

## 2023 CAPE-NM Homeschool Convention Recordings Order Form

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# Workshop Descriptions-Friday

## 8:30-10:00 AM General Session

### **Andrew Pudewa: Conquering Corrupt Culture by Raising Christian Communicators**

Today, many of us have an intuitive sense that major changes are coming, that soon our world may be very different in ways not necessarily convenient or comfortable. But at the same time, we must wake up each day and live as though things will continue on pretty much as they are. Resolving this cognitive dissonance requires that we carefully contemplate our circumstances because we truly are in a cultural war, fighting the “non-gospel” of aesthetic and moral relativism on three fronts – personal, familial, and social. What should our priorities be, and how can we prepare our children to be “culture warriors”?

## 10:30-11:30 AM Session I

### **Rachael Carman: Attention: Obsessive-Compulsive, Perfectionistic, Control-Freaks-CHILL OUT!**

As an obsessive-compulsive-perfectionist-control-freak herself, Rachael discusses how in many instances she is her own worst enemy when it comes to taking advantage of the freedoms of homeschool. Are you tied to your plan? Do you shiver at the idea of change or adjustment? Are you missing out on significant moments because you are focused on the trivial? It's time to Chill Out and give control of it all to God for He is faithful.

### **Steve Demme: Receiving Grace to Give Grace**

Jesus counsels us to love one another as He has loved us. We can only give to our children what we have received ourselves. Besides exploring the basis for God's unchanging love, we will also explore how to face our own struggles to comprehend His divine care and affection.

### **Monica Irvine: Discipline With Love so We Don't Break Our Child's Spirit**

I know you have felt the pain of regret when you have had a moment of failure when disciplining your children. I know many of you are fighting against habits you learned from your parents that you swore you would never do. I know you want to parent with love, honor and respect, but sometimes, you don't. Parents, did you know that it is God's perfect plan that his imperfect children raise his imperfect children? He knew you and I would not be perfect parents. He knew we would get it wrong on some days. However, still, he knew that the best people to raise your children are YOU! It is! It's you. Listen to Master Motivator, Monica Irvine, share some invaluable insights in parenting with greater love, greater understanding and greater self-control. Mrs. Irvine will help you to understand the difference in disciplining to stop or start behavior and disciplining to change our children's hearts. It makes ALL the difference. If you want a loving happy healthy relationship with your adult children, you must start today creating that relationship.

### **Rachel Anderson: Successfully Homeschool Your Child With Special Needs or Learning Struggles**

The idea of homeschooling a child with special needs or learning struggles may seem overwhelming, but there is freedom when you understand that the requirements and red tape in the school systems do not apply to you. Not only can you provide consistent instruction using strategies that work for your child, but you can tailor their education based on their specific needs and interests.

### **Deanne Smith-Institute for Excellence in Writing: EZ + 1: Making Sense of Teaching Writing**

Teaching writing well is not only possible, it can be enjoyable! Come and learn about an effective and easy-to-use approach for the very reluctant child as well as the natural writer. Using models, checklists, and a clear pathway for EZ+1 skill progression, the Structure and Style® composition program is guaranteed to instill confidence and build competence in students of all ages and aptitudes.

# Workshop Descriptions-Friday

## **Devon Spencer-American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA: A Two-Way Bridge for Your Family, Your Church, and Your Community**

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered girl-focused character development program for girls ages 5-17. Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered boy-focused adventure discipleship program for boys ages 5-17. This interactive discussion will explore how these organizations work with your local church to provide an opportunity for youth to learn critical life skills while focused on Christ and prepare them to live out their faith outside the walls of the church. We will also look at how these opportunities are well received by unchurched families providing outreach opportunities for your family and church.

## **1:00-2:00 PM Session II**

### **Rachael Carman: How to DIE To Yourself and LIVE To Tell About It**

Every day we are bombarded with messages that try to convince us that we are individually important. The basic theme is that we should seek self. It's all a big lie, from the king of lies. We must shift our focus away from ourselves and onto our awesome and mighty God. The world is relentlessly pursuing peace and contentment that can only come from a life that is totally surrendered to Christ and His will. Come learn how this realization radically changed Rachael's life, direction, and purpose. It can change yours too!

### **Steve Demme: Life Lessons for Being a Supportive Husband and Faithful Father**

God designed men to be a servant-hearted leaders and lay their life down for their families. Married for 40 years and father to four homeschooled sons, Steve shares what he has learned from God's word and his family.

