

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## Carol Lyons

Carol Lyons is an author and professor emerita at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. She is a highly respected educator in the field of early literacy, brain research, reading/learning disability, Reading Recovery,



and teacher education. Her book, *Teaching for Struggling Readers: How to Use Brain-based Research to Maximize Learning*, is widely acclaimed. She is also co-author of *Partners in Learning: Teachers and Children in Reading Recovery*, *Systems for Change in Literacy Education: A Guide to Professional Development*, and co-editor of *Bridges to Literacy: Learning from Reading Recovery*.

## Candy Dawson Boyd

Candy Dawson Boyd is an author and professor in the School of Education at Saint Mary's College in California. She has lectured nationwide as both an award-winning children's author and a K–12 reading educator.



Her work emphasizes literature and culturally diverse learning. As founder of Common Literacy Culture, Boyd is dedicated to improving the teaching of reading and writing for urban children. Her award-winning books for young people include *Circle of Gold*, *Charlie Pippin*, and *Chevrolet Saturdays*.

## Brod Bagert

Brod Bagert is an author and poet raised in New Orleans. He believes that the sound of words is as important to poetry as the sound of the notes is to music. Bagert has written 15 books of poetry for children and



adults and tours some 30 weeks a year. His sessions are entertaining with a strong message for educators. Prior to becoming a poet, he practiced law, served in public office, and raised four children who are the joy of his life. In 1992, he closed his law practice and became a full-time poet.

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