



Teaching Presence



# PassageWorks<sup>TM</sup> Institute

## Teaching Presence Course

*Practical tools and strategies for creating an effective learning community in your classroom*

With Facilitators Laura Weaver, John McCluskey, and Batya Greenwald

**W**e can have the best curricula available, train teachers in technique and theory, but our programs will not adequately address the core issues of young hearts and minds if we do not provide opportunities for teachers to further develop their own souls, hearts, and social and emotional intelligence. Beyond methodology and content, the most effective teaching includes a more elusive quality that profoundly affects the learning that is possible – what we have called “the teaching presence.” We celebrate those precious moments when we embody a “presence” that carries the class to a place where young learners are profoundly moved and genuine connections occur. Most teachers have experienced this powerful presence on certain occasions. But how can we cultivate and sustain this capacity? Based on the work of PassageWorks founder Rachael Kessler, this course will explore:

- Teaching with an open heart and recognizing what closes our hearts
- Exploring obstacles and opportunities for becoming present in the classroom
- Holding respectful discipline—setting boundaries with compassion
- Developing emotional range—growing comfort with a full range of emotions in ourselves and our students: joy, grief, anger, exuberance, fear, love and , vulnerability

### Facilitators

**Laura Weaver** - As the PassageWorks Institute Director of Programs, Laura serves as a lead faculty member and trainer, acts as a facilitator in the classroom, consults with teachers implementing the PassageWorks model, writes and refines curriculum, and collaborates on program and organizational development.

**John McCluskey** - John is a lead trainer with the PassageWorks Institute and the Center for Council Training. He has worked along side youth as a camp director, school administrator and for fourteen years as a high school teacher.

**Batya Greenwald** - Batya became a teacher in Australia and recently earned an MA in Education from the University of Montana. She was the founding Director of the Boulder Jewish Day School and has taught for more than 10 years. She currently teaches Kindergarten at the Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies.

*“We teach who we are.”  
“Walk your talk.” Or, as Emerson put it, “What you are speaks so loudly that I can’t hear what you say you are.”*

**When:**  
**June 11 – 13, 2010**

Friday 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Where:**  
**Boulder, CO**  
Specific location TBD

**Facilitators:**  
**Laura Weaver**  
**John McCluskey**  
**Batya Greenwald**

**Fees:**  
\$450 (\$400 for registrations received by May 10, 2010).  
\$350 for all teachers and administrators in Colorado.

**Prerequisites:**  
Completion of the Level I Foundation Course or permission from a course facilitator.

**Information:**  
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