

AGENDA

8:30-9:00 am	Registration (Coffee served) AMPHITHEATER FOYER
9:00–9:30	 Welcome and Opening Remarks AMPHITHEATER Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Assistant Director, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation Claudine Brown, Assistant Secretary for Education and Access, Smithsonian Institution
9:30-10:30	 Issues and Opportunities in PreK-3 STEM Education—Plenary Presentation AMPHITHEATER Moderator: Janice Earle, National Science Foundation Panelists: Susan Carey, Harvard University; Doug Clements, University of Denver; Kimberlee Kiehl, Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center; Karen Worth, Wheelock College
10:30-10:45	Break AMPHITHEATER FOYER
10:45-12:00	 Self-Regulation and Cognitive Control: Why Executive Functions Matter for Early STEM Education: Susan Carey, Harvard University MERIDIAN D Supporting the Development of Models and Modeling: Richard Lehrer, Vanderbilt University; Liz Penner, Verona Area School District, WI POLARIS A Supports for Preschool STEM Learners and the Teachers Who Teach Them: Kimberly Brenneman, National Institute for Early Education Research MERIDIAN C Technology and the Future of Preschool: Developmentally Appropriate and Evidence-Based Approaches to Integrating Technology in the Classroom: Phil Vahey and Ximena Domínguez, SRI International; Ashley Lewis Presser, Education Development Center, Inc. POLARIS C The Building Blocks of Math: Doug Clements and Julie Sarama, University of Denver MERIDIAN E The Young Scientist: Teaching and Learning Science in Preschool Classrooms: Karen Worth, Wheelock College; Jeff Winokur, Education Development Center, Inc. POLARIS B
12:00–12:15 pm	Break AMPHITHEATER FOYER

12:15–1:45 Networking (Lunch served) AMPHITHEATER FOYER Frontiers and Challenges of Early Childhood Research—Plenary Presentation AMPHITHEATER

• **Speaker: Deborah Phillips**, Professor, Georgetown University

1:45–2:00 Break AMPHITHEATER FOYER

2:00-3:15 Focusing on PreK-3 STEM Education—Breakout Sessions

- Anywhere STEM Exploration: Supporting STEM Learning in Formal and Informal Settings with PEEP and the Big Wide World: Kate Taylor and Mary Haggerty, WGBH MERIDIAN E
- Playscapes: Designed Nature Environments to Promote Informal Science Learning: Victoria Carr, Catherine Maltbie, and Leslie Kochanowski, University of Cincinnati MERIDIAN D
- Ramps and Pathways: Integrating Physical Science and Engineering in Early Childhood: Betty Zan, University of Northern Iowa POLARIS B
- Scaffolding Young Math Learners to Be Effective Spatial Problem Solvers: Beth Casey, Boston College POLARIS C
- The Missing T & E in Early Childhood STEM: Young Children as Programmers and Engineers: Marina Bers, Amanda Strawhacker, and Amanda Sullivan, Tufts University MERIDIAN C
- Young Children Explore the World: Seriously Amazing Experiences at the Smithsonian: Kimberlee Kiehl, Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center; Ann Caspari, Smithsonian Institution POLARIS A

3:15–3:30 Break AMPHITHEATER FOYER

3:30–4:00 Reflections and Implications—*Plenary Presentation* AMPHITHEATER

- Moderator: Natalie Nielsen, National Research Council
- Panelists: Amy Beal, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, MD; Amy Reese, Howard County Public Schools, MD

