

# Minnesota Educators of the Gifted and Talented



## ***Engaging the Gifted Mind In a High Tech World***

***Critical Thinking***

***Creativity & Innovation***

***Intuition***

***Technology***

***Literacy***

***Numeracy***

**MEGT's 17th Annual  
Mid-Winter Conference  
Feb. 1 - 3, 2009**

# Conference Highlights

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*Sunday Afternoon:* 1:00-3:30

\*\*Pre-Conference Session \*\*

\*\*Separate Registration needed\*\*

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*Sunday Evening:* 4:00-5:30

Registration/Check-In

Hospitality Room open to all

5:45-7:15 Dinner

7:30-9:30 MEGT Welcome

Friends of the Gifted award

Nicholas Green recipient

**Keynote Speaker: Mary Slade**

**Ten Things I Wish I Knew When I Started Teaching Gifted Learners**

*Monday:*

8:30-10:30 MEGT Welcome

**Keynote Speaker: Carol Tieso**

**Ability Grouping is NOT Just Tracking Anymore**

10:45-11:45 Breakout Sessions

12:00 Lunch

1:00-3:15 Breakout Sessions

3:30-4:45 Large Group Session

**Keynote Speaker: Carol Tieso**

**Differentiation: Curricular Adjustments and Grouping Practices that Increase Student Achievement**

5:00-7:15 Social Hour & Dinner

7:30 Regional Buzz Groups

*Tuesday:*

8:45-9:45 Breakout Sessions

10:00-11:45 MEGT Announcements

**Keynote Speaker: Mary Slade**

**The Importance of Rigor for Gifted Learners**

11:45-12:15 Closing Remarks

## *Pre-Conference Session*

Advanced topic: Using Technology to Engage and Differentiate for the Gifted Learner

Our students are the digital natives. This extended session will explore the various ways technology is an incredible tool to engage, extend and differentiate for the gifted learners in your classroom. The presenters will not be teaching the programs per se, but rather the focus of this session will be to demonstrate how to infuse a range of programs & tools into your instruction.

**\*\*You must register extra for the pre-conference session.\*\***

**\*\*This session starts at 1:00 Sunday.\*\***

**\*\*Be sure to arrive on time.\*\***

## Special Features of the Conference & Breakout Sessions

- Critical Thinking & strategies for students
- Creative Thinking & strategies for students
- Technology sessions
- Intuition & strategies for students
- Literacy issues/topics
- Numeracy issues/topics
- Achievement of gifted learners in the NCLB era
- Effective methods to differentiate instruction which will impact student achievement
- Addressing the needs of diverse populations
- Advocacy for gifted learners
- One semester graduate credit from Hamline University
- Networking opportunities & activities
  - regional meetings
  - hospitality room
  - conversations with national leaders
  - evening events

### Who Should Attend

K-12 Classroom Teachers  
Curriculum Specialists  
Staff Development Teams

Gifted & Talented Enrichment Coordinators  
Administrators  
Counselors

**Session hours can be used to fulfill state relicensure requirements in the areas of: differentiation, reading/literacy, and mental health.**

All of Cragun's lodge rooms and meeting rooms have free wireless high speed internet access. Please feel free to bring your laptops to the conference.

### Please Note

**ROOMATES: EACH PERSON MUST COMPLETE A SEPARATE RESERVATION FORM.** If you are selecting roommates, reservations forms must be mailed or faxed together. If not received together, Cragun's will place you in a room at the single occupancy rate. For safety and security reason, Cragun's will not assign roommates. Please list name(s) of roommates you are selecting on the reservation form.

## Call for Proposals

The MEGT statewide organization is seeking presenters to share their expertise/insights in the challenge of gifted students. Successful presenters, teachers, coordinators, principals and parents interested in providing engaging sessions for participants are encouraged to send in proposals.

**A CALL FOR PROPOSALS form can be found on the MEGT website at [www.megt.org](http://www.megt.org)**

**Preference will be given to proposals that address the focus topics of the conference:**

- technology
- critical thinking strategies
- creative thinking strategies
- literacy issues/topics
- numeracy issues/topics
- intuition skills

### OR SEND:

- Your name
- Address
- Phone/Fax/Email
- Session Title
- Intended Audience
- Complexity Rating: scale of 1 for a novice to 4 for experienced
- Session Description (25 words)
- About the Presenter (25 words)

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**Proposals must be received by November 15, 2008**

**\*\*No proposals will be accepted after November 15, 2008\*\***

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**MEGT's keynote speakers serve on the NAGC board.**

**Dr. Mary Slade** is a Professor in the Department of Exceptional Education at the College of Education at James Madison University. She directs the gifted education coursework and the Pre-K-12 Add-On Gifted Education Endorsement Program at JMU, including the online coursework in this area. Mary has taught in higher education since 1990; in teacher education, special education, and gifted education. Previously she taught in elementary, middle, and high schools as a fourth grade, gifted education, and English teacher. Mary is a co-author of a state development book in gifted education and co-editor of *Aiming for Excellence: The NAGC Pre-K-12 Gifted Program Standards* both published collaboratively by Prufrock Press and NAGC. Mary is author of a book on consultation and gifted education published by Creative Learning Press.

**Dr. Carol Tieso** is an Assistant Professor at The College of William and Mary where she teaches graduate courses in gifted education. She was the program chair in gifted education at the University of Alabama for the past five years prior to joining the staff at William and Mary. She completed her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut in June 2000. Her research interests include examining the impact of flexible grouping and curriculum differentiation on students' achievement, self-efficacy, and self-concept; and addressing the social and emotional needs of gifted, talented, and creative students.

## **17<sup>h</sup> Annual MEGT Conference**

**February 1 - 3, 2009  
Cragun's Resort in  
Brainerd, MN**

**SEE INSIDE BROCHURE FOR DETAILS**  
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