

Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence

The Art of Teaching: Upper School Literature

Renaissance Newport Beach Hotel
4500 MacArthur Boulevard, Newport Beach, CA 92660

February 28, 2025

9:00-9:15 a.m.	<i>Welcome</i>
9:15-10:15 a.m.	“Forming the Imagination Through Literature” <i>Joshua Villarreal, Teacher Support Lead</i>
10:15-10:30 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30-11:30 a.m.	<i>Breakout Session I</i> “Teaching Literature through the Seminar Method” <i>Dr. John Peterson, Assistant Director of Curriculum</i>
	<i>Breakout Session II</i> “Practical Structures for Teaching Close Reading” <i>Aaron Schepps, Atlanta Classical Academy</i>
11:30-12:45 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i> “Why I Lead a Classical School” <i>Semi Park, Orange County Classical Academy</i>
12:45-1:45 p.m.	“Freedom, Education, and Leadership: Why You Should Read and Teach Dante” <i>Dr. Stephen Smith, Professor of English</i>
1:45-2:00 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
2:00-3:00 p.m.	“Whitman, Melville, and the Poetry of the Civil War” <i>Dr. Kelly Franklin, Associate Professor of English</i>



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