



Meg Ormiston

Professional Development Specialist Focused on
Changing Teaching and Learning with Powerful Digital
Tools

Meg is an amazing presenter engaging her audiences with powerful digital stories and captivating examples about how teaching and learning can be transformed. Meg is the perfect speaker for audiences passionate about teaching and learning.

Meg Ormiston's Bio



Meg Ormiston is passionate about transforming teaching and learning through the power of digital tools. Meg is constantly researching and exploring applications and power of technology to reach all learners. Meg travels nationally and internationally empowering educators through her powerful presentations focused on change.

Meg is an author of two books, retired school board member, adjunct professor, blogger, consultant, keynote speaker, successful grant development specialist, and contributes to a number of Personal Learning Communities.

Meg is high energy, truly motivational, but also very practical. Her current research is focused on how curriculum can be delivered through the use of visual images, simulations and multimedia coupled with real time assessment to check for comprehension.

On a trip to Northern Ireland this is what Chris Scott, Principal had to say,

“ Meg is warm, funny and energetic; you will be tired just watching her! Above all, her workshops are immensely practical, she makes you feel she knows your classroom without even having set foot in it.”

Improving student learning is her goal for every professional development session. For over 18 years Meg has planned professional development programs that meet the needs of educators. A former classroom teacher Meg addresses a wide range of audiences at all levels pre-k-16.

Meg recognizes the importance of helping teachers set high expectations and deliver curriculum aligned to standards. Her upbeat presenting style, her classroom background, and practical examples make her highly credible and effective with teachers. Her wide range of experiences and examples enrich her writing and her presentations.

Meg holds a masters degree in curriculum and instruction and uses current research and practical methods to help teachers improve teaching and learning in their classrooms.

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Objective:

My goal is to provide leadership and a shared vision for transforming teaching and learning through consulting work, speaking and strategic planning. To make a positive difference as I coach, mentor, and guide, helping teachers restructure learning opportunities to engage the 21st Century brains.

Experiences:

With over twenty years experience in education I have served in numerous roles from classroom teacher to School Board President. Here are a few experiences:

- Successful grant writing and co-developer of grant activities.
- Presented locally, nationally and internationally as a featured and keynote speaker.
- Author of two books, and co-author of numerous articles.
- Served as an on camera expert for professional videos as well as technical assistant.
- Teaching in classrooms k-8, and college adjunct instructor.
- Curriculum coaching with the support of digital tools.
- Classroom co-teaching and model teaching.
- Established and maintains a robust website for educators.
- Designing and leading professional development projects of all sizes.
- Served as a founding member of an Educational Foundation for Excellence.
- Served as a consultant to various organizations serving the k-12 community.

Keynotes and Featured Presentations:

- *2009- Presented a Ticketed Session at the Annual Association for Supervision and Curriculum (ASCD)*
- *2009 – Keynoted the Midwest Education and Technology Conference (METC)*
- *2009 – Closing Keynote Speaker for North Carolina Technology In Education Society (NCTIES)*
- *2009 – Keynote Speaker for The Fellowship for the Improvement of Educational Leadership (FIEL)*
- *2009 –Keynote Speaker for Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Leadership Conference*
- *2009 –Speaker for Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Fall workshop (VASCD)*
- *2009 – Featured Speaker for the Raising Student Achievement Conference*
- *2009- Keynote Speaker for the Assistant Principals Conference (IPA)*
- *2008 & 2005- Spotlight Speaker Illinois Computing Educators Conference (ICE)*
- *2008 – Featured Speaker Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM)*
- *2008 – Featured Speaker for Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA)*
- *2008 – Featured Speaker at the Mt. Vernon Conference*

