka, *Louisville Zoo*

**Moderator:** Jeffery J. Lockman, *Tulane University*

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## 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

### Symposium: Digital Play in the Modern Age



**Location:** Grand Ballroom A

**Session Type:** Paper Symposium

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### Symposium: Playful Learning Across Low- and Lower-Middle Income Countries and Crisis Contexts: The Role of Fathers, Caregivers, and Teachers



**Location:** Grand Ballroom B

**Session Type:** Paper Symposium

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## Paper Session: Using and Building Language Skills Through Imagination and Play

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**Location:** Grand Ballroom EF

**Session Type:** Paper Session

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## Paper Session: STEM and Math Learning Through Playing

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**Location:** Grand Ballroom G

**Session Type:** Paper Session

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**4:15 pm – 5:30 pm**

## End-of-Day Discussion

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**Location:** Grand Ballroom CD

**Session Type:** Discussion Session

**Moderator:** Janela Watson, *Janela Watson Consulting*

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**5:45 pm - 7:00 pm**

Poster Session with Reception

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**Location:** Archview Ballroom

**Session Type:** Poster Session

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**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

**8:00 am - 8:30 am**

Breakfast

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**Location:** Grand Foyer Area

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**8:30 am - 10:00 am**

Panel Presentation: Physical Play and Play Space Design

**Location:** Grand Ballroom CD

**Session Type:** Invited Panel

**Panelists:**

- Meghan Talarowski, *Studio Ludo*
- Bo Stjerne Thomsen, *LEGO Foundation*

**Moderator:** Jeffrey J. Lockman, *Tulane University*

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**10:15 am - 11:45 am**

Symposium: Learning from Stories and Media

**Location:** Grand Ballroom A

**Session Type:** Paper Symposium

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## Symposium: International Uptake of Learning through Play

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**Location:** Grand Ballroom B

**Session Type:** Paper Session

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## Paper Session: Play and Imagination Interventions for Learning

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**Location:** Grand Ballroom EF

**Session Type:** Paper Session

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## Paper Session: Relationships between Play and Executive Functions

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**Location:** Grand Ballroom G

**Session Type:** Paper Session

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**11:45 am - 12:45 pm - Lunch Break on own**

**12:45 pm - 2:15 pm**

**Panel Presentation: Play and Imagination across Cultures**

**Location:** Grand Ballroom CD

**Session Type:** Invited Panel

**Panelists:**

- Helen Davis, *Harvard University*
- Suzanne Gaskins, *Northeastern Illinois University*
- Lisa Norris, *ACER Foundation*

**Moderator:** Artin Göncü, *University of Illinois, Chicago*

**2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Symposium: How Children Leverage Play and Imagination in their Everyday Lives**

**Location:** Grand Ballroom A

**Session Type:** Paper Symposium

## Symposium: Playful Learning Landscapes: Playing to Learn in Community Settings

**Location:** Grand Ballroom B

**Session Type:** Paper Symposium

## Paper Session: School Factors in Play and Learning

**Location:** Grand Ballroom EF

**Session Type:** Paper Session

## Paper Session: The Role of Curiosity and Creativity in Play, Imagination, and Learning

**Location:** Grand Ballroom G

**Session Type:** Paper Session

**4:15 pm – 5:30 pm**

## End-of-Day Discussion

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**Location:** Grand Ballroom CD

**Session Type:** Discussion Session

**Moderators:** Roberta M. Golinkoff, *University of Delaware*

Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, *Temple University*

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## 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm

## Poster Session with Reception

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