

# Tamaki Makaurau ECE Teacher Education Network Invites you to our 2022 Associate Teachers' Symposium

## THE POWER OF NARRATIVE STORY

Strengthening Our Learning and Teaching Communities



**Dr. Annie White,**  
Associate Professor,  
Early Childhood Studies,  
California State University  
Channel Islands



**Wendy Lee**  
Director of the Educational  
Leadership Project,  
Aotearoa, New Zealand

**Saturday 26 November 9-1pm**

**Tamaki Makaurau ECE Teacher Education Providers Network is privileged to host Wendy Lee and Dr Annie White to share their experience and research on learning and mentoring stories.**

**Kaupapa te rā: Red Lecture Theatre (Gate 3)**

**9am:** Seated for mihi Whakatau and housekeeping

**9.30am:** Morning Tea/Networking in Te Puna

**10.15 am:** Keynote speakers Red Lecture Theatre

**11.30 am:** Breakout rooms in Te Puna

**12.30 pm:** Spot prizes and Karakia Whakamutunga

**Venue: Unitec Mt Albert**

**Price: \$25**

**Eventbrite: copy link in banner below for tickets**



Light morning tea provided  
BYO water bottle and face mask  
Prize draw for hotel package and spot prizes throughout the day.  
Please arrive on time for our mihi Whakatau

<https://associateteachersymposium2022.eventbrite.co.nz>

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## Introducing our keynote speakers:

### Learning Stories

Presented by Wendy Lee, Director of the Educational Leadership Project, Aotearoa, New Zealand

This session is an opportunity for all to reflect on the importance of creating seamless education for children. Where there are no sharp edges just a continuous flow that includes the many relationships within the mokopuna life. What drives learning in your place? It is the children's and whānau funds of knowledge, interests, passions and skills? If so, is this being documented in their assessments. Learning Stories are the planning for complexity, continuity and connection that creates positive learner identities, incorporating dispositions that continue to impact positively throughout children's lives.

### My Story

Presented by Dr. Annie White, Associate Professor, Early Childhood Studies, California State University Channel Islands

Annie will share this qualitative case study, which examined a four year interdisciplinary research project between a university's Early Childhood Studies, Art, Performing Arts, Theatre, and Clay/Sculpture programs.

Building on the work of Learning Stories (Carr & Lee, 2012; 2019), this study examined an adaptation of this approach referred to, as My Stories, a process where students identify and share their social and cultural identities through narrative stories, visual art, clay and sculpture, improvisation, and interpretive dance modalities. The project focused on the interdisciplinary narrative approach, My Stories, on diverse students' multiple learner identities and its impact on interactions and relationships, and the theoretical framework of Funds of Identity.

### Mentoring Stories

Presented by Dr. Annie White, Associate Professor, Early Childhood Studies, California State University Channel Islands

At California State University Channel Islands, the Early Childhood Studies program uses Learning Stories to strengthen relationships between mentors, university supervisors, and university pre-service teachers. In addition to writing Learning Stories to young children, university student teachers' write Learning Stories to their mentor teachers where they are assigned to centres located in the local community where they complete practicum student teaching.

Learning Stories are being used as a tool for professional development, formative assessment of student field teaching experience and learning, and strengthens relationships among adult learners. In a community of practice, pre-service teachers learn to write Learning Stories in the classroom settings with young children, and in addition, have found this approach a powerful self-reflection tool that can be used for mentoring, coaching and



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 E9 for Red Lecture Theatre ★