



LEADING TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING

Shaping the Future

A conference for pre-K to 12 superintendents and their leadership teams.

March 20, 2025 | 7:30am - 3:30pm

\$350/person | No charge for CAPSS members.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

An all-day event with keynote speakers and breakout sessions providing attendees an opportunity to learn about the latest in transformational learning, network with others, and engage in discussions.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Jonathan Haidt

Jonathan Haidt is a social psychologist who is widely considered to be one of the world's leading experts on the psychology of morality.

His early research radically transformed the field, pulling it away from its earlier focus on moral reasoning. Haidt showed that moral intuitions and emotions come first—flashes of gut feelings that people then strive to justify, after the fact. This explains why it is so difficult to win a moral argument with good reasoning. Haidt's research has helped people to understand those who differ from

them morally—not just across nations, but across the political divide within each nation (see www.CivilPolitics.org). In his latest work, he is applying his research on moral psychology to the study of business ethics. He is developing tools and techniques that leaders can use to improve the ethical functioning, trust and ultimately profitability of their companies (see www.EthicalSystems.org).

Haidt earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University in 1985 and his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992. He then did postdoctoral research at the University of Chicago and in Orissa, India. He was a professor in the department of Psychology at the University of Virginia from 1995 until 2011, when he joined the NYU Stern School of Business.

Haidt has excelled as a teacher and public speaker. He won three teaching awards from the University of Virginia, and one from the governor of Virginia. His four TED talks have been viewed more than 3 million times. He has presented his work at the World Economic Forum, the Aspen Ideas Festival, the British Academy, and the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts. He was named a "Top 100 Global Thinker" by Foreign Policy magazine in 2012, and one of the 65 "World Thinkers of 2013" by Prospect magazine. Haidt is the author of more than 90 academic articles and four books.

Haidt is the author of *The Righteous Mind*, *The Happiness Hypothesis: Finding Modern Truth in Ancient Wisdom*, *Flourishing: Positive Psychology and the Life Well-Lived*, and *The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure*. About which *The Guardian* (UK) wrote: "A marvelous book... I don't think I've ever read a book that laid out the contemporary understanding of the human condition with such simple clarity and sense."



Juliette Kayyem

Harvard Professor, CNN National Security Analyst, Former Assistant Secretary at DHS, Author & Consultant.

Professor Juliette Kayyem is currently the faculty chair of the Homeland Security and Security and Global Health Projects at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She also serves as CNN Senior National Security Analyst for CNN where she has been described as CNN's "go to" for disasters. A contributing writer to *The Atlantic*, she has a weekly security segment on NPR's Boston station WGBH. Her most recent book, *The Devil*

Never Sleeps: Learning to Live in an Age of Disasters, was described in a *New Yorker* profile of her as an "engagingly urgent blueprint for rethinking our approach to disaster preparedness and response."

In government, she most recently served as President Obama's Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security. Previously, she was Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's Homeland Security Advisor. She is the recipient of many government honors, including the Distinguished Public Service Award, the Coast Guard's highest medal awarded to a civilian.

Professor Kayyem is the author or editor of six books including the best-selling book *Security Mom* in 2016, a memoir that explores the intersection, and commonalities, of her life in homeland security and her life as a mother. In 2013, she was named the Pulitzer Prize finalist for editorial columns in the *Boston Globe* focused on ending the Pentagon's combat exclusion rule against women, a policy that was changed that year. She won the Telly Award in 2021 for "excellence in a digital series" for her online documentaries on climate change with MyRadar.com.

She is a frequent speaker and advisor to major corporations and associations on national and homeland security, planning for a crisis, cybersecurity and resiliency efforts. From 2020-2022, she served as faculty for a joint effort with Bloomberg Philanthropies and Harvard University to train mayors and city leaders for pandemic planning. She is a Senior Advisor to Teneo, the global consulting firm, and also serves as a security advisor and consultant to several Fortune 500 companies and startups. She was named Inc. Magazine's top 100 Female Founders in 2019 and received the Lifetime Achievement Pinnacle Award from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce in 2023.

A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and the mother of three children, she is married to First Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge David Barron.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.30am - 8.15am - Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits

Event Center - Pre-Function • Century Ballroom

8.15am - WELCOME

Event Center - Century Ballroom

8.45am - KEYNOTE

JONATHAN HAIDT

The Anxious Generation: How We Rewired Childhood and Launched an Epidemic of Mental Illness

Event Center - Century Ballroom

10.05am - 12.05pm: SECTION A & B BREAKOUT (NOTE: This is a double session)

Leaders of a Thriving Future: Pathways to Success

Niznick Lecture Room

10.05am - 10.55am: SECTION A BREAKOUTS

**Structured Multiliteracy:
What Every Leader
Should Know**

Paragon Room Home 2

**Opportunities for
Restorative and
Comprehensive School
Mental Health in CT**

Summit Room Home 2

**Coherence and
Emergence: The Magic
of Distributed Systems
Transformation**

English Room DoubleTree

**Leading the Curriculum
Development Process**

Golden Room DoubleTree

**How Can the Learning
Environment Enhance
Your Vision of the
Graduate and Contribute
to Student Well-being?**

White Room DoubleTree

11.15am - 12.05pm: SECTION B BREAKOUTS

**Structured Multiliteracy:
What Every Leader
Should Know**

Paragon Room Home 2

**Reimagining Schooling
for the 21st Century**

Summit Room Home 2

**AI in the Classroom:
Navigating the Future
of Education with
Emerging Technologies**

English Room DoubleTree

**Redefining Success
Through the Vision of a
Graduate**

Golden Room DoubleTree

**Getting Early Education
(PK-3rd grade) Right
to Improve Outcomes
through High School**

White Room DoubleTree

12.15PM - 1.00PM: LUNCHEON

Event Center - Century Ballroom

1.00pm - 2.00pm - KEYNOTE

JULIETTE KAYYEM

After the "Boom": Building Resiliency in an Age of Mayhem

Event Center - Century Ballroom

2.20pm - 3.30pm: SECTION C BREAKOUTS

**Science of Reading:
WRITING, the Next
Chapter**

Niznick Lecture Room

**Building Structures
for Collaborative
Accountability**

Paragon Room Home 2

**Vernon's 'Blueprint
for Success' in
Improving Reading
Results**

Summit Room Home 2

**AI in the Classroom:
Navigating the
Future of Education
with Emerging
Technologies**

English Room
DoubleTree

**NEASC District
Accreditation:
Charting Your
Journey of Growth
and Improvement**

Golden Room
DoubleTree

**The History of
Childhood: A
Deeper Learning
Experience**

White Room
DoubleTree