### **The Radigan Family: Raising Readers!**

"Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything."  
- Tomie DePaola

In the age of video games and screens, how do we raise children who love to read? First, your children must be steeped in interesting and beautiful stories. There are a lot of books out there, some of them are beautifully illustrated and tell a meaningful story, but so many of them are insipid or trash. How do I know the difference? What makes a good story and why should I even care? How do I build a home library on a budget? Come and hear from a homeschool mom of six and her children, three boys and three girls, about how to raise lifelong readers and how to build your own library!

### **Monica Irvine: Raising Confident, Generous & Compassionate Ladies Requires Skills**

Come and learn how to give your daughters what is becoming a rare commodity...honor. Imagine what it feels like to watch your daughter continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of her life, because she knows she has endless potential and a great responsibility. She matures with a desire to be a voice for good and a contributor to making our world a better place. She seems fearless, yet uses great wisdom. She is courageous, yet humble. She is KIND. You watch her as she exercises true empathy for those in need, and although she holds herself to high standards, she never places herself above others. She has been taught by example of what a true lady is and she looks forward to one day being that example to her family. She is truly a lady. Parents, this Master Class will help you understand how to create the example your daughter needs to become this lady.

### **Rachel Anderson-RightStart Math: Why It Works**

Have you heard the buzz about RightStart™ Math? Hear about our philosophy and what sets us apart from other curricula. We will teach children that a real mathematical problem is like a puzzle, that math is more than memorization, and that math is fun. Come and learn what's special about our math program!

# Workshop Descriptions-Friday

## **Laurie Ross-Brennan-Laurie Ross-Brennan, LLC: Sensory Tips To Keep Students Happily on Task**

Laurie Ross-Brennan is a Speech & Language Pathologist who owns a private practice with 22 SLPs who treat all ages of clients with any type of speech and language disorder. Laurie is the only provider of Auditory Integration Training (AIT) in NM. She was the 2012 Employer of the Year, awarded by the New Mexico Professional Business Women Association. Successfully addressing sensory needs helps a person to focus, concentrate, follow directions and finish work. Learn tips to implement immediately to help a student and educator stay on task. An overview of every sensory system and ideas to address each system in order to bring about a calm, focused student will be discussed.

## **2:30-3:30 PM Session III**

## **Andrew Pudewa: Reading Strategies for the Struggling or Nonreader**

As schools have made reading their new god, believing that producing good readers will solve all their academic problems, many children—the dyslexic, the easily distracted, the auditorily challenged—are truly left behind in the rush to improve test scores. What schools don't know (but what many parents discover) is that reading is not simply being able to rapidly decode symbols with the eyes. With humor and insight, Andrew will share stories and strategies for helping students who need to engage the cognitive processes of reading, but who are more likely to excel through a wider variety of practical, creative, and imaginative approaches.

## **Davis Carman: Radically Intentional Parenting**

Parents love their kids more than anyone on the planet. They want the best for their children, especially when it comes to education, character development, and relationship. Then why do so many parents take the lazy-man's approach and "wing it" in many important areas of child training? It could be that parenting is hard work—really hard work. You could even say, it's just not for wimps. The issues facing parents are many, critical, and looming. What direction will you take your family when it comes to discipline, sports, sleepovers, cell phones, video games, movies, dating, and more? Young kids need courageous leadership from their mom and dad, and you will choose to be passive or proactive, spontaneous or intentional. Davis has three decades' worth of parenting experience with seven kids. In this presentation, he shares some of the best and worst decisions a parent can make.

## **Cathy Heckendorn: Understanding "THAT" Child**

Do you ever feel frustrated that this child never seems to follow through on assignments and tasks, and yet expects perfection from everyone around him? How come cute little Sally Sue just floats around with her head happily in the clouds, while Bobby Joe would rather spend time sitting quietly in a corner with a book? This session aims to answer those questions and many more. Parents of children of all ages (yes, this is great for those high school years, too) will be encouraged when they learn how to relate to each child the way God designed them.

