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Meet the Advisory Board

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Dr. Amend is co-author of two award-winning books: *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children*, and *Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults: ADHD, Bipolar, OCD, Asperger's, Depression, and Other Disorders* (Second Edition). Dr. Amend has authored or co-authored several articles, book chapters, and columns about gifted children. He presents nationally and internationally about gifted children, and his service has included various roles with NAGC, SENG, and *The G WORD* film's Advisory Board.

Maggie Brown, Ph.D. is a psychotherapist, a psychology researcher and a university lecturer. Currently based in New Zealand, she takes a strong multi and cross-cultural approach to both research and clinical practice. Dr. Brown contributes knowledge built over many decades of research and study about intelligence, neurobiology, human development and psychology, all with a focus on adults. Her most recent research project brought together global experts in topics related to gifted adults, and also groups of gifted adults themselves. These studies—conducted over several years—bring to light important new ideas and issues related the psychology and lived experiences of gifted adults. Dr. Brown's clinical psychotherapy work addresses the complex and often misunderstood inner and social worlds of gifted and other neurodiverse adults. Areas of specialty include identity-formation and integration, workplace stress, emotional dysregulation and the causes and impacts of relational trauma.

Chandra B. Floyd, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of Gifted Education and the Coordinator for the Gifted Education Endorsement Program at Kennesaw State University (KSU) in Georgia. Her research focuses on equity in gifted education including how gifted education functions in the broader P12 educational enterprise; leadership that advances equitable access to gifted education; and teacher preparation that results in, not only high-caliber instruction, but also robust advocacy for gifted individuals, underrepresented groups, and the field of gifted education at large. A recent graduate of William & Mary, in 2021 she received an award from the NAGC Research & Evaluation Network for her dissertation *Promoting Equity in Gifted Education: Stories from Selected Virginia Gifted Education Leaders*.

In addition to teaching and program coordination, Chandra serves as co-faculty advisor for #BlackTeachersMatter, a KSU student organization that centers the needs and experiences of pre-service and in-service teachers while examining and advancing Black educational issues. Before becoming a professor, she worked in P12 schools for nearly 25 years as an English teacher, a gifted education resource teacher, and a district-level administrator for gifted education. Chandra is a mother and a grandmother, and in her spare time she enjoys reading, writing, painting, and traveling.

Andrea D. Frazier, Ph.D. is a professor with Columbus State University. She earned her doctorate in educational psychology from Ball State University in 2009. Before attending Ball State, she worked at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, a residential school for students gifted/talented in math, science, and technology, for 7 years. Her research interests encompass the educative experience of students of color and girls, with recent work exploring possible selves and academic self-concept in high-ability African American students

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Nancy B. Hertzog, Ph.D., University of Washington, USA, is professor and director of Learning Sciences and Human Development and the former Director of the Robinson Center for Young Scholars. In addition to studying the outcomes of Robinson Center alumni, her research focuses on teaching strategies designed to differentiate instruction and challenge children with diverse abilities. From 1995 to 2010, she was on the faculty in the Department of Special Education and directed University Primary School, an early childhood gifted program, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has published three books and several chapters on early childhood gifted education, and numerous articles in gifted education.

Mihyeon Kim, Ph.D. is the Director of the Precollegiate Learner Programs at the Center for Gifted Education, William & Mary. She develops and implements academic services for K-12 students for various student populations, including Saturday, summer, and residential programs. Under her leadership, K-12 programs at the Center for Gifted Education, William & Mary expanded their educational services to international students. Her passion to serve diverse students has given her a staunch commitment to providing educational opportunities to disadvantaged students. She is eager to make a difference in the lives of high-ability students who may not have been given out-of-school educational opportunities.

Christopher Lawrence, Ph.D. serves as an associate professor of counseling and human services at Northern Kentucky University. He studies creativity and self-compassion, exploring the applications of both in academic and clinical settings. Christopher was a recipient of the NKU CARES Award, which recognized individuals who made extraordinary contributions to student, faculty, and staff success during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Outside of the university, Christopher serves as a licensed professional clinical counselor in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as well as a Certified First Responder Counselor.

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