

Rudolf Steiner College Presents



## Meeting the Middle School Child: Practices and Possibilities

Keynote Betty Staley, with Marianne Gray and Luísa Burgess

November 3-4, 2017

Friday, 7-9PM and Saturday, 9AM to 5:30PM

For Parents, Teachers and Administrators

**Gain new insights and re-think how to have dynamic middle school years  
within the Waldorf school.**

The middle school years are often a time of attrition in enrollment. How can schools better meet the needs of students in sixth to eighth grades? Understanding the particular needs of contemporary early adolescents can help teachers and schools create a supportive environment and challenging curriculum within Waldorf education.

Children in the middle school years' experience earlier puberty, societal influences, and environmental changes which make them especially vulnerable. Using insights from Rudolf Steiner and from neuroscience, we will explore ways in which teachers and parents can guide them for healthy emotional and academic growth.

**Registration available online: [rscex.com/msw](http://rscex.com/msw)**



**Betty Staley has been a** Waldorf teacher and educator for over 50 years. She pioneered U.S. Waldorf high schools and directed RSC's Waldorf high school teacher education since 1991. She authored seven books and is currently writing a book on the middle school years.

Price: Complete Workshop \$125;  
Friday Evening Keynote Only \$25

Meals: Saturday Lunch and snacks are included in the workshop fee. Many of our ingredients are organic and locally sourced, some from our own biodynamic Raphael Garden. Select your choice of regular, vegetarian, or gluten-free when registering.

## Keynotes with Betty Staley

### Friday, November 3

**7:30-9:00pm:** History of middle school madness; where did it all begin?

### Saturday, November 4

**9:30-11:00am:** The Vulnerability Gap

**3:45-5:30pm:** Meeting middle schoolers for a healthy future. What do we do as parents, teachers, administrators, and a community to meet the children in a way that is also productive for society?

## Curriculum Sessions with Marianne Gray

### Teaching Middle Schoolers

Explore aspects of the curriculum in the light of middle school children's needs through the underlying theme of astronomy.

### Saturday, November 4

11:30-1:00pm: Focus on Science

2:00-3:30pm: Focus on History

## Schedule:

### Friday, November 3

- 6:30-7:00pm Registration and Check-In
- 7:00-7:30pm **Community Singing with Luisa**
- 7:30-9:00pm **Keynote with Betty**

### Saturday, November 4

- 9:00-9:30am **Community Singing with Luisa**
- 9:30-11:00am **Keynote with Betty**
- 11:00-11:30am Break with complimentary snack service
- 11:30-1:00pm **Curriculum Session # 1**
- 1:00-2:00pm Lunch (included in the registration fee for all attendees)
- 2:00-3:30 pm **Curriculum Session # 2**
- 3:30-3:45pm Break with complimentary snack service
- 3:45-5:30 pm **Keynote with Betty**



**Marianne Gray** is on her third cycle as a class teacher at the Sacramento Waldorf School and was also the Middle School Support Teacher there for 5 years. She earned her Waldorf Teacher Education diploma at RSC.



**Luisa Burgess** earned her Waldorf Education Diploma in London. She has taught in Waldorf schools since 2005, and is currently the grades music teacher at Sacramento Waldorf School.