



# Biographies of the Colorado Model Content Standard Review Stakeholder Committee

## **Gerri Anderson, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Geri Anderson currently serves as the Provost for the Colorado Community College System. In this role she provides leadership for all community college academic and student affairs policy review and development, ensures the development and enhancement of high quality career and technical and transfer education programs through on-going program review, assessment of student learning, high academic standards and the expansion of scholarship/creative activity.

In addition to providing leadership at the postsecondary level, Dr. Anderson is responsible for the administration of the Colorado Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act and the Colorado Vocational Act for all secondary and postsecondary programs. During the next five years, Dr. Anderson will be responsible for implementation of the career and technical components of the SB 212 (CAP4K) legislation including the modernization of the CTE content standards, assessment of student learning and the integration of academic rigor into all CTE programs

## **Gareth Barbosa**

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Gareth “Gary” Barbosa is the Director of Human Resource (HR) Systems and Workforce Planning & Staffing for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company. Gary Barbosa has been with Lockheed Martin since 1999. He began in Enterprise Information Systems as the Director for HR Business Partners and previously directed Compensation, Benefits and Employee Services for Space Systems Company. He has 23 years of HR experience, including corporate and field assignments. In addition to his organizational and functional responsibilities, Gary Barbosa has participated on a number of corporate teams focused on shaping the HR profession and the Lockheed Martin workforce at large. He is also a member of the Corporate Hispanic Leadership Council charged with improving the professional pipeline of talent in the industry and company. Gary Barbosa’s previous experience includes Electric Utility and Management & Business Consulting.

Mr. Barbosa is an active Board Member on the Colorado – Math, Science, Technology & Engineering Education Council (COMSTEC) and the South Metro Denver Board and STEM Committee. In addition to civic responsibilities each of these boards are focused on improving the K-16 educational pipeline.

Gary Barbosa is a graduate of Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance. Gary Barbosa also has a Masters of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University.

## **Jonathan Bergmann**

Jonathan Bergmann is a science teacher currently teaching at Woodland Park High School since 2007. In addition to teaching at Woodland Park High School, Mr. Bergmann has also taught at Baker Middle School, Englewood High School and Eaglecrest High School. While at Eaglecrest High School, he also held a position as a Technology Staff Developer, in which he worked with a team of other teachers who excel in integrating technology. They were responsible for determining technology needs of the school as well as training other teachers to use the technology and integrate it into their classroom. Throughout his career Mr. Bergmann has taught Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Earth and Physical Science.

Jonathan Bergmann is National Board Certified in Adolescent and Young Adult Science in Chemistry from the National Board of Professional Teaching and is a 2003 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching: Secondary Science Teacher of the year for Colorado awarded by the President of the United States.

Jonathan Bergmann received his Bachelor of Science in Science Education in 1986 from Oregon State University with a concentration in Chemistry, Physics and Physical Science. He received his Masters of Arts in Instructional Technology in 1993 from the University of Colorado at Denver.

## **Charlotte Brantley**

Charlotte Brantley is the President and CEO of the Clayton Foundation. Her distinguished career spans decades of leadership in early childhood education, with emphasis on teacher training, high quality early learning environments, child and family policy, and state and federal program administration.

Brantley led a division of the U.S. Department of Human Services in the Clinton Administration. She administered more than \$4 billion in federal child care service and quality improvement funds from 1999-2001.

From 1990 through 1999, Brantley was director of child care and development for the state of Texas. She helped guide its child care system through dramatic improvements in response to a ten-fold increase in the budget to \$350 million annually. The Texas program was awarded the prestigious Innovations in State and Local Government Award from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and the Ford Foundation.

## **Precious Broadnax, Ed.D.**

Dr. Precious Broadnax is the principal of Roosevelt Edison Charter School, District 11. Her school is a K-5, 2006 Edison Schools, Inc. Double 4 Star School and a 2007 Edison Schools, Inc. Double 5 Star School, located in Colorado Springs. Dr. Broadnax received her Bachelors in Education from the University of Texas, her Masters in Education from Adam State College and her Doctorate of Education (Ed. D) in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern of Florida. She has received several educational recognition awards in community and was awarded an NAACP Educational Award in 2003. Dr. Precious Broadnax is a former Member of Colorado Department of Education's "No Child Left Behind" Committee.