## **Kristin Overman: Stand Firm—Faith That Is Owned**

Kristin will share the story of her teenage and young adult years, and how she wrestled with vague answers in the church and Christianity. She will share what helped her overcome those doubts and convince her that God was real and He was worthy to put her trust in. She will also go over several questions and answers from the Bible to help young adults stand firm in their faith. Finally, Kristin will share some resources that will help with dealing with common questions of faith, doubt in God, and the attack on faith from the world's system. The Bible speaks about us as soldiers and we are commanded to stand our ground against three entities or persons. Kristin's prayer for the next generation is as Paul desired for his disciples in Philippi, "... so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." Kristin is passionate about helping parents raise their kids with God's manual and raising adults who can stand firm in their faith and be confident in the God of the Bible.

# Workshop Descriptions-Friday

## **Diane Turner-Sightline Integrated Arts: How To Integrate the ARTS Into Your Curriculum**

In this workshop, you will learn how to integrate the ARTS into your curriculum at home and also a little about Sightline Integrated Arts - a Christian drop-off program for homeschool students ages 6-18 offering a variety of CORE and ARTS classes. Come to this interactive workshop to learn ways to make your student's learning more experiential, interactive and engaging. You will be up on your feet as the student and learn how fun and easy it is to study core subjects through experiential learning and the arts. You will learn how to combine multiple styles of learning with any core curriculum you are using with the arts - theater, music, dance, and art. Experiential, interconnected learning better engages both sides of the student's brain. By integrating your curriculum with the arts, your student's brain forms stronger overall connections, and they are able to store more relevant information.

## **John Kinzer-Rio Grande Enrichment Studies: Hands-on Geology of NM**

New Mexico is a fascinating state for geology and earth science. Students need to learn principles of science and the scientific method as they study. Hands-on study of minerals, rocks, and fossils interest and expand student understanding. What can the parent or teacher present that will help the student grow and discern from God's laboratory, the Creation? What do we learn about God from the world around us? Where are some good field trips for my family? All of these questions intersect in this introduction to NM Geology, ways to teach science principles, and how to use hands-on science to increase observations and investigation skills. Rock and mineral specimens are available for you to take home to get ready to teach!

## **4:00-5:00 PM Session IV**

## **Andrew Pudewa: However Imperfectly: Lessons Learned From Thirty Years of Teaching**

In this talk, Andrew shares many humorous experiences (and painful lessons) he has learned over thirty years of teaching and homeschooling, including: It's hard not to do to your kids what was done to you; process over product; all kids are different; "progressive" education doesn't mean progress; what real "college and career readiness" is; and two secret keys to successful teaching. You will be challenged or reassured (or both!) but sure to leave with an expanded vision of your calling as a home educator.

## **Rachael Carman: Mary, Martha, You and Me**

So, do you tend to sit at the feet of Jesus or rush around chasing after the items on your To-Do List? Do you understand who He is? Do you know He is able? Are you concerned about what other people think more than what He requires? Mary and Martha's inclusion in the biblical narrative is both raw and refreshing. Two women, sisters, two responses to Jesus on two different occasions. Let's look again at the two snapshots from the gospels and see what we can learn and apply to our lives.

## **Davis Carman: A.P.P.L.E.S. for the Teacher**

The gift of a fresh, shiny apple still represents respect and gratitude towards one's teacher. Why should it be any different for the homeschooling mom? They typically carry the lion's share of the homeschooling workload. To help them avoid burnout, husbands need to help their wife avoid feeling 100% of the homeschooling responsibility. Your wife needs to hear "thank you" in many different ways and know for sure that you are engaged. In this session, Davis gives six real and practical ideas for supporting your wife in the homeschooling journey.

## **Rachel Anderson: Tips and Tricks To Teach Your Child With Special Needs**

Teaching a child with special needs requires flexibility and patience. When parents understand their child's learning strengths and struggles, they can modify their lessons to create an environment of learning. In this workshop, I will help you understand the learning strengths and struggles of some of the most common disabilities and give you tips and tricks you can use in your lessons to promote learning.

# Workshop Descriptions-Friday

## Steve Demme-Math-U-See: Math You See and Understand

Math is so much more than memorizing rules and facts. With a unique and humorous approach, Steve demonstrates how to use hands-on manipulatives to illustrate important math concepts such as place value, double digit multiplication, fractions, algebra, exponents, squares, square roots, and factoring trinomials.

## Adelaide Olguin-Talk Box Mom: "Create a LANGUAGE IMMERSION Homeschool—Even if You Only Know English!"

Want a foreign language to be a part of your homeschool? But your family is either stuck learning vocab words instead of immersing themselves in the language by talking in it together or the whole idea of learning a foreign language is super overwhelming? I grew up monolingual and learned to conjugate verbs in high school Spanish but could barely put a sentence together without loads of anxiety. Now, my family has learned multiple languages together and has transformed our homeschool day into a full immersion experience.