- 2008- Speaker at the Joint Conference (IASBO/IASA/IASB)
- 2007 Fall & Spring, 2008, 2009 Technology and Learning's Tech Forum Chicago and Austin TX
- 2007 Featured Speaker Georgia Educational Technology Conference (GaETC)
- 2009, 2007 & 2005 Invited Speaker Midwest Education Technology Conference (METC)
- 2007 Keynote Speaker Missouri Business Education Association (MBEA)
- 2007 Keynote Speaker Student Tech Expo, Ottawa Intermediate School District
- 2007, 2006, 2005 Featured Speaker Raising Student Achievement Conference (RSAC)
- 2006 Keynote Speaker Southeast technology Conference (RPDC)
- 2006 & 2005 Spotlight Speaker Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO)
- 2005 Keynote Speaker Illinois Technology Educators (IETC)
- 2005 & 2004 Featured Speaker Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL)
- 2005 Keynote Speaker Michigan Association of Media in Education (MAME)
- 2003 Featured Speaker Maryland Instructional Computer Coordinators Association (MICCA)
- 2002 Keynote Speaker Scottish Education and Teaching with Technology, Glasgow (SETT)
- 2002 Education Northern Ireland, Belfast Northern Ireland
- 2001 Featured Speaker Association for Curriculum and Supervision, Japan (ASCD)
- 2000-2002 Faculty Member Building Learning Communities Summer Conference (BLC)
- 2000 Breakout Presentation National School Board Association National Conference (NSBA)

Teaching Experience

Professional Development Specialist, Tech Teachers, Inc. Burr Ridge, IL	1999-present
Design Team Member, Bridging the Disconnects Grant, Joliet IL	2003-2006
Adjunct Faculty, Aurora University, Aurora, IL	2003-present
President and Director of Professional Development, e-school.edu Willowbrook, IL	1996-1999
Integrated Technology Coordinator, Palos #118, Palos Park, IL	1995-1997
Second Grade Teacher, Palos #118, Palos Park, IL	1994-1995
Math Resource Teacher k-8 Palos #118, Palos Park, IL	1991-1994
Second and Third Grade Teacher, Highlands, Naperville #203, Naperville, IL	1989-1991
Faculty member for a National Science Foundation, Critical Thinking in Math	1988-1990
Sixth grade teacher, Lakeview School, District #54, Schaumburg, IL	1987-1989
Fourth Grade teacher, Aptakisic-Trip school, Aptakisic, IL	1985-1987

Education:

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, National College of Education, Evanston, IL 1988

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL 1985

Publications:

Books Published:

Ormiston, Meghan J. **Conquering Infoclutter: Timesaving Technology Solutions for Teachers.** Vol. 1. Thousand Oaks, California: Corwin Press, 2004. 1-179.

Ormiston, Meg, and Mark Standley. **Digital Storytelling with PowerPoint.** Vol. 1. Eugene, OR: Visions Technology in Education, 2003. 1-59.

Other Publications:

- Co-authored an article titled, *Second Life is Not a Game*, by Craig Cunningham, Meg Ormiston, Lisa Perez, and Scott Swanson. Published in the ICE CUBE <http://www.iceberg.org/site/files/2008-issue1.pdf>
- Webmaster and content author www.techteachers.com.
- Co-authored an article, "Building Professional Development for Teachers of Mathematics into the Culture of Schools," published in the 1994 *National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Yearbook*
- Contributor to the website for [Bridging the Disconnects Grant](#)
- Co-author of an article published in *Best Practices: Learning and Teaching* in Chicago titled "Helping Teachers Implement Best Practice in Mathematics"
- Published a report about Family Math Night on the World Wide Web, North Central Educational Lab, Pathways to School Improvement Site, May 1995

Activities

- Named one of the first Olympus Visionary Educators in 2005.
- School Board Member Cass School District #63, Darien IL 2002 to 2007
- Cass #63 Foundation for Educational Excellence, Founding Foundation Member Summer 2001-Summer 2002
- Religious Education Teacher 2003-present
- Expert and Technical Assistant for Educational Video "*Computer Applications and Technology for Teaching Math*" as well as "*Integrating Mathematics Across the Curriculum*" Skylight Professional Development Spring 2002.

