

Leonard Sax MD PhD: 2014 events

January 22, New Albany Ohio: I led a full day of workshops for teachers, social workers, school counselors and other professionals affiliated with the New Albany Plain Local School District. That evening, I spoke to parents in New Albany on the topic “**Beyond Resilience**: helping girls and boys to become UnFragile.”

January 28, Vancouver British Columbia: I spoke to parents at the Science Centre in Vancouver, as the guest of EO Vancouver. My topic was “**Beyond Resilience**: the factors undermining Canadian youth today.”

January 30, Guadalajara Mexico: I spoke to teachers and school administrators at an education conference hosted by Universidad Panamericana.

February 9, Santa Clara California: I led a workshop for teachers, hosted by the Muslim Community Association (MCA) of the San Francisco Bay Area. That evening, I spoke to parents at a conference hosted by the MCA.

February 10, San Francisco California: I returned to Notre Dame des Victoires (NDV), a Catholic school, to meet with students, one grade level at a time, to lead a conversation about social media and video games. That evening, I spoke to parents at NDV: the title of my presentation was “**Instagram Is Eating My Daughter, and My Son Won’t Stop Playing Call of Duty**: what parents need to know about the emerging worlds of social media and online video games.”

February 17, Austin Texas. I led a workshop for more than 200 preschool and nursery school staff, sharing evidence regarding gender differences in developmentally-appropriate practices for girls and boys age 2 to 5. That evening, I spoke to parents; the title of my presentation was “**Instagram Is Eating My Daughter, and My Son Won’t Stop Playing Call of Duty**: what parents need to know about the emerging worlds of social media and online video games” – with attention to questions such as “at what age is it appropriate for a child to play with an iPad, or with a mobile phone? What does the evidence show?”

February 19 and 20, Jackson Hole, Wyoming. In events cosponsored by the Teton Science Schools and the Teton County Library, I met with middle school students, and separately with high school students, to lead a conversation about social media and video games. I also led five other events over two days at venues across Teton County:

- A workshop on gender-aware best practice in the early years, for nursery school and preschool staff
- A workshop titled **Jane Eyre for Boys**, on engaging boys in reading, creative writing, and expository writing

- A workshop for parents titled “**Who’s In Charge Here?** Why and when ‘letting kids decide’ is not the best strategy“
- A workshop for teachers titled “**Why Gender Matters:** what teachers need to know about the emerging science of sex differences”
- A workshop for parents titled “**Beyond Resilience:** helping girls and boys to become UnFragile”

March 11, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: I gave a presentation to parents at Moravian Academy. The title of my presentation was “**Instagram Is Eating My Daughter, and My Son Won’t Stop Playing Call of Duty:** what parents need to know about the emerging worlds of social media and online video games”

March 28, Dallas, Texas: I gave two separate presentations to parents at the Episcopal School of Dallas:

- “**Boys Adrift:** the factors driving the growing epidemic of unmotivated boys and underachieving young men”
- “**Girls on the Edge:** what’s going on with American girls today?”

April 8, Sandy, Utah: I met with students at Jordan High School, and separately with students at Hillcrest High School, to lead a conversation about social media and video games. I also led a workshop for teachers titled “**Why Gender Matters:** what teachers need to know about the emerging science of sex differences.” That evening, I gave a presentation to parents titled “**Instagram Is Eating My Daughter, and My Son Won’t Stop Playing Call of Duty:** what parents need to know about the emerging worlds of social media and online video games.”

May 4, Santa Clara, California: I gave a presentation for the Muslim Community Association (MCA) titled “**Protecting your child from American culture:** Why most kids would now be better off raised outside the USA . . . and what you need to know if you’re staying here”. Separately, I met with children and teens at the MCA to lead a conversation about social media and video games.

May 9 and 10, Indianapolis, Indiana: I gave two presentations at a conference sponsored by the Independent Educational Consultants Association:

- “**The abdication of parental authority:** Most kids are not competent to choose a school /// How to empower parents to overrule their kids”
- “**Instagram Is Eating My Daughter, and My Son Won’t Stop Playing Call of Duty:** what parents need to know about the emerging worlds of social media and online video games.”

May 13, Vancouver, British Columbia: I led a workshop for teachers, hosted by the West Vancouver School District. That evening, I spoke to parents at the Kay Meek

Centre. My presentation was titled “**Why Gender Matters**: what you need to know about girls and boys in BC today.” Parents paid \$15 apiece to attend. My presentation, which sold out the Kay Meek Centre, grossed more than \$7,000 for the district.

May 19 and 20, Dallas, Texas: I returned to the Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy to lead two additional days of professional development for faculty and staff.

June 2 and 3, Buffalo, New York: I returned to the Marva Daniel Futures Preparatory School #37, a public school, to lead two additional days of professional development for faculty and staff.

July 8, Golden, Colorado: I led a workshop for a diverse audience which included teachers, social workers, counselors, and parents. My workshop was titled “**Why Gender Matters**: what you need to know about the emerging science of sex differences.”

August 13, Winnipeg, Manitoba: I had the privilege of giving a keynote presentation for the International Conference of Hutterite Educators. My presentation was titled “**Why Gender Matters**: what teachers need to know about the emerging science of sex differences.”

August 14, Mahanomen, Minnesota: I gave two presentations for a conference sponsored by the White Earth Nation. My keynote was titled “Boys Adrift and Girls on the Edge: why gender matters in the 21st century.” My breakout session was titled “Sitting Bull to Replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 Bill: strategies for motivating Native American students in the classroom.”

September 18, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania: I gave a presentation hosted by the Agnes Irwin School, for nursery school directors and preschool directors, titled “Why Gender Matters . . .in the early years.”

I led workshops for youth justice professionals – probation officers, guardians *ad litem*, directors of residential youth justice facilities, and other juvenile justice professionals – at four venues across Ontario, sponsored by the Ministry of Children & Youth Services:

- September 30, Sudbury
- October 15, Ottawa
- October 28, London (Ontario)
- October 29, Toronto

October 2, Fort Wayne: I led a workshop for juvenile justice professionals – probation officers, guardians *ad litem*, directors of residential juvenile justice facilities, and other juvenile justice professionals – titled “Sex differences in the propensity to delinquent behavior.”

October 10, Houston, Texas: I led the first of two days of training for teachers at Duchesne Academy, a girls’ school (second day: January 5 2015). The title of my workshop was: “**What makes a great teacher of girls?** (and how is that different from a great teacher of boys?)”

November 12, Princeton, New Jersey. I was the guest of the Princeton Common Ground speaker series, www.princetoncommonground.org. Princeton Common Ground (PCG) is a consortium of 14 independent schools across central New Jersey. In the afternoon, I led a workshop for teachers from PCG member schools titled “**Technology in the Classroom**”, sharing what I have learned about best practice for implementing technology in instruction – and when best practice is *not* to implement technology. That evening, I led a workshop for parents, hosted by PCG and Princeton Day School, titled “**Who’s In Charge Here?** Why letting kids decide is usually not the best strategy at home.”

December 4 and 5, Hyattsville, Maryland: I spoke to parents at an event sponsored jointly by DeMatha Catholic High School and Gonzaga College High School (both of which are boys’ schools). My presentation was titled “**Boys Adrift:** the factors driving the disengagement of boys.” On December 5, I led a workshop for teachers titled “**Jane Eyre for Boys**” sharing what I have learned about using boy-friendly instructional strategies to break down gender stereotypes and broaden educational horizons.