CCTE Fall 2019 Conference Keynote Speakers

Nancy Lourié Markowitz and Wendy Thowdis will be the Thursday afternoon keynote speakers at the California Council on Teacher Education Fall 2019 Conference, while Zaretta Hammond will be the Friday morning keynote speaker. They will each directly address the nexus of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Teaching (CRST) and along with practitioner panels they will provide resources and share insights regarding integrating SEL and CRST into teacher education.

Nancy is a national leader on the topic of integrating social, emotional, and cultural (SEC) competencies in teacher preparation. As Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Reaching & Teaching the Whole Child, she focuses on integrating the SEC competencies into teaching and learning across the teacher professional development continuum. Together with the CRTWC Special Projects Director, she has developed and led the CRTWC Teacher Educator Institute (TEI), a year long professional development program supporting teacher educators to integrate SEC competencies into teacher preparation programs using the CRTWC Anchor Competencies Framework. She is also Professor Emeritus in the Department of Teacher Education at San José State University. classrooms, social studies methods, and literacy methods.

Wendy is the Special Projects Director at the Center for Reaching & Teaching the Whole Child, where her primary responsibilities are to create curriculum and provide professional development for pre-service and in-service educators to integrate social, emotional, and cultural competencies into their teaching. She is the Social Science Coordinator for the Single Subject Credential Program and teaches the United States History Methods course to K-12 undergraduate teacher preparation students at San José State University.

Zaretta is the owner and chief instructional strategist with Transformative Learning Solutions, a consultancy that focuses on educational equity, culturally relevant pedagogy, and literacy development. While based in the San Francisco Bay Area, she develops and facilitates learning experiences for teachers, administrators, instructional coaches, and teacher educators nationally.