## Reeves Brown

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Reeves Brown is the Executive Director of CLUB 20, a non-profit political advocacy organization representing the interests of Colorado's 22 western counties. Based in Grand Junction, Reeves Brown leads the organization in cultivating dialogue amongst the region's diverse interests to develop consensus recommendations for state and national public policies on a wide range of issues including public lands management, economic development, transportation funding, energy development, water management, education and health care. Under Reeves Brown's leadership, CLUB 20 has doubled its membership base and established itself as a model forum for developing consensus-based solutions among very diverse interests.

After working for the National Cattlemen's Association for two years, Mr. Brown served as Executive Vice President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) from 1989-1997. During his tenure, Reeves Brown established the CCA as a nationally-recognized leader in the natural resource and animal care arenas. Under his leadership, the CCA created the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) in 1993 – the first land conservation trust in the nation fostered by an established agriculture organization. The CCALT currently holds conservation easements on over 250,000 acres of agriculture land across Colorado, and has served as a catalyst for the creation of similar land trusts in other western states which now collectively hold conservation easements on over 1 million acres of agriculture lands.

Reeves Brown is a graduate of Montana State University, where he majored in Agriculture Business and minored in Economics.

## Sharon Davarn

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Sharon Davarn is the Executive Director of the Uncompahgre Board of Cooperative Services (UnBocs), based in Ridgway, Colorado since 2000. UnBocs is mandated to provide special education support services to children with disabilities from birth to their twenty-first birthday for the five regional school districts of Telluride, Naturita/Nucla, Norwood, Ridgway and Ouray.

Sharon Davarn was the Wyoming Department of Education State Special Education Director from 1994-1995 and has a Master of Arts Degree in Education Leadership from the University of Wyoming and Master of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Special Education from the University of Northern Colorado.

## Bill De La Cruz

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Bill De La Cruz is the President of De La Cruz Consulting Inc., located in Boulder, Colorado. He specializes in Educational Consulting in the area of cultural competency, community engagement and communication skills. Prior to establishing his consulting business Bill De La Cruz spent six years as a school board member and President of the Boulder Valley School Board. He also served as a board member for the Colorado Association of School Boards, chaired the Colorado Association of Hispanic School Board Members, chaired the Closing the Achievement Gap Coalition and co-chaired the Colorado Closing the Achievement Gap Commission. Mr. De La Cruz was trained as a professional mediator and is now currently consulting with the Colorado Department of Education as an online Monitor working closely with Commissioner Jones and with Boulder Valley Schools in the area of community engagement. He also serves on the advisory board for the office of equity, diversity and community engagement at the Colorado University at Boulder.

In addition to being a 30 year resident of boulder, Bill is married and has two children attending CU Boulder, and two stepchildren in the Boulder Valley Schools.

## **Carol Eaton, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Carol Eaton is the Executive Director of Instructional Data Services for Jefferson County Public Schools. In this role, she directs several departments that encompass assessment, research, program evaluation, accreditation, accountability, and student data reporting. She has worked for Jefferson County since 2000. Prior to that time, she taught courses in research methods and statistics at the college level, as well as worked as a research manager for National Public Radio. She earned a doctorate from Syracuse University in 1999. She has presented research at academic and industry conferences, and published her work in research journals and books.

## **Kathy Escamilla, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Kathy Escamilla is a Professor of Education in the division of social, bilingual and multicultural foundations at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Dr. Escamilla's research centers on educational issues related to Spanish speaking language minority students in U.S. schools. She is specifically focused in issues related to the development of bilingualism and biliteracy in early elementary grades for this Spanish speaking population. Her recent research has also examined assessment practices and the impact of high stakes testing on these children.

Dr. Escamilla is a member of numerous professional organizations in education and has served two terms as the president of the National Association for Bilingual Education. She has recently been appointed as a co-editor of the Bilingual Research Journal, and has served as the chair person of the Bilingual SIG for the American Education Research Association (AERA).

Her education includes a Ph.D. in Curriculum and the Study of Schooling- emphasis in Bilingual Education from the University of California, Los Angeles, 1987, a Masters of Education with an emphasis in Elementary Bilingual-Bicultural Education from the University of Kansas, 1975 and a Bachelors in Spanish and Secondary Education from the University of Colorado at Boulder, 1971.

