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National Learning Communities Conference (NLCC) Keynote Speakers

Dr. Todd Zakrajsek

**The Ones Too Often Left Behind and
Strategies to Improve their Educational
Outcomes**



Shermann 'Dilla' Thomas

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NLCC Sessions Featuring Harper Learning Communities

- C'est la VIE: Virtual Intercultural Exchange in the Learning Community classroom – Richard Johnson/ Kim Jaegar
- Is There a Crisis in Learning Communities at the Community College? – Panelist Dawn McKinley
- Utilizing Flex Technologies and Digital Resources to Strengthen our Classroom Community – Stephanie Whalen/ Janet Woods/ Jen Lau-Bond
- Sharing Voice Beyond Borders – John Garcia/ Rebecca Scott/ Rich Johnson/ Kim Jaeger/ Meg King/ Karen Daily
- Information Literacy Skills as Community Skills – Jen Lau-Bond
- Creating Sustainable Learning Communities: Continuous Innovation in a Learning Community as a Key to Success – John Garcia/ Julie Elefson-Kuehn
- Creating a STEM–Liberal Arts Learning Community – Meg King/ Karen Dailey



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Harper at NLCC 2024

- Dawn McKinley
- Dennis Baskin
- Jen Lau-Bond
- Jennifer Gonzalez
- Jessica Papa
- John Garcia
- Julie Ellefson-Kuehn
- Karen Dailey
- Kimberly Jaeger
- Mary Lynn Mackin-Petty
- Meg King
- Michael Hubatch
- Perry Pollock
- Rachel Hemm
- Rebecca Scott
- Richard Johnson
- Rob Russ
- Ruth Williams
- Stephanie Whalen
- Tracy Rowley



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