

# **Jenny Edwards, PhD**

**Doctoral Faculty - School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University**

Evergreen, CO, US

Invitational Education, Cognitive Coaching, Nonverbal Communication

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## **Description**

Dr. Jenny Edwards is on the faculty for the doctoral program in the School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University, located in Santa Barbara, California. She also serves as Co-Lead for the PhD program in Infant and Early Childhood Development with an emphasis on Infant Mental Health and Developmental Disorders.

Dr. Edwards received her BS from the University of Tennessee in Elementary Education, specializing in Early Childhood Development; her MS from the University of Tennessee in Elementary Education, specializing in Reading; her MA from The Fielding Institute in Organizational Development; and her PhD from The Fielding Institute in Human and Organizational Systems.

Dr. Edwards has conducted numerous studies on Cognitive Coaching<sup>SM</sup> since 1991 and is a Training Associate in Cognitive Coaching<sup>SM</sup> and Adaptive Schools for Thinking Collaborative.

Dr. Edwards has taught at the elementary and middle school levels. She has also served in Staff Development for the Professional Alternative Consortium for Teachers (PACT), in which she provided mentoring for first- and second-year teachers, provided professional development for teachers in the Jefferson County School District, and taught at the University of Colorado at Denver and Metropolitan State College. She has also taught for Regis University and Colorado Christian University. She offers seminars at the Teresianum, which is the Carmelite University in Rome, Italy.

Dr. Edwards has written *Inviting Students to Learn: 100 Tips for Talking Effectively with Your Students* (ASCD, 2010), *Time to Teach: How Do I Get Organized and Work Smarter?* (ASCD, 2014), and *Cognitive Coaching<sup>SM</sup>: A Synthesis of the Research* (Thinking Collaborative, 2016). She recently completed *Habits of Mind: A Synthesis of the Research*. In addition, she compiled booklets containing research on the 16 Habits of Mind proposed by Art Costa and Bena Kallick. In addition, she has authored numerous articles, studies, and book chapters. Her most recent book is an edited volume with Dr. Sheila Gregory, titled *Invitational Education and Practice in Higher Education: An International Perspective*.

She has presented on a variety of topics in French, Spanish, Italian, and English in Argentina, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research, Writing and Editing

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## **Topics**

Action-Orientated Research, Cognitive Coaching, Capacity Building, Invitational Education, Child Development, Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Community Relations, Nonverbal Communication, Creativity and Problem Solving, Reflective Thinking, Critical Reading and Writing, Teacher Efficacy and Empowerment, Forces of Motivation, Thought Field Therapy, Human Development in Context, Interpersonal Communication and Collaboration, Leadership and Change, Management Theories, Oral and Digital Communication, Program Evaluation, Theories and Application, Qualitative Data Analysis, Theories of Learning, Adaptive Schools

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## **Affiliations**

International Alliance for Invitational Education (IAIE), International Coach Foundation (ICF), Journal of Invitational Theory and Practice, LearningForward, Phi Delta Kappa (PDK), Thinking Collaborative, Thought Field Therapy Foundation, American Educational Research Association (AERA) Invitational Learning Special Interest Group, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

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## **Past Talks**

**Time to teach: How do I get organized and work smarter?**  
(2016) ASCD Annual Conference

**Healing in Rwanda: The words of the therapists**  
(2016) Research Symposium, Association for Comprehensive Energy Psychology

**How to talk so students learn**  
(2010) Presentation at the annual conference of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development

**Inviting students to learn: 100 tips for talking effectively with your students**  
(2010) Annual Cognitive Coaching Symposium

**Helping students see themselves being successful in the future**  
(2009) Annual Conference of the International Alliance for Invitational Education

**Simple, effective tools for affirming the humanity in others**  
(2008) Annual Conference of the International Alliance for Invitational Education

**Using language mindfully in coaching**  
(2008) Annual Cognitive Coaching Symposium

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## **Education**

**Fielding Graduate University**  
PhD Human and Organizational Systems

**Fielding Graduate University**  
MA Organizational Development

**University of Tennessee**  
MS Elementary Education

**University of Tennessee**  
BS Elementary Education

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Collaboration for High Academic and Professional Standards: The Pleasant View Project**

Served as Co-author, Project Director, and Principal Investigator, securing a \$1.02 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education Fund for Innovation in Education, 1994-1997.

### **Outstanding Research Award**

(1998) Awarded by Jefferson County Schools, CO

### **Leadership Fellow**

(2009) Awarded by the International Alliance for Invitational Education

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