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David J. Chard, Ph.D. is the Leon Simmons Endowed Dean of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development and Professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning at Southern Methodist University. Dr. Chard has been the principal investigator on numerous federal research projects including response to intervention (RTI), reading, reading comprehension instruction, and early childhood mathematics. Since receiving his Ph.D. in 1995 from the University of Oregon, he has been awarded state and federal research and training grants totaling over \$10 million. Dr. Chard has published more than 90 articles, monographs, book chapters, and books on instructional interventions and modifications in mathematics, reading and expressive writing. He is a member of the International Academy for Research in Learning Disabilities, the American Mathematical Association, and a Past President for the Division for Research at the Council for Exceptional Children. He is the author of numerous instructional programs on reading, early literacy intervention, language arts, and mathematics spanning K-12 education and has been a classroom teacher in California, Michigan, and in the U. S. Peace Corps in Lesotho in southern Africa.

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Dr. David Welsh has over 25 years of experience as a psychologist helping people improve performance. His common-sense strategies enhance communication, resolve conflict, manage stress, and improve relationships.

Dr. Welsh is an accomplished professional speaker who has presented thousands of programs for organizations from coast to coast. Audiences enjoy his common-sense style, as well as his ability to apply psychological principles and techniques in solving everyday problems in living. They also applaud the humor and warmth illuminating the real-life anecdotes and stories he uses to illustrate key points.

Dr. Welsh presents formal training seminars for various professional groups in education, health care, and business. He also delivers informal talks and discussions for general audiences. Whether the audience numbers less than 25 or more than 1,000, “Dr. Dave” always entertains while he trains.

And he personalizes his message to meet the specific needs and themes of meeting planners!

<http://www.drdauidwelsh.com/>



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Eric McGehearty has his Masters of Fine Art from UNT and has shown his art work nationally in venues such as: The John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, The Museum of Fine Art at Florida State University and at the Piedmont Arts Museum in Virginia. In the field of public art McGehearty's project in Fort Worth was recognized by the Americans for the Arts as one of the forty best projects in 2007.

In 2009 his sculpture will be included in the Armory Show in New York and in a one person show at the McKinney Avenue Contemporary in Dallas TX.

Eric is an inspirational speaker sharing his struggles and successes as a dyslexic. His art work reflects his difficulties reading and helps audiences see into the world of print disability.

When not making art Eric works as a consultant and spokesperson for Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic

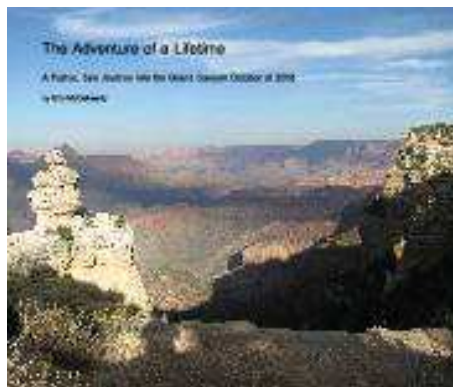
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