## **Bill Esterbrook**

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Bill Esterbrook is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Archuleta County School District 50 in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Mr. Esterbrook is the Curriculum Director, Assessment Director and Response to Intervention Coordinator of the district. He has held the position of Assistant Superintendent for 3 years. Prior to becoming Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Esterbrook was a High School Principal for 13 years, an Assistant High School Principal for 8 years and a Teacher for 7.5 years.

## **Roger Felch, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Roger Felch is currently a Chemistry, Physical Science, and AP Chemistry teacher at Castle View High School. He has also taught “Chemistry in the Community”, Honors Physics, Global Science, Earth Systems and Resources (using the LATE curriculum with an integrated GIS based environmental emphasis), and A+ Computer Repair for a local community college as well as a number of Geology and Geophysics classes while completing his graduate work. Prior to teaching, Roger Felch worked as a geophysicist for EDCON Inc., specializing in marine data processing, one- and two-dimensional digital signal analysis and interpretation, which incorporated GPS positioning and accelerations into ship borne gravity data processing.

While completing his Masters and Doctoral work, Roger Felch worked with Los Alamos National Laboratory developing the first 3-D gravimetric structural model of Yucca Flat at the Nevada Test Site as well as participating in several intermediate range crustal seismic reflection experiments and modeling seismic crustal structure in the Western U.S. During the “off season” Mr. Felch has spent over 40 years with, and from 1979 through 2004 directed, the C Bar T Trail Ranch, a wilderness youth camp which specialized in wilderness camping, wilderness horsemanship and extended horseback pack trips through the high Colorado Rocky Mountains. He maintains, raises, and cares for 30-35 horses and manages the family owned 750 acre ranch in North Park which “puts up” 150-300 tons of grass hay each year.

## **Booker Graves**

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Booker Graves is currently the Executive Director of the Colorado Office of Workforce Development. He is a successful consultant and businessman. Booker Graves is one of the former owners of the York Street Café and spent many years as General Manager of Airport Concessions at several major airports throughout the nation. He also worked in marketing and development for Sky Chefs. His most notable tenure was as General Manager for all Food and Beverage operations at Stapleton International Airport, a business that employed 500 employees and generated \$20,000,000 in revenue. He has received numerous awards including General Manager of the Year, Corporate Sponsor of the Year from UCPA and from the UNCF.

Included is his tenure as an appointee to the Colorado Economic Development Commission, service on the Second Judicial District, Judicial Review Commission and the Board of Directors of the Colorado Restaurant Association. He also serves on the boards of several charities and service organizations, including the State Rehabilitation Council, The Community College of Denver Foundation, “Qualistar” and The Steering committee for the College in Colorado Coalition. Booker Graves also has served on the Coalition to close the achievement gap for minority children in the Colorado Department of Education. He was appointed by a former Governor to serve on the Business Commission on childcare financing and the Colorado Commission on Early Childcare and Education. He is one of the Directors for America’s Family, the employment enrichment organization, a public private partnership and served on the Education Alignment Council.

## **Andrew Keck, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Andrew Keck is a Professor of Mathematics and Computer Information Science at Western State College of Colorado. In addition to his academic work he consults with government and industry. Dr. Keck received his Bachelors at DePauw University; M. Phil at the University of Utah; Ph.D. at the University of Montana.

## **Bill Kurtz**

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Bill Kurtz is the Head of School for Denver School of Science and Technology (DSST), a charter school here in Denver. Before joining DSST, Bill served as the Principal of Link Community School in Newark, NJ. He graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelors degree in political science and earned his Masters from Columbia University's Teachers College in educational administration and leadership.

## **Virginia Maloney Ph.D.**

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Dr. Virginia “Ginger” Maloney became the Dean of the Morgridge College of Education at the University of Denver in 2001. Previously, she was the Executive Director of the Sturm Family Foundation, a Denver-based philanthropic foundation with funding initiatives in the fields of K-12 education, higher education, affordable housing, and Jewish life. As a member of several funding partnerships, she supported the leadership of local school systems, teacher union leadership, and policy makers on the state and local level.

Before moving to Denver, Dr. Maloney worked in an executive capacity at nonprofit organizations providing education and family support services to children with disabilities and children “at risk” in Illinois and Virginia. Beginning her career as a preschool teacher in a classroom demonstrating the inclusion of children with significant disabilities, Dr. Maloney remains a dedicated supporter of quality early childhood education for all children.

