

College of HEST Social Transformation Speaker & Workshop Series

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**- Friday, Oct. 30 -
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Join us in person at
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Toward Sane Schools and Sane Societies: Trauma-Informed, Healing-Centered Education as Social Transformation

Trauma is a universal human response to adversity. It touches every person-serving institution, and the work we do across health, education, and social transformation is no exception. Schools, clinics, and community systems either recognize this reality and respond to it, or they ignore it and reinforce the harm they were built to address.

This presentation argues that trauma-informed education is a specific and practical lever for the broader social transformation mission of HEST. Drawing on Dr. Sandra Bloom's Sanctuary Model, the session offers a shared vocabulary for safety, regulation, and healing that HEST disciplines can apply in their own settings, whether that setting is a classroom, a clinic, or a research design.

Participants will work through a single case example of a New Mexico student navigating disability and immigration-related trauma, identifying concrete entry points for their own discipline's practice and research. The session closes with a guided group discussion on what trauma-informed, healing-centered work can look like across HEST, and what faculty and staff can do now, in their own units, to advance it.

To learn more about Dr. Gherardi, [click here](#).

