Keynotes

CERA 2006 is proud to announce the following Keynote Speakers:

Edward Haertel
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Bios

Edward Haertel
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Dr. Haertel is an expert in the area of educational testing and assessment. He looks at ways in which teachers and policymakers use and interpret tests, including uses that go beyond the accurate measurement of ability and achievement. He looks at ways in which teachers and policymakers use and interpret tests, and has found that the real purposes of testing go far beyond obtaining accurate measurements of the abilities of those being tested. Policymakers hope that testing will influence the way teachers teach; that it will enhance the status of teaching as a profession; and that it will convince the public that they are really doing something about educational reform. He is currently examining evidence of different responses by teachers in high-resource versus low-resource classrooms to the pressures of external accountability testing.

Micheal W. Kirst
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Dr. Kirst is a co-founder of Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE), a research consortium, including Stanford, UC Berkeley, and UC Davis that provides policy analysis and assistance to California policymakers. He has published numerous articles on school finance politics, curriculum politics, intergovernmental relations, and education reform policies. He is the author of 10 books, including The Political Dynamics of American Education. Kirst was a member of the California State Board of Education from 1975 to 1982 and its president from 1977 to 1981. Before joining the Stanford faculty, Kirst held several positions with the federal government, including program analyst for the Title I Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Since 1992, Trish Williams has been the executive director of EdSource, a nonpartisan California nonprofit organization that focuses on helping educators understand educational topics and policy choices. Under Ms. Williams’ leadership, EdSource has expanded its research role, broadened the education policy topics it researches and reports on, and diversified and significantly increased its audience reach within California and nationally. Ms. Williams is study project director for *Similar Students, Different Results*, a large-scale survey of principals and teachers in California elementary schools serving low-income students. She has also participated in evaluations of California’s Class Size Reduction Research Consortium and the state funded II/USP Program.

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