Dr. Maloney received her Bachelors degree from Yale University as a member of the first graduating class to include women. She has a Masters in Education and Human Development and a Ph.D. in Administration from the School of Public and Business Management at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. As a doctoral student she focused her study and research on the development and implementation of public education policy.



## Mike Miles

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Mike Miles currently serves as the Superintendent of the Harrison School District in Colorado Springs. Prior to being selected as Superintendent, Mr. Miles held positions as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent. He has assumed leadership roles to raise academic standards in his district and the state. Mr. Miles also serves as an educational consultant and motivational speaker for school districts and other public organizations around the state. He is recognized as an accomplished practitioner of curriculum alignment, organizational effectiveness, leadership development, and systems thinking.



Mike Miles has studied Slavic languages at the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Leningrad in Russia. Also pursuing advanced study of Soviet affairs and public policy at Columbia University. Mike Miles graduated from Columbia University in 1989. He joined the U.S. State Department working at the Soviet Desk where he made policy recommendations and wrote talking points for the Secretary of State regarding German reunification, chemical weapons, NATO and other Issues. Mr. Miles then became a Foreign Service Officer while at State. He has also served as a diplomat in Warsaw, Poland and as Special Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador to Russia.



Mike Miles is a 1978 West Point graduate, upon his graduation Mike Miles entered the ranks of the officer corps at Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he served in the Army's elite Ranger Battalion and commanded an Infantry Rifle Company.



## Keith Owen, Ph.D.

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Dr. Keith Owen is the Chief Academic Officer of Pueblo City Schools. He has served as Executive Director of Elementary Education, and Director of Reading PreK-12 in Pueblo City Schools. Dr. Owen was the former Principal of Beulah Heights Elementary in Pueblo City Schools for five years. He was named the National Distinguished Elementary Principal of the Year in 2003 for the State of Colorado. Dr. Owen received his Doctorate and Superintendent License in June of 2004 from the University of Denver in Colorado.



Under his leadership as a Principal, Beulah Heights Elementary emerged as one of the most successful Title I schools in the State of Colorado as well as in the United States. President Bush, joined by First Lady Laura Bush and Secretary of Education Rod Paige recognized Dr. Owen and the tremendous accomplishments by the students and staff at a celebration on the first anniversary of the landmark "No Child Left Behind" education legislation hosted by the President in the East Room of the White House on January 8, 2003. Beulah Heights Elementary was one of only two schools nationally cited by the President as epitomizing the tenets set forth by the 'No Child Left Behind' act. Beulah Heights Elementary was also featured in a U.S. News & World Report (March 22-29, 2004) edition. This article "Closing the Gap" looked at the success of three schools throughout the United States that have beat the odds and Beulah Heights Elementary was one such school.

Dr. Owen has presented at numerous conferences including the annual Education Trust Conference, International Dyslexia Association Conference, National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of School Boards Conference. Dr. Owen was just hired as Superintendent of Durango Schools.

## **Michael Poliakoff, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Michael Poliakoff is the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research at the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). He has been with NEH since 2002. Mr. Poliakoff has extensive experience working at an administrative level and has had success in directing major policies and strategic initiatives to foster effective and efficient educational programs.

Dr. Poliakoff leads major strategic efforts at the National Endowment for the Humanities to strengthen the teaching and learning of the humanities in American schools, colleges and universities. He also has enhanced the effectiveness of professional staff. His professional experience includes promoting teacher quality, developing effective strategies for the improvement of teaching, and outreach to build wider awareness of NEH programs. Dr. Poliakoff was president of the National Council on teacher quality and Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary for postsecondary and higher education before joining the NEH. He has also served as Associate Dean at Bloomsburg University, and was on the faculty of Hillsdale College and Wellesley College. He was an adjunct professor at Georgetown University and adjunct visiting professor at George Washington University.

Dr. Michael Poliakoff graduated magna cum laude from Yale University in 1975 and attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar from 1975-1978. He earned his doctorate in Classical Studies from the University of Michigan in 1981.

## **Brian Printz, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Brian Printz is the Executive Director of Special Programs for the Fountain – Fort Carson School District. He received his degree in secondary education in 1983 from St. Olaf College in Minnesota. Following a year of teaching for Volunteers for Educational and Social Services in Dallas, Texas, Dr. Printz pursued his Masters and Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. After earning his Doctorate in 1993, Dr. Printz worked 8 years as a school psychologist in Cypress-Fairbanks, Texas, as well as Douglas County and Pueblo City School Districts in Colorado.