Comments about Meg Ormiston

"Meg has a great personality to keep the interest of a room full of teachers for an entire workshop. She has a tremendous high level of energy." Boston, MA

"Meg is a dynamo. Her enthusiasm is contagious." Boston, MA

"Meg was fantastic, prepared and knowledgeable."

"Great presenter- loved her enthusiasm." Sturbridge, MA

"I wish that more educators from my area had been able to participate.

"Great speaker- very helpful, energetic and knowledgeable of the subject."

"I would love to have you come to our school and give a presentation." Portland, Maine

"It went beyond my expectations-honestly I've been to hundreds of workshops in 24 years and this is a first for me to have actually learned something. Thanks.

The whole day was helpful. As a techno phobic, I am encouraged and anxious to go out and try something." Chicago, IL

"This class was the single best, hands on class that I have ever taken through the district or through my graduate and post-graduate programs."

"Thank you Meg for allowing us to experiment, progress at our own pace, share and have a great time. Your patience with the less informed was awesome and much appreciated." Joliet, IL

"The value of this workshop has to be sung from the rafters. The instructor, Meg Ormiston, was extremely capable as a teacher and a technologist. An inordinate amount of material was covered that can be used in my classroom from day one. This should be available to all teachers in the district."

"I have accomplished more in this one week than I dreamed possible. I have never felt such comfort before this class."

"Meg is an excellent presenter. She keeps you interested and is very knowledgeable in her field. I believe this is one of the best workshops I have attended." MO

"An extraordinary workshop- one of the very best I have ever attended (and that's a lot)." Administrator Academy, IL



Partial Client List and Featured Speaker Sessions

- Americas High School, EL Paso, TX
- Bismarck North Dakota Teaching and Technology Conference, Bismarck, ND
- Crete Monee School District Crete, IL
- Decatur ROE Decatur, IL
- Diocese of Joliet, Joliet, IL
- Diocese of Toledo, Toledo, OH
- Dominican University, IL
- DuPage ROE, Lombard, IL
- East Rockaway Schools, New York
- Education Computing Organization of Ontario, Ontario, Canada
- Education Northern Ireland, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- Family Education Network, Boston, MA
- Funbrain.com, Chicago, IL
- Glen Ellyn School District #89, Glen Ellyn, IL
- Gower Elementary Burr Ridge, IL
- Highland Park Deerfield High School Highland Park, IL
- Illinois Computing Educators Conference, St. Charles, IL
- Idaho Vocational Educators Boise, ID
- Illinois Education and Technology Conference, Springfield, IL
- I-Kan ROE, Kankakee, IL
- Illinois Association of School Principals, Springfield, IL
- Japan ASCD Tokyo, Japan
- Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL
- Joseph Sears School, Kenilworth, IL
- Kids ROE, Loves Park, IL
- Lake Zurich School District, Lake Zurich, IL
- LaSalle County ROE, Ottawa, IL
- Lenawee ISD, Lenawee, MI
- The Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, Michigan
- Michigan Association for Media in Education, Michigan
- Midwest Education Technology Conference, St. Louis, MO
- Maryland Instructional Technology Advisory Council, Maryland
- Mt. Vernon Conference, Mt. Vernon, IL
- Naperville 203, Naperville, IL
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- National Association of Elementary School Principals
- Ohio Title One Conference, Columbus, OH
- Ottawa ISD, Michigan

- Ottawa Elementary School District, Ottawa, IL
- Palos Community School District, Palos Park, IL
- PBS Teacherline Boston, IL
- Pearson, Chicago, IL
- Raising Student Achievement Conference, St. Charles, IL
- Riverside School District, Riverside, IL
- SCOPE Education Services, New York
- Scottish Education and Teaching with Technology Conference, Scotland
- Skylight Professional Development, Arlington Heights, IL
- Southeast MO State, Cape Girardot, MO
- St. Christina Catholic School, IL
- St. Raphael Catholic School, Naperville, IL
- Technology & Learning Tech Forum, Austin, TX
- Valley View School District Romeoville, IL
- Westchester School District, Westchester, IL
- Westmont School District, Westmont, IL
- York High School, Elmhurst, IL