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Building Our Expertise for Wise Decision-Making

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August 1, 2019 • 7:30 a.m. Check-in and Breakfast • 8:30 to 3:30 Institute

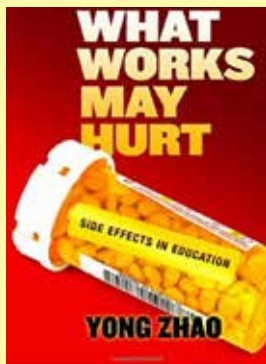


Yong Zhao acknowledges the desire for panaceas and one-size-fits-all mandates in his book, *What Works May Hurt*.

Zhao writes:

"Policymakers are eager for solutions that work for all children, for all purposes, and under all circumstances so that they can develop policies that can be uniformly implemented in all schools. . . . When a particular solution wins

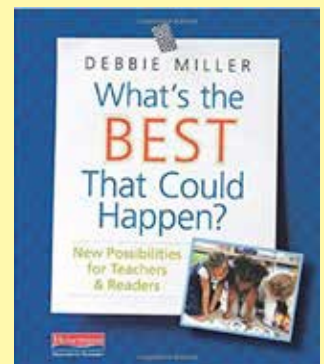
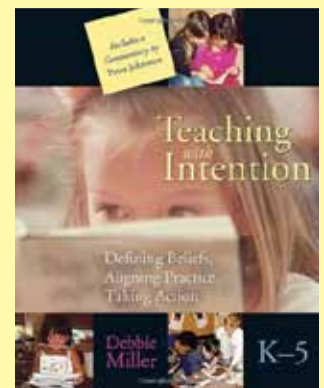
the favor of policy-makers, it becomes the cure-all, prescribed for all children, like the case of Reading First. . . . Since no solution works equally well in all contexts, a given solution naturally works better for some students, some outcomes, and in some contexts, and may not work at all in others. Worse yet, it could have negative effects in other contexts. . . . even if teachers are willing and able to seek the middle ground and flexibly apply what they believe is right for their students, they typically are not allowed to so because they must follow the approach favored by policymakers."



Debbie Miller will help us develop our expertise for making wise decisions as we interact with the students in front of us as they read, write, and learn to survive and thrive in our constantly changing world.

In *Teaching with Intention*, Miller writes: "It's hard to imagine the circumstances where prepackaged programs and scripts teach children better than we do. We're the ones in the unique and wonderful position to know where our kids have been, where they are now, and where it makes sense to take them next. Real life isn't scripted. Neither is real teaching.

If we aren't thoughtful, reflective, and strategic teachers, can we expect our children to be thoughtful, reflective, and strategic readers, writers, and thinkers?"



Please register by July 30, 2019
www.wsra.org/2019-summer-institute

Location:

Radisson Hotel La Crosse, 200 Second Street South
La Crosse, WI 54601

Fees:

- \$10 WSRA Leadership Group members
- \$25 Full-Time Undergraduate Students
- \$99 WSRA Members
- \$149 nonmember



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