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# Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

## 8:30-9:45 AM General Session

### **Rachael Carman: Homeschooling Isn't the Answer**

Bummer isn't it. Wouldn't it be nice if homeschooling was the answer? I mean, wouldn't it be nice if all of the problems in our families could be solved with good family time and top of the line curriculum? Wouldn't it be great if all we had to do was adopt a certain daily schedule, read aloud certain books and follow a certain educational philosophy? Wouldn't it be awesome if there were just a simple checklist of "To-dos" each day that would guarantee success? Yes, it would, but alas, there's not. However, here is an answer to all that ails us: the sin and death, the pain and misery. Come be reminded of the Answer and the hope it engenders.

## 10:00-11:00 AM Session V

### **Andrew Pudewa: The Three Best Things I Did as a Homeschool Dad**

While there are many, many things I could have done better as a homeschool father, there are three distinct things that I did try to do—as consistently as possible during our years of homeschooling—which, according to my wife, were the most helpful. Come and learn what these three things are, and glean some ideas for making your homeschool years the best they can be. Moms welcome as well!

### **Davis Carman: Family—Our Best Apologia Ever**

Apologia is a Greek word meaning "defend the faith." In a society saturated with anti-God and relative-Truth Perspectives, students need to be taught from a biblical worldview. The statistics show that a very small percentage of born again believers have a worldview consistent with basic Christian doctrines. The Internet, movies, music, books and other media heavily influence the thoughts, beliefs, and corresponding actions of young people. How can homeschooling parents help their children stand firm and not be as vulnerable to the modern-day lies? Certainly one solution can be the use of good books and curricula including creation-based science curricula. The best way is by committing to three ideals. Davis will explain how raising children in a family setting where Christ is worshipped and where the Word of God is the primary text can fulfill the great commission and result in generational faithfulness. Family is truly our best defense of the Christian faith.

### **Monica Irvine: Schedules...Helping Our Children To Be Happy**

Imagine your children waking up with an alarm clock, making their bed, completing their morning hygiene duties, saying their morning personal prayer, completing their morning chores without any verbal reminders from you? Imagine your family having the time for family devotion, family projects, family fun time, one-on-one time with your children, date night for you and your spouse, daily quiet time and chore time.

Imagine reducing your errands by 50%! How much time would that give you to do other things? Parents, these things are possible and possible without unreasonable efforts. They are possible when you place your family on a schedule and take advantage of the gift of routines.

### **Glenda Durano: High School Transcripts and Tools**

What do universities expect in terms of a homeschooler's high school transcript? How can you effectively demonstrate the depth and breadth of a home-based education? Is a supplement or a portfolio necessary? What should be included on a college resumé and what should be omitted? Certified Education Planner Glenda Durano shares ideas and insights for successful transcripts and college applications for university-bound homeschoolers.



# Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

## **Dale Cox-Beakers and Bricks: Experiment-Based Food Science and Physics**

Dale will present the details of the print and online courses his company offers, how they can be used both separately and together, and conference specials. He will also briefly introduce what food scientists do along with possible careers. While most of the courses are food science for junior high and high school-aged students, he will describe a physics course also for that age group that uses LEGO bricks for the experiment portion, and one food science course intended for students ages 6-10.

## **Mindy Brouse-Biblioplan: Why Go Through the Ages With All the Ages in Your Homeschool?**

Come learn the many many benefits of studying the same time period with all of your children during your homeschooling years! Hint: Not only does it streamline for the homeschooling parent, but the kiddos see connections in powerful ways!

## **11:30-12:30 PM Session VI**

## **Andrew Pudewa: Teaching Boys and Teaching Girls: Towards a Better Understanding**

An in-depth look at the neurophysiological differences between boys and girls—how they hear differently, see differently, handle stress and pain differently—as well as the implications for our teaching of both boys and girls. This is an expansion on Andrew's previous "Boys" talk. With added research, together with humor and practical stories, this presentation will delight and enlighten parents of boys, girls, or both!

