



The Gary Stager Difference

“Any conference seeking a keynote speaker to provoke its attendees to think deeply about authentic learning and inspired teaching should get in line to request Dr. Gary Stager. He sees through the No Child Left Behind fog with laser vision with eye-opening suggestions on how to truly engage and challenge learners. Having seen Gary work with children around the world, I can attest that Gary is a true champion of children.”

- Peter H. Reynolds – Award-winning author, illustrator, animator & software developer

Refreshing, Relevant & Real

Dr. Stager’s popular keynote presentations & workshops are unique:

- Inspirational, humorous & entertaining
- Thirty years of pioneering classroom practice
- Compelling video-based examples of student learning
- Supported by evidence and research
- Connected to powerful ideas and leading thinkers
- Honors the competence of learners
- Provocative & fearless

Gary S. Stager, Ph.D.

Since 1982, Gary Stager, an internationally recognized educator, speaker and consultant, has helped learners of all ages on six continents embrace the power of computers as intellectual laboratories and vehicles for self-expression. He led professional development in the world's first laptop schools (1990), has designed online graduate school programs since the mid-90s, was a collaborator in the MIT Media Lab's Future of Learning Group and a member of the One Laptop Per Child Foundation's Learning Team. When Jean Piaget wanted to better understand how children learn mathematics, he hired Seymour Papert. When Dr. Papert wanted to create a high-tech alternative learning environment for incarcerated at-risk teens, he hired Gary Stager. This work was the basis for Gary's doctoral dissertation and documented Papert's most recent institutional research project.

In 1999, *Converge* named Gary a "shaper of our future and inventor of our destiny." The National School Boards Association recognized Dr. Stager with the distinction of "20 Leaders to Watch" in 2007. *Tech & Learning* named Gary Stager "one of today's leaders who are changing the landscape of edtech through innovation and leadership." He is a Senior Education Consultant to leading school architecture firm, Fielding Nair International and serves as S.T.E.M. Director at The Oaks School in Hollywood, California. Dr. Stager was a keynote speaker at the 2009 National Educational Computing Conference and many other major conferences around the world.

“Gary is a well informed educational reform thinker. He brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to his speaking engagements and challenges people to think about the best possible learning environments we can create for students to be successful in their lives. Gary has been well received by audiences around the world.”

- Holly Jobe - President of the International Society for Technology in Education

“Gary Stager is a unique speaker who never fails to entertain, inform, and inspire. Gary's offers a unique combination of intellect and wit that provokes conversation and smiles alike. He is a committed educator who comes to a conference ready to roll up his sleeves and work. Gary can have audiences on their feet cheering at a keynote and a half hour later be fielding questions and presenting his latest ideas in a breakout session or at a conference reception. He is straight talking, fearless, and a visionary educational leader who 'tells it as it is'. Gary's presence has always brought our conference to another, higher, level.”

- Pete Reilly, President New York State Association for Computers & Technology in Education

A Wise Investment

Dr. Stager contributes to a successful conference or professional learning event by:

- Modeling exemplary teaching practices
- Offering a “Conversation with Gary Stager” session following the keynote
- Presenting additional breakout sessions or participate in panel discussions
- Leading hands-on workshops
- Participate in planning sessions, brainstorming or executive briefings
- Collaborating with students
- Communicating with parents or the community
- Speaking with media

“Some people think 'outside of the box.' Gary is unaware of the box's existence!”

- Dr. David Thornburg, author, speaker & futurist

Keynote Topics

- Ten Things to Do with a Laptop - Learning and Powerful Ideas
- The Best Educational Ideas in the World: Adventures on the Frontiers of Learning
- Twenty Lessons from Twenty Years of 1:1 Computing
- How Tinkering, the Maker Culture and Reality TV are Transforming Learning
- Creativity 2.0: The Quest for Meaning, Beauty and Excellence
- Learning Adventures: A Transformational Approach to Online Learning
- Constructing Modern Knowledge: A Computational (and fun) Approach to STEM
- Rethinking At-Risk Education: Successful Learner-Centered Alternatives to Conventional Practice
- The Future of Learning

Additional topics are available and presentations are customized to suit your audience.

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