

# Regional Montessori Conference

Kansas City, MO • October 7-9, 2022



Join AMI/USA for our Fall 2022 Regional Conference! This special event will be held in cooperation with Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS), and KCMC. We look forward to offering a unique focus on providing support for Montessori schools, educators and caregivers in the public sector.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

***BRITT HAWTHORNE***

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Britt will discuss her *New York Times* best-selling book, *Raising Antiracist Children: A Practical Parenting Guide*, and the importance of implementing ABAR (anti-bias/anti-racist) practices at school and at home.

Details, Registration & More:  
<https://amioc.t.c3groups.com>

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## ACCOMMODATIONS:

Sheraton Suites Country Club Plaza

\$149 Single/Double

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# SESSION SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022**

## PRIMARY TRACK

**Uma Ramani, M.A.**

### **Building and Sustaining a Cycle of Reflective Practice**

The art of Montessori practice is built on the science of the cycle of reflective practice. We plan and prepare, we implement and observe, we keep careful records and reflect;

an then we are ready to plan and prepare, implement and observe, record and reflect, again. This cycle of reflective practice allows us to support every child in their work of creative self-construction. Observation becomes the bedrock of our work, as it was for Dr. Montessori, and accompanies our work “like the beating of the heart” (A.M. Joosten). In this 2-part workshop, we will review the tools of reflective practice and discuss specific ways in which to integrate these tools in daily classroom practice.

## ELEMENTARY TRACK

**Carol Hicks and Lisbeth Harrison**

### **Planning and Preparing to Follow the Elementary Child**

Dr. Montessori directed guides at all levels to “follow the child.” That does not mean we simply sit and wait for them to do something and then jump in. Planning and preparing, especially in a public Montessori school is essential. The “P’s” also require observation, record keeping and most of all reflection. AMI elementary trainers, Carol Hicks and Lisbeth

Harrison will discuss these essential practices and how to implement them. There will be time to take in information, time for discussion and time for reflection.



## ASSISTANT TRACK

**Rhonda Sabater**

### **The Prepared Assistant**

This session is designed to give the assistant practical support with their task of supporting the guide in the prepared environment and includes a look at Montessori theory and practical application highlighting the importance of observation as the number one tool in the assistant’s toolbox.



## CAREGIVER TRACK

**Frances Rivera, M.S.Ed.**

### **Bringing Montessori Principles into your Home**

During your time together, Frances will guide you to bring the Montessori principles into your home by walking you through self-preparation, providing tips to develop an prepared environment, and discovering your child’s sensitive period for a healthy parent-child connection.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022**



## TRAUMA INFORMED CARE TRACK

**Travanna Alexander-Toney, LCSW, LSCSW**

### **Trauma This, Trauma That... What’s up with all Dat?**

Trauma is not a new concept. Trauma, trauma-related research, and the impact of trauma across the life span, particularly in early childhood, has been studied since the early 90’s. However, the pandemic exacerbated the impact of trauma on individuals, families, communities and in schools. Schools across the nation have experienced increases in student dysregulation, conflict, depression, and anxiety. Educators are feeling the burn and are overwhelmed. In this session, we will learn the language of trauma, understand its impact on youth development and learning, examine the ways trauma manifests in the classroom and identify trauma-responsive strategies, as well as, the importance of self-care for educators.

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