## **Rachael Carman: In This Moment**

So here we are. Most of us would have chosen something different than what we've recently had to face. I mean really, who would have signed up for the crazy chaos that has characterized the last two years? Not me. But, if I believe in a sovereign God, and if I believe that He has a plan, and if I believe that He has a role for me to play, and I do, then how do I lean into that God and His plan? And what is my role in this cultural moment? Let's take a look at some other similarly chaotic cultural moments in Scripture and see what we can learn from those who've gone before us. This is our moment. Let's dare to live it for Him.

## **Steve Demme: A Do-Over**

I have been asked if I could homeschool my children again, what I would do differently. I have often reflected what I would do as a dad and have several insights that I hope will be beneficial to your home. I could do many workshops on this topic, but I invite you to come and hear the main points in this one.

## **Glenda Durano: The Problem With Prayer**

How do you learn to trust God when your prayers go unanswered? Why is He sometimes silent? Is there ever a time to stop praying? Can a prayer request become an idol? Glenda Durano shares lessons from her personal prayer journey and how she discovered that prayer isn't primarily about answers. It's about access to God.

## **Monica Irvine-Etiquette Factory: Raising Our Boys To Be True Gentlemen Who Live With Honor**

Parents, I know you want to raise sons who live with honor, but our society continues to strip away opportunities for our children to do honorable things. Here's the great news...you can make sure that you are creating opportunities for your children to practice living with honor, but it requires parenting with purpose. Come and listen to master motivator, Monica Irvine, inspire your family with lots of ideas of how to teach your sons the skills of honor through small simple acts of generosity. It truly can change their lives and yours as well. You don't want to miss this!



# Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

## **Adelina Fast-Sharing Great Health: Nutrition and Wellness Preparedness**

Training and equipping by providing Biblically based resources focused on family nutrition and health programs for all ages.

## **2:00-3:00 PM Session VII**

### **Rachael Carman: Focus Up (Colossians 3:1-4)**

There are many things in life that draw our attention down, and many things that bring us down. Let's be honest, life is hard. It's true. But God invites us to focus up. Time and again God calls His people's attention upward, toward Himself and His glory. There's no denial in Scripture of the challenges, difficulties, trials, obstacles, pains or temptations that we face here in this world. The Bible is a catalog of imperfect people wrestling with the realities of life on a planet infected with sin. And even when God's people endeavor to do His will, their paths aren't easy. So, how do we continue on in faith when life is hard? How do we do the next right thing? How do we hold on when what we really want to do is let go? Paul repeats his encouragement throughout his letters. Let's lean in and learn from its echo.

### **Andrew Pudewa: By Heart—The Goodness of Memory**

Join Andrew in a contemplation of the fundamental human faculty of memory, examining some of the history and biology of memory, its impacts on language, imagination, joy, and virtue. Together we will consider why progressive education discredits its value and why (and how!) we should guard and cultivate this precious gift.

### **Davis Carman: There's No Place Like H.O.M.E.**

In the classic movie *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy finds herself longing to be back in Kansas with her family. She taps her heels and repeats the well-known phrase, "There's no place like home." Instantly, she is transported to the one location where she is safe and sound and loved. When you think about your children, where is the ideal place for them to learn, mature, and develop healthy life habits? Where is the safest place to have some discussions about difficult life issues? And where on earth can they find good examples of what it means to love God with all their heart? Academic instruction? A love for learning? I bet you know the answer. In this workshop, Davis will present four reasons why there really is "No Place Like Home."

### **Kristin Overman: Proverbs and the Three Stages**

What do you teach your kids at each stage? Is there a purposeful progression that Christian parents can go through? From toddlers to teens, Proverbs has a progression of what to teach our children and how to grow wise. We will look at the four foundational keys to teach young children. Then we will look at the conversational stage in Proverbs and what we should talk about with our elementary-age children. Finally, we'll look at the last section of Proverbs for the growing independence of young adults and the four W's to go over with them before we send them off. God gave us a manual for parenting. He does not leave us alone or without resources in this job! Kristin is passionate about helping parents raise "Godly" kids.

### **Daniela Byers-Classical Conversations: Experience Classical Conversations**

Experience a Classical Conversations day all the way through our K4-12th grade programs by engaging with material just as our students do. Join us for some great discussion in this one-hour workshop. There will also be time for questions and info about all our Classical, Christian Communities throughout NM. Come learn with us!

# Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

## **John Kinzer-Noah Webster College: Teddy Roosevelt to George W. Bush: Learning From American Presidents in the 20th Century**

As your student learns American History, what can you give him or her that will teach about the important principles and ideals that the 20th Century Presidents teach us? What importance does leadership play in the administration of a President? How do we evaluate a President, the impact a President has over time, and the Biblical truth that a President followed, or did not follow in his life and politics? Several Biblical principles are presented as we take a look at the 18 Presidents of the 20th Century. Not only will we take a closer look at 5 key Presidents but also, what we can take away from the Presidents as good examples to learn and apply today. Resources for learning will be available.

## **3:15-4:15 PM Closing General Session**

## **Steve Demme: The Family That Stays Together, Stays Together**

God created marriage and the family. Home education is a lifestyle of learning where parents and children do life together. Working, eating, reading books aloud, watching movies, all contribute to creating the unique chemistry of family.

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# Meet the Keynote & Featured Speakers

## Davis Carman

Davis Carman is the President of Apologia Educational Ministries. Under Davis' leadership, Apologia has grown to provide award-winning K-12 homeschool curriculum for Bible, math, science, social studies, and worldview. Davis married his sweetheart, Rachael, in 1986, and God blessed them with seven children. They live in Waxhaw, North Carolina, where they enjoy a homeschooling adventure of a lifetime, complete with roller-coaster twists and turns and the occasional lazy river ride. Davis has a degree in mechanical engineering from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree from Purdue University. He is also the author of several illustrated children's books designed to instill a biblical worldview. Davis is an international speaker and advocates for home education worldwide. He and Rachael host a podcast called "Let's Talk Homeschool" where they talk about all things homeschooling.



## Rachael Carman

A respected international speaker, author, and podcaster, Rachael Carman has traveled the world speaking at conferences and retreats, teaching God's Word to parents and children. Rachael and her husband, Davis, own Apologia Education Ministries. A mom to seven and "Coco" to her grandchildren, Rachael is a twenty-six-year homeschool veteran and continues to be energized by affirming, encouraging, and equipping the next generation of homeschooling families to answer the call. Her books, *How Many Times Do I Have to Tell You?* and *How to Have a HEART for Your Kids*, are winsome calls for moms to live each day at the foot of His throne. Dates with her beloved, dark chocolate, afternoon tea, reading a good book, butterfly gardening, beach walking, and bike riding—these are a few of her favorite things. More than anything else, Rachael is passionate about studying the Word of God and challenging and inspiring others to strengthen their faith by deepening their walk with the Lord.



## Steve Demme

Steve and his wife, Sandra, have been married since 1979. They have been blessed with four sons, three lovely daughters-in-law, and several grandchildren. Steve has spent years working with youth as a teacher in schools (both public and Christian), as a pastor and youth leader in churches, and as a counselor and camp director at summer camps. Steve is the creator of Math-U-See and the founder of Building Faith Families, a collection of resources developed to strengthen, teach, and encourage families as they seek to follow the biblical model for the Christian home. He produces a monthly newsletter, a weekly podcast, and a blog.




## Andrew Pudewa

Andrew Pudewa is the founder and principal speaker of the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Presenting around the world, he addresses issues relating to teaching, writing, thinking, spelling, and music with clarity, insight, practical experience, and humor. His seminars for parents, students, and teachers have helped transform many a reluctant writer and have equipped educators with powerful tools to dramatically improve students' skills. Although he is a graduate of the Talent Education Institute in Japan (Suzuki Method) and holds a Certificate of Child Brain Development, his best endorsement is from a young Alaskan boy who called him "the funny man with the wonderful words." He and his wonderful, heroic wife, Robin, have homeschooled their seven children and are now proud grandparents of fourteen, making their home in Northeastern Oklahoma's beautiful green country.




# Meet the Workshop Speakers



**Rachel Anderson** has been homeschooling for 18 years. She has been married to Steve for 27 years and has been blessed with four children. Prior to homeschooling, she graduated from Cincinnati Christian University (formerly known as Cincinnati Bible College) with degrees in Music and Business. She worked in Human Resources, Information Technology Department, and as a Music Minister at her local church. Once she had children and started to homeschool, she realized that one of her children has significant learning struggles. As a result, she has done considerable research learning how to teach the “Struggling Learner” in her family and loves to pass on her knowledge and experience to other parents looking for help. She just recently received her master’s degree in Special Education from Grand Canyon University. Rachel travels across the US helping parents with their homeschooling journey. She has graduated three children and had been thrilled with her kids’ success as adults. She corresponds with parents, helping guide and support them in their homeschooling journey. In her free time, Rachel loves to read and travel with her family. You can reach her at [Rachel.homeschooling.champion@gmail.com](mailto:Rachel.homeschooling.champion@gmail.com)

