

National Speakers

Concurrent Sessions — 28 proposed sessions

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Jonathan Edison – Keynote

Margaret Patterson – Dr. Patterson has 15 years of research administration experience at the state and national levels, ran a statewide research and data analysis consulting business for seven years, and presents extensively around the country. She partners with non-profit organizations, postsecondary institutions, and state agencies, applying research to support adult educators and learners. She also has many years of experience as an adult educator and local and state administrator.

Jayne Adelson Goldstein - As a teacher educator, specializing in adult ESOL, Jayme Adelson-Goldstein provides workshops, institutes, online courses and webinars across the U.S. on topics ranging from ESOL methodology to visual literacy to standards integration. From 2015-2016, Jayme coached a cohort of Florida ESOL professionals as they integrated contextualized ESOL instruction for work and career pathways into their programs. Prior to that, her work with Florida focused on the integration of rigor in EL Civics instruction. Jayme is co-author of The Oxford Picture Dictionary 3e (2016), the series director of Step Forward 2e (2017) and is the host of the new podcast Oxford Adult ESL Conversations.

Lupe Ruvalcaba - Guadalupe Ruvalcaba, is an Independent Education & Training Consultant working with both instructors and program managers to assist with enhancing program improvement initiatives. She has trained for the National Leadership Excellence Academy, Cambridge ESL, Texas TRAIN PD, Ace of Florida and various other organizations. She brings 40 years of experience in the education field, with 10 years as Director of the San Antonio ISD Adult Education Department, 25 years in the K- 12th section and 20 years as a trainer. She previously served on various boards including Workforce Solutions-Alamo, Literacy Texas, Texas LEARNS State Advisory Committee, and was President/Conference Chair for the Texas Council of Adult Basic Education Administrators.

Jerry Parrish - Dr. Jerry D. Parrish is the Chief Economist and the Director of Research for the Florida Chamber Foundation. In that role, he is responsible for conducting in-depth analyses on the Florida economy and on solutions to help secure Florida's future. Dr. Parrish previously was the Chief Economist and Director of the Center for Competitive Florida at Florida TaxWatch. Prior to that position, he served as the Associate Director of the Center for Economic Forecasting & Analysis (CEFA) at Florida State University, and has many years of experience in the private sector in management roles at international manufacturing companies. Dr. Parrish is currently an Adjunct Instructor in the Masters in Applied Economics Program at Florida State University. He earned a B.S. in Agricultural Business and Economics from Auburn University, an M.B.A. from Bellarmine University, an M.S. in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Auburn University. He regularly publishes research reports and articles on the Florida economy and Florida's competitiveness.