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## **SYMPOSIUM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS AT SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN**

### **Registration Open for March 14 Symposium on Math & Science**

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (February 15, 2016) – The School for Young Children at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will host its 14th annual Keefe-Bruyette Symposium on Investigations and Inquiry in Math and Science for Young Children on Monday, March 14, 2016. The event begins at 8:15 a.m. (registration followed by the keynote address at 9:00 a.m.) in the Bruyette Athenaeum’s Hoffman Auditorium, located on the University’s West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue.

Focused on math and science teaching for young children, the day-long symposium draws early childhood educators from throughout the northeast who participate in workshops led by their peers. This year’s featured keynote speaker is Melissa Russell, M.Ed., Preschool Director at The Hundred Acre School at Heritage Museums & Gardens. Russell specializes in inquiry-based education and STEM-related curriculum development. Her keynote address, “Creating a STEM Preschool: An Inspiring Story,” will chronicle her experience in the development of The Hundred Acre School, a STEM-focused preschool. She will also lead two workshops on integrating STEM in the curriculum.

In addition to the keynote address, participants at the Keefe-Bruyette Symposium select a morning and afternoon workshop from an extensive menu. Topics include: Using agriculture to teach skills; exploring the natural world through the seasons; science with toddlers; the Montessori approach to botany and zoology; math and literacy through song; and more. For a complete list of the workshops, visit <http://www.usj.edu/kb2016brochure>. Registration is required and is available at <http://www.usj.edu/kb2016>.

The price of the morning session, which includes Melissa Russell’s keynote address, a morning workshop, and lunch is \$65. The afternoon session, which includes lunch, an afternoon workshop, and a tour of the School for Young Children is \$65. Full-day price is \$80; full-time students pay a discounted fee of \$50. For more information, contact Sue O’Donnell, interim director at the School for Young Children, at 860.231.5561 or [sodonnell@usj.edu](mailto:sodonnell@usj.edu).

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