As owner of College Advising and Planning Services, **Glenda Durano** works with private, public, and homeschooled students in every aspect of the college planning process. She is one of fewer than 500 individuals in the world who has obtained the highest level of certification in educational consulting: Certified Educational Planner. An award-winning author and speaker, Glenda speaks frequently to students and families about college admissions. She is a professional member of the Higher Education Consultants Association and the National Association for College Admissions Counselors as well as author of several books including *College Planning For Christians: Finding Your Fit Without Losing Your Faith* and *College Admissions Made Easy: A Step-by-Step Guide*.



**Cathy Heckendorn** is a Homeschool Survivor. She loves that term because she went into homeschooling kicking and screaming, but after graduating all four of their children, she says it was the best decision ever made for her. Cathy has lived the challenges, comedies, struggles, joys, tears, and victories that home education has to offer, and now, she desires to encourage and empower other parents to embrace all those things as they set out on their own calling to “train up their children” and to share that not only can they survive, they can also watch their children thrive! Cathy has been married to her high school sweetheart, John, for 35 years. They have raised and graduated all four of their children and now enjoy watching them take the reins of their own lives as they marry (two married and another engaged) and have children to train up themselves (one spunky granddaughter and one smiley grandson, so far). Besides serving on the CAPE-NM Board, Cathy enjoys all the amenities that living on a ranch provides, reading books, playing games with friends and family, and curling up on the couch with a hot cup of tea and a friend.

**Monica Irvine** is the President and creator of The Etiquette Factory, Co-Founder of FUNDamentals4Kids and a retired Homeschool Mom. Monica is a master motivator and dedicated instructor who excels at motivating children and parents to strive to be their best selves. As a Certified Etiquette Instructor and Life Coach and working in the hospitality industry for 33 years, Mrs. Irvine specializes in etiquette and professional instruction to help ensure the success of each individual both personally and professionally. Mrs. Irvine is the published author of six books on etiquette & parenting and a national speaker, speaking to thousands of parents, educators, professionals and children every year. Residing in Knoxville, Tennessee, with her husband, Charles, Monica spends her free time enjoying the outdoors of East Tennessee and spending time with her family of three boys and two granddaughters. You may contact Mrs. Irvine at [monica@TheEtiquetteFactory.com](mailto:monica@TheEtiquetteFactory.com).





# Meet the Workshop Speakers

**Kristin Overman** and her husband Tim, homeschool their five boys and have one more on the way. God has laid on their hearts to help families by equipping and encouraging parents to disciple their kids or as Kristin calls them, their warriors. Kristin and Tim started the ministry of Abundant Homes based on Psalm 127, with a vision to build families God's way. They consider parenting the greatest job, especially after their struggle to conceive and adopt. Kristin loves learning and teaching. Her passion is to organize Information and make it clear, applicable, and fun for others. Above all her calling is to spread the good news that Jesus has come to give life. He gives it Abundantly, and our homes should reflect this truth! The Overmans live in Albuquerque and love spending time outdoors, being active, and enjoying time with their animals and friends. Besides times with family, friends and animals, Kristin loves reading, writing, and singing.



**Nicole Radigan** is a wife to William and mom to six kids. They have graduated three and plan to homeschool the remaining three, all the way through high school. She and her family own more than 5,000 books and have checked out about 9,000 from the library. They have spent 10,000 hours reading and collecting the best ones. She has always loved sharing great books with other children! She believes stories are the way God speaks to our hearts, drawing us to Him! She loves His story best!



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# Exhibitor Workshop Speakers

**Mindy Brouse** is a mom to seven sarcastic and witty children ranging from 26yrs to 7yrs. She has homeschooled for over 25 years, graduating four and plugging away with three more, including a daughter with Down syndrome. She has been in leadership for several homeschooling co-ops and companies and has started her own co-op for the coming school year. She loves encouraging fellow homeschoolers, being around homeschooled kiddos, hiking in the Sandias, and reading every novel she can get her hands on.

Longtime homeschool mom **Daniela Byers** has been homeschooling for 12 years and graduated her first child this May. She loves the classical education model with its emphasis on the character, heart, mind, and soul of each student and giving them the tools of learning for a lifetime.