Dr. Printz obtained his Director of Special Education license from the University of Denver in 1998 and began working as a Director of Special Education for Pikes Peak BOCES in 1999, where he served until moving to his current position in Fountain-Fort Carson School District five years ago. As the Executive Director of Special Programs, Dr. Printz has overseen a variety of programs including Special Education, Early Childhood and Federal Programs. Along with having taught at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs as an adjunct professor for several years.

## **Karin Reynolds**

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Karin Reynolds is the Executive Director for Learning Services for Academy School District 20. She has held this position since July of 2005. Ms. Reynolds received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1979. She then received her Teaching Certifications in 1981 and her Masters of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction in 1995 from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. In 1998 Ms. Reynolds received her Principalship license/certification. Prior to her current position as Executive Director for Learning Services, Ms. Reynolds served as a Principal for four years and was a teacher for 19 years.

Karin Reynolds has served at the University of Colorado at COS as an instructor / coordinator for test preparation courses from 1996 -1998. She also serves on the AVID State Board and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education Admission Requirements Task Force, both in which she currently serves in.

## **Susan Ryder**

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Susan Ryder is a fourteen year veteran of the teaching profession and the 2007 Colorado Teacher of the Year. Susan entered the profession because she wanted to make a positive impact on her students' lives through literacy instruction. She encourages her students to become the "authors of their own life stories" as they engage in a lifetime of learning. Susan has a Masters Degree in Secondary Education/English from the University of Alabama and is actively involved in the Rocky Mountain Writing Project.

She has spoken at regional and state conferences, as well as at the National Press Club regarding the importance of 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, instructional leadership, and No Child Left Behind legislation. A native of the Gulf Coast, she currently lives in Lyons, Colorado with her husband and teaches high school English in Estes Park.

## **Roger Sampson**

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Roger Sampson is the President of the Education of Commission of the States. He has had a distinguished career for more than twenty years in Alaska while earning a reputation for quality, innovation and increased student achievement. The State Board of Education & Early Development appointed Sampson as Alaska Commissioner of Education & Early Development in 2003. He resigned effective August 17, 2007 to take the position of president of the Education Commission of the States. During Sampson's tenure as Commissioner, the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development established a statewide full-release mentoring program for beginning teachers and administrators in partnership with the University of Alaska. The department also established, with the approval of the Legislature, an innovative public school performance incentive program. Sampson has served in a variety of roles and positions in public schools, including school administrator in both rural and urban Alaska.



## **Diana Sirko, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Diana Sirko is in her fifth year as the Superintendent of the Aspen School District. She has been an educator for 34 years. Dr. Sirko received her Bachelors in biology and mathematics from the University of Northern Colorado, and her Masters and PhD. from the University of Colorado. She was previously the Deputy Superintendent of Colorado Springs Public Schools, and has been a principal and teacher at all levels. Dr. Sirko serves as a Board Member for the Colorado Association of Superintendent's and Senior Administrators, and the Aspen Rotary Club, and is a member of the Colorado Association of School Administrators, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the American Association of School Administrators. She is also an adjunct professor at Colorado University and the University of Northern Colorado teaching leadership classes for those educators that wish to become principals.



## **Bev Tarpley**

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Bev Tarpley is the Assistant Superintendent for Cheyenne Mountain Schools. She is a 28 year educator with an additional 8 years in the corporate business environment. Bev Tarpley has served as a teacher, district professional developer, building principal, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent. She has worked in Atlanta, Georgia - White Plains, New York- Summit New Jersey, and in the following Colorado districts: District 11 in Colorado Springs, Woodland Park, Aspen, and now Cheyenne Mountain.

The smallest district were she worked was Aspen, with 1,500 students, and the largest districts being DeKalb County Georgia, with 100,000 students and District 11, with 33,000. Ms. Tarpley has experience in diverse environments from urban, suburban, inner city, very wealthy, middle class, and inner city environments. She has knowledge and experience with all levels: elementary, middle/junior high, and high school. Bev Tarpley received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia, her Masters from Georgia State University, and another Masters from College of New Rochelle, New York.

