



Time

Sunday

4:00 to 8:50

Monday and Tuesday

8:00 to 3:00

Format

- Plenary Sessions Presented by David Perkins, Ron Ritchhart, and Mark Church
- Daily, Small-Group Study Sessions

Location

Frankenmuth High School
525 E. Genesee, Frankenmuth,
Michigan 48734

Cost

\$150 per participant: Includes conference materials, a book, and meals.

\$120 per participant for Teams of Five or More

Target Audience

This conference is intended for educators with a genuine interest in collaboratively enhancing classroom, building, and district-level teaching, learning, thinking, and leading. We highly encourage teams of five or more participants.

A commitment to attend all sessions is vital.

The Mid-Michigan Cultures of Thinking Collaborative's Conference, 2008

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Frankenmuth, Michigan

Registration Information

Register by August 1 at:

- The Saginaw ISD's Website: www.sisd.cc
- Click on "Register for Events"
- Click on "Instructional Services"
- Click "Go"
- Click "The Mid-Michigan Cultures of Thinking Collaborative's Conference, 2008"
- Complete registration form and print two copies of it and click SUBMIT REGISTRATION.
- Send one copy with payment to: SISD Transition Center, 3860 Fashion Sq Rd, Saginaw Michigan, 48603,

Questions: Call Michele Hudson @ 989-399-7473

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**Featuring
David Perkins,
Ron Ritchhart, and
Mark Church
of Project Zero at
the Harvard
Graduate School of
Education**



**Dr. Ron Ritchhart,
Project Zero**

Cultures of Thinking

Ron Ritchhart is a Research Associate at Harvard Project Zero where his work centers on the understanding and development of instructional environments that encourage students' intelligence, understanding, creativity and mindfulness. He currently directs the Cultures of Thinking research project. Before coming to Project Zero, Ron taught elementary and middle school for 14 years, receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. Ron has authored numerous books and articles as well as directed videos that explore how teachers foster understanding, nurture creativity, and make thinking visible. Major works include Intellectual Character, The Creative classroom Series, and Visible Thinking: Pictures of Practice.



**Dr. David Perkins,
Harvard University:**

**Whole Game Learning and
Teaching for Understanding**

David Perkins is a Senior Professor of Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He, along with Howard Gardner, was a founding member of Project Zero, a research and development group, co-directed it for almost 30 years, and now serves on its steering committee. His most recent book is King Arthur's Round Table: How Collaborative Organizations Create Smart Organizations (Wiley, 2003). He authored The Eureka Effect on Creativity (Norton, 2001), Smart Schools (The Free Press, 1992), Outsmarting IQ (The Free Press, 1995), Knowledge as Design (Erlbaum, 1986), The Intelligent Eye (Getty, 1994), and several other books and many articles. He has helped develop instructional programs and approaches for teaching understanding and thinking, including initiatives in South Africa, Latin America, Israel and Sweden. He is a former Guggenheim fellow.



**Mark Church,
Project Zero:**

**Teaching to the Big
Ideas**

Mark Church has been a teacher since 1992. His experiences have included teaching positions in the United States, Japan, Germany, and the Netherlands. Mark has served as a workshop leader and presenting instructor at various conferences and institutes around the world. During his time in the classroom, Mark put into practice Harvard Project Zero research, including both Teaching for Understanding and Visible Thinking. Mark is currently serving as a consultant with Harvard Project Zero's Cultures of Thinking Project, helping to establish and support core groups of teachers in their efforts to create more meaningful opportunities for thinking and learning in their classrooms.