**Dale Cox** is a professional food scientist (B.S. and M.S. Food Science) with 23 years' experience working in the food industry for companies such as Kraft and Kellogg's. Now his company produces experiment-based print and self-paced online food science and physics courses for the whole family.

**Adelina Fast** is a recently widowed mother of three adult children and two grandchildren who has homeschooled children and grandchildren, for the past 30 years. She is passionate about sharing wellness and preparedness that she has learned from years of traveling through the United States, Mexico, and Israel as a missionary and pastor/evangelist's wife. Throughout her travels, she has discovered that nutrition is a basic, yet critical, need that is often overlooked. She now enjoys sharing information that others may learn, and in turn, teach others to do the same.

**John Kinzer** and his wife, Marcie, have four adult children and have homeschooled all four since 1989. John has taught and administered in Christian Schools in both elementary and secondary classrooms since 1981. In 1994, he and Marcie began Rio Grande Enrichment Studies to assist families who homeschool. John also teaches America's Christian History and Christian Worldview classes to interested adults. In 2009, John began to teach classes in history, education, government, and geology for Noah Webster College. John has a BA degree in Geology from the College of William & Mary, and an MA degree in Christian School Administration from Grace College. He and Marcie live in Cedar Crest, NM.

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**Laurie Ross-Brennan**, M.S. CCC/SLP, is a Speech & Language Pathologist and owner of Laurie Ross-Brennan & Associates, open since 1984. Her current staff of 25 includes 22 Speech & Language Pathologists who focus on treating all ages of clients with any type of speech and language disorder. Laurie received advanced training by Dr. Guy Berard in July 1993 in Auditory Integration Training (AIT). Every year she treats over 200 AIT clients in her Albuquerque and Santa Fe clinics. Laurie was the 2012 Employer of the Year, awarded by the New Mexico Professional Business Women Association. In keeping with her excellence in business, Laurie was a finalist for the Entrepreneur of the Year Award and the New Mexico Ethics in Business Award. Laurie routinely speaks at conventions for business owners, healthcare professionals, educators and parents. Laurie and her staff's primary focus is to change the lives of every patient who walks or rolls through her door. She graduated from UNM and raised her three children in Albuquerque. Laurie is a fifth generation New Mexican.

# Exhibitor Workshop Speakers

**Deanne Smith** grew up in Colorado. While attending Milligan College in northeast Tennessee, she met her wonderful husband. They have three fabulous children who are 23, 21, and 14. Providentially, she had the opportunity to attend an IEW teacher-training course in the summer of 2006. It resonated with her immediately. Since then, she has been teaching IEW's method in some form, becoming an instructor at the Certified Level in 2010, and renewing her accreditation recently. She was blessed to further her training by attending IEW's Writing Educator's Symposium in July 2010. In 2018, she was invited to become a Regional Exhibitor for IEW, and she loves telling people about this exceptional program at homeschool conferences. Currently she has the privilege of teaching IEW's Structure and Style method at a University Model School in Denver, Colorado.

**Devon Spencer** has been a part of American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA organizations for four years. Since starting she has become a part of the area team for both organizations focusing on development of new troops. The whole Spencer family is involved, with husband Josh being an area team member and a leader for Trail Life and their son Graham being a Hawk. Their twin girls recently turned five and have joined American Heritage Girls at the pathfinder level. They have been homeschooling for four years in Hernandez, New Mexico, where they are a part of a church plant, compete in Scottish highland dancing, and give creation evangelism seminars.

**Diana Turner** is the Program Director and theatre and art teacher at Sightline Integrated Arts. She homeschooled her three children and continues to teach in the ABQ homeschool community. Diana taught and directed theatre for youth for over 20 years. She was the Drama Director/Teacher at the Rio Grande Enrichment Studies (RGES) where she produced *The Count of Monte Cristo*, *The Sound of Music*, *Twelfth Night*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Robin Hood* and many more. Sightline Integrated Arts is a "drop off" homeschool enrichment program that offers CORE and ARTS classes for ages 6-18. Sightline's focus is integrating the arts into core curriculum and vice versa. This year, she directed the full-length production of *The Secret Adversary* with her high school Performance Class (last year they performed *The Tempest*) and her younger acting students wrote and performed their own fairy tales. Diana has a master's degree in education and taught in APS for several years.

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