

2020 UNT Education Leadership Conference on Safety and Security in our Schools

March 31, 2020
9:00 am to 3:15 pm

Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 am to 9:00 am

Opening Ceremony
9:00 am

Registration includes
*Conference Events
*Breakfast and Lunch
*Internet Access
*Parking
*Certificate of Attendance



Conference website: <https://coe.unt.edu/conferences/educational-leadership>

9:00 – 9:15 Opening Remarks and Introductions

9:15 10:00 Featured Speaker Thad Roher



Mr. Roher graduated from Barclay College in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. He received his Master of Science in Education Administration from Fort Hays State University in 1995. He is also a member of the 1986 graduating class from Friendswood High School. Thad Roher has served as a K-12 principal in Haviland, KS, an assistant principal at Friendswood High School, an Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum for both elementary and secondary and most recently served as Deputy Superintendent in Friendswood ISD, overseeing the business operations for the district.

And, he was in Friendswood ISD when Tropical Storm Harvey made his appearance on the Texas Coast.

10:00 – 10:45 Featured Speaker Leigh Wall



Dr. Leigh Wall was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, graduating from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1979, and with a Master of Science in Education in 1981. After attending University of Houston and completing the Educational Mid-Management Certification, she continued in her education to receive a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Walden University. After teaching for 18 years, she served as junior high and high school principal, and is currently entering her 12th year as Superintendent of Schools for Santa Fe Independent School District. Dr. Wall was also

Superintendent of Schools during the 2018 end of year school shooting incident in Santa Fe ISD.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Texas Association of Mid-Size Schools, Executive Committee for Region 4 and President of Learning Forward, a prestigious nonprofit focused on quality professional development for educators.

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:45 Featured Speaker Andrea Miller, PhD



Both Miller's research and her role in news producing have touched some of the nation's biggest headlines, including Ebola, the BP oil disaster and Hurricane Katrina.

Among her accomplishments, Miller received the Dallas Press Club Katie Award in 1993 and an Associated Press Spot News Award in 1992, both for her role as producer for newscast coverage of a school shooting at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo, Texas.

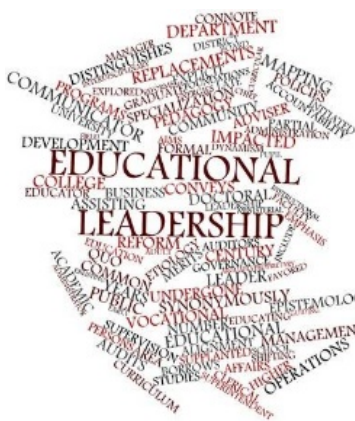
Additionally, Dr. Miller – an associate producer at the time – was part of an Emmy Award-winning team in 1996 for a newscast covering the death of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was abducted that year while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas. The only witness, her 5-year-old brother, offered precious few clues; however, it was enough for local news to begin coverage. Hagerman’s body was found five days later. In the wake of her death, the national Amber Alert system, named after Hagerman, was born.

During Miller’s time as a producer, she developed a passion for breaking news, crisis news and issues management that carries into her academic research.

11:45 – 12:30 Lunch / Networking



12:30 – 12:45 Introduction of Faculty followed by a short break



Misty Sailors, PhD, Department Chair
William Camp, PhD
R. Jefferson George, PhD
Johnetta Hudson, PhD
Cheryl Jennings, EdD
Elizabeth Murakami, PhD
Barbara Pazey, PhD
Linda Stromberg, PhD
Robert Voelkel, EdD
Stephen Waddell, PhD

12:45 – 1:30 Featured Speaker Ross Ramsey



Ross Ramsey is executive editor and co-founder of The Texas Tribune. Before joining the Tribune, Ross was editor and co-owner of Texas Weekly for 15 years. He did a 28-month stint in government as associate deputy comptroller for policy and director of communications with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Before that, he reported for the Houston Chronicle from its Austin bureau and for the Dallas Times Herald, first on the business desk in Dallas and later as its Austin bureau chief, and worked as a Dallas-based freelance business writer, writing for regional and national magazines and newspapers. Ross got his start in journalism in broadcasting, covering news for radio stations in Denton and Dallas.

1:30 – 2:15 Featured Speaker Gary Webb, PhD



Promoting Resilience in Schools: Lessons from Emergency Management

Dr. Gary Webb is Professor and Chair of the Department of Emergency Management and Disaster Science at the University of North Texas, which houses the nation's first bachelor's degree program in emergency management. His research focuses on organizational preparedness for and response to extreme events, and he is the co-author of *Introduction to Emergency Management*. His research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, and it has appeared in numerous professional journals, including the *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*, *International Journal of Emergency Management*, *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*, and the *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*. He has delivered invited presentations in numerous countries around the world, including Denmark, France, the Netherlands, South Korea, Turkey, and Taiwan, and he has been quoted in major media outlets, including the *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, and *NPR*.

2:15 – 3:00 U.S. Secret Service Report on School Violence



The United States Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) issued a report in November 2019 analyzing targeted school violence. This report expands upon twenty years of NTAC research in threat assessment and violence prevention. In line with this effort, NTAC conducted a study of 41 incidents of targeted school violence from 2008 to 2017. This study did not include attacks where “a perpetrator could not be identified, or incidents related to gang violence, drug violence, or other incidents with a strong suggestion of a separate criminal nexus.”

3:00 – 3:15 Closing Remarks

Stephen Waddell, EdD
Visiting Professor at UNT
and
R. Jefferson George, PhD
Senior Lecturer at UNT