



# 2025 SPRING NEWSLETTER

## A Note From Our Executive Director

### *Empowering Educators*



The UC|CSU Collaborative for Neuroscience, Diversity, and Learning is excited to highlight our ongoing commitment to uplifting teaching, learning, and student outcomes through informed policy, practice, and educator preparation.

As Spring 2025 unfolds, educators have the exciting opportunity to deepen their impact through inclusive, evidence-based teaching strategies. This season, let's embrace innovative strategies, advocate for all students, and create classrooms where every learner can thrive. Together, we're creating opportunities for every learner.

**Alison Yoshimoto-Towery**  
Executive Director

## ARRAYA LEARNING

Arraya Learning is a statewide resource hub of self-paced, curated learning opportunities for use by anyone interested in learning about how to best serve California's "array" of diverse learners. You can create an account today and pass this along to a friend. [Visit our updated catalog](#), now featuring additional modules, resources, courses, tools, and trainings to support both educators and learners.

## SENIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

This academic year marked the launch of our initial senior fellows program cohort, and we are excited to continue bridging policy, practice, and research this Spring in Sacramento. [Learn more about our Senior Fellows Program](#), a unique initiative connecting legislators with academic expertise to drive evidence-based solutions for California's diverse learners.

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**OCT. 11  
2025**

8:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**NEUROSCIENCE, DIVERSITY, AND  
LEARNING SUMMIT 2025**

# The neuroscience of attention and engagement in classroom environment



At the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Dr. Agatha Lenartowicz and Dr. Jennie Grammer are studying attention control in elementary-age students, to understand the brain mechanisms that dictate what students focus on and what they ignore, with the goal of improving educational outcomes for as many students as possible.

[Read More](#)

## Dr. Jennie Grammer

Faculty Director, UC|CSU Collaborative for Neuroscience, Diversity, and Learning

*\*This article was produced by Futurum Careers, a free online resource and magazine aimed at encouraging 14-19-year-olds worldwide to pursue careers in science, tech, engineering, maths, medicine (STEM) and social sciences, humanities and the arts for people and the economy (SHAPE). For more information, teaching resources, and course and career guides, see [www.futurumcareers.com](http://www.futurumcareers.com)*

## Featured Modules: Literacy/Dyslexia Offerings



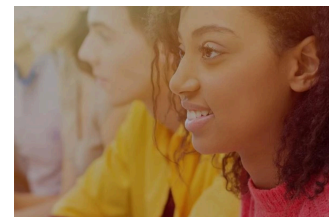
This month's featured modules by the UC|CSU Collaborative Dyslexia and Literacy Taskforce work to prepare and support teachers in pre-service programs and ongoing professional development about the reading brain and its implications for screening, instruction, and intervention. Arraya Learning modules address multiple TPEs within those standards. Decades of work have revealed critical insights into the reading brain and dyslexia. These insights have informed our understanding of the need to teach reading in ways that support the development of the multiple different processes that are required in reading acquisition, and that can be impeded in reading disabilities.



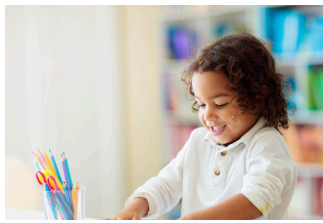
[Introduction to Dyslexia](#)



[Dyslexia and the Brain](#)



[Screening and Assessment for Dyslexia](#)



[Early Childhood and Dyslexia](#)



[Multilingual/English Learners and Dyslexia](#)

## Spring 2025 Webinar Series



### Early Literacy Screening in CA

March 6 | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Distinguished Guest:** Senator Anthony Portantino (ret.)

**Speakers:** Bonnie Garcia, Statewide Literacy Co-Director, California Department of Education; Tami Wilson, ELA Director of Development and Training, SCOE; Dr. Dominic Grasso, Assistant Professor, Elementary Education, CSUN; and Dr. Laurie Inman, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership for Justice Doctoral Program, CSUDH

[Register Here](#)



### Recess for All: Promoting Social and Emotional Growth Through Evidence-Based Interventions

April 3 | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Distinguished Guest:** Senator Josh Newman (ret.)

**Speaker:** Dr. Connie Kasari, Distinguished Professor of Human Development & Psychology in the School of Education, with a joint appointment in the Department of Psychiatry, UCLA

[Register Here](#)

## ICYMI: View Our February Webinar



### Cradle-to-Career Data System

February 21 | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Distinguished Guest:** Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin

**Speaker:** Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, Cradle-to-Career

[Click Here to View Recording](#)

## Was This Newsletter Forwarded to You?

Join our listserv by clicking the button below!

[Click Here to Subscribe!](#)

[ca-diverse-learning.org](http://ca-diverse-learning.org) | [arraylearning.org](http://arraylearning.org)



UC/CSU Collaborative for Neuroscience, Diversity, and Learning | 405 Hilgard Avenue | Los Angeles, CA 90095 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!