# PACE Annual Conference

**Evidence to Advance Equity and Excellence in California’s Cradle-to-Career Vision**

Friday, February 7, 2020  
Kimpton Sawyer Hotel  
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## Securing Education Resources to Finance California’s Future

*Magnolia Ballroom*

The state of California is an economic powerhouse that underfunds its public school system. Learn about how funding inadequacy affects student opportunities in our state, the history of California’s tax system, and possible options for securing more revenue for public education in the state.

- **Heather Hough** (@hjhough) moderator, Executive Director, PACE (@edpolicyinca)
- **Carrie Hahnel** (@CarrieHahnel) independent consultant
- **Sawai Seyoum** (@HsSawai), parent advocate, Sacramento City Unified School District (@OfficialSCUSD), Senior Legislative Advocate, Disability Rights California (@DisabilityCA)
- **Fred Silva**, Director of Public Policy, California Forward (@MoveCAFWD)
- **Samantha Tran** (@samdtran), Senior Managing Director, Education Policy, Children Now (@ChildrenNow)
- **Jason Willis**, Director of Strategic Engagement, Comprehensive School Assistance Program, WestEd (@WestEd)

## Organizing Schools to Serve Students with Disabilities

*Sycamore*

Hear from researchers about evidence-based practices to improve outcomes for students with disabilities in California, including early identification, universal design for learning, work-based learning, and successful post-secondary transitions.

- **Jeannie Myung**, moderator, Director of Policy Research, PACE (@edpolicyinca)
- **Nancy Hunt**, Professor Emerita, Cal State Los Angeles (@CalStateLA), and Discipline Director, Special Education, California Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (@AUCDNews)
- **Connie Kasari**, Professor of Psychological Studies in Education and Psychiatry, UCLA (@UCLAAutismCART)
- **Rachel Lambert** (@mathematize4all), Assistant Professor in Special Education and Mathematics Education, Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, UC Santa Barbara (@GGSEucsb)
- **Lauren Lindstrom**, Professor and Dean of the School of Education, UC Davis (@UCEducation)
- **Carolynne Beno**, Assistant Superintendent, Yolo County Office of Education (@YoloCOE)
- **Fred McFarlane**, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Administration, Rehabilitation and Postsecondary Education, San Diego State University (@ARPE_Interwork)
- **Mari Guillermo**, Project Coordinator, Interwork Institute, San Diego State University (@ARPE_Interwork)

## Improving Quality in Early Childhood Education

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*California will not reap the benefits of its significant investments in improved access to preschool without deliberate attention to improving the quality of early childhood education in the state. Join this session to discuss levers for improving the quality of early learning in California, including quality improvement planning, workforce support, and the role of philanthropy.*

- **Deborah Stipek** (@stimudd), moderator, Judy Koch Professor of Education, Stanford Stanford School of Education (@StanfordEd), Faculty Director, PACE (@edpolicyinca)
- **Patricia Lozano**, Executive Director, Early Edge California (@EarlyEdgeCA)
- **Meera Mani**, Director of Children, Families and Communities, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation (@PackardFdn)
- **Scott Moore**, Chief Executive Officer, Kidango (@kidango)
Breakout #2 (Choose 1)

Part 2: Developing Systems to Serve Students with Disabilities
Sycamore

• Aixi Gallagher (@AixiGallagher14), moderator, Director of Research Practice Partnerships, PACE (@edpolicyinc)  
• Jorge Aguilar, Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District (@officialSCUSD)  
• Malati Gopal (@FresnoUnified), Analyst, Fresno Unified School District  
• Hayin Kimmer (@Hayin), independent consultant  
• Kelsey Krausen (@kkrausen), Senior Research Associate, Comprehensive School Assistance Program, WestEd (@WestEd)  
• Ed Manansala (@EdManansala12), Superintendent of Schools, El Dorado County Office of Education (@ElDoradoCOE)  
• Lynn Rocha-Salazar (@LynnRSalazar), Principal, Ayer Elementary School (@ayerbears)  

Making College Affordability a Reality for California Students
Alder

• Michal Kurlaender (@michielk), moderator, Professor of Education Policy, University of California, Davis (@UCDEducation); Faculty Director, PACE (@edpolicyinc)  
• Tammie Gilkerson, President of Laney College (@Laney_College)  
• Joanne Lacoce (@jrlacoe), Research Director, California Policy Lab (@CAPolicyLab)  
• Patrick Perry (@ThePatrickPerry), Division Chief of Policy, Research & Data, California Student Aid Commission (@calstudentaid)  
• Cecilia Rios-Aguilar (@creada), Associate Dean for Equity & Inclusion and Professor of Education, UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies (@ucagesis); Faculty Director, PACE (@edpolicyinc)

Keynote Address
3:00-3:45 Magnolia Ballroom


Closing Remarks
3:45-4:00 Magnolia Ballroom

Heather Hough (@hjhough), Executive Director, PACE (@edpolicyinc)

Book Signing with Paul Tough (optional)
4:00-4:30 Magnolia Foyer

Copies of “The Years that Matter Most: How College Makes or Breaks Us,” available for purchase.