

Ocean Charter Summer Institute

Participants may sign up for all of the following offerings or any combination of them. To see how they all fall on the calendar, please click here: [OCS Summer Institute Calendar](#)

For course descriptions and to register, please access this form: [OCS Summer Institute Registration](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strand

Teaching Tolerance - 4 interactive 90-minute Zoom sessions

\$100 for all 4 sessions/participant

Open to any pre/in-service TK - 12 educators

Sessions include:

- 6/22 - 10-11:30am - Unpacking the Teaching Tolerance Social Justice Standards
- 6/26 - 9-10:30am - Speak Up at School
- 6/26 - 3-4:30pm - Let's Talk
- 6/30 - 10-11:30am - Addressing Inequities at School

*For more information on each session, see the [Teaching Tolerance Workshop Session Description](#)

****CLASS FULLY BOOKED**** - Upcoming winter course will be announced at a later date.

Developmental Arc of Waldorf Education - FREE

Taught by Liz Beaven and Anna Rainville - 1 2-hour recorded video lecture

*Pre-requisite for participating in the Grade Level New Teacher Planning Workshop

Core Principles of Public Waldorf Education - FREE

Taught by Liz Beaven - 1 1.5-hour recorded video lecture

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Mystery of Number Revealed - Taught by Stephanie Becker - 3 hours of recorded video

\$60/participant - unlimited viewing 7/6/20-8/7/20

Specifically for Middle School teachers but open to anyone

Practical Arts Workshops *teachers will provide recommended supplies list

Courses include 4 hours of pre-recorded demonstrations and a 1.5-hour live Zoom session per week for four weeks; 7/13/20-8/7/20 - \$100 per course - unlimited demonstration views

Course topics:

- **Chalkboard Drawing with Stephanie Becker - Tuesdays 3-4:30pm**
- **Singing with Anna Rainville - Fridays 1:30-3pm**
- **Painting with Darcy Geanakos - Thursdays 11am-12:30pm**
- **Classroom Strategies from Extra Lesson with Tomasa Mendoza - Mondays 11am-12:30pm**
- **Form Drawing 1st - 5th grade with Kitty Groom - Wednesdays 1:30-3pm**

Open to anyone

Grade Level Planning Support Strand

4 hours of pre-recorded lectures and 4 1.5-hour live Zoom planning sessions. One Zoom session per week 7/13/20-8/7/20

Available workshops: TK/K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade - \$150

Open to pre/in-service TK - 8th grade educators.

*See registration form for more details

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Faculty Biographies

Liz Beaven

Liz Beaven has over 30 years experience in Waldorf education, spanning class teaching, school administration, adult education, research, consulting, and public speaking. She has wide experience in board and committee work. Liz was born and raised in New Zealand and is the proud parent of two adult sons (both Waldorf graduates) and grandparent of three. She first encountered Waldorf education as a young parent in New York City. Liz has been involved in Public Waldorf education almost from its beginning, working in teacher preparation and professional development. She is passionate about questions of inclusion and social justice, and believes that the impulse of Waldorf education has much to offer education in general. The former Administrator of the Sacramento Waldorf School and former President of Rudolf Steiner College, Liz is currently a faculty member of the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco, where she is planning for a graduate program in integral teacher education, and a consultant with several public and private schools.

Anna Rainville

Anna Rainville has been involved in Waldorf education for 40 years. Her experience includes being a class teacher at the Lexington Waldorf School, MA, and the Waldorf School of the Peninsula, CA, as well as, an award-winning kindergarten teacher in public school. Anna was a founding teacher of the Public School Institute for 25 years at the Rudolf Steiner College where she also received her remedial training. Her book, *Singing Games for Families, Schools, and Communities*, is used by many. Anna loves to sing and support the creative spirit of all teachers. She travels widely as a mentor and is especially delighted to work with the growing summer initiative at Ocean Charter.

Stephanie Becker

Stephanie Becker is an experienced educator who began her career as a Waldorf class teacher at Ocean Charter School in 2012. She looped through the middle school grades twice, during which time she helped to develop and strengthen the middle school program at OCS. Stephanie also taught the choir elective for several years in addition to her role as class teacher. After graduating her last eighth grade class, Stephanie spent a year at the Pasadena Waldorf School working as a middle school Math and English specialist while deepening her understanding of anthroposophy. Stephanie picked up a first grade class in 2018 at OCS. She has spent years refining her talent as an artist, and her passion for art shines through the elaborate chalkboard drawings she creates for her students.

Paola Schouten

Paola Schouten was born in the Netherlands where she received her BA in Education. She came to the US in the eighties and worked in private Waldorf schools, and was one of the founders of the public charter school Journey in Orange County. She has carried two classes from first through eighth grade, and "finished" other classes through to 8th grade graduation. Paola has worked at OCS as a mentor and as a field mentor for Rudolf Steiner College. Her classroom experience extends over 30 years. Presently, she is carrying a 5th grade at Maple Village Waldorf School.

Tomasa Mendoza

Tomasa Mendoza has been working with children and their families in a public Waldorf setting at Ocean Charter School for a decade. She has a Waldorf Teaching Certificate from the Rudolf Steiner Teacher Training Program and has looped through three classes, teaching grades fourth through eight. In addition to her class teacher role, Tomasa also works as a mentor teacher, guiding new teachers through their first years in public Waldorf education. She has a strong commitment to differentiating experiences and instruction for her students that is evident in their growth as students in the grades as well as into their high school years. In her free time, Tomasa enjoys being outdoors and spending time with her family.

Megan Helms

Megan Helms has worked in the field of education for fifteen years, holds a Masters in Education, and earned a Certificate in Waldorf Teaching Practices from Rudolf Steiner College. As a public Waldorf School teacher at Ocean Charter School (OCS) since 2009, Megan is now on a journey with her fourth class, which she picked up in first grade in 2018. She has looped twice through the middle school years, teaching grades four through eight. A native of South Los Angeles and a graduate in the fields of Asian American Studies and Global studies, Megan has a strong interest in developing curriculum that addresses the social structures and cultural influences that shape classroom communities. She works with students, parents, and colleagues as both a teacher and a mentor to tailor expectations for each child so that they feel challenged and motivated to grow and improve, while providing the children with tools that will translate to future work. As a mentor, Megan strives to bridge the gap between teaching in a traditional environment and in a 21st century public Waldorf setting. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, spending time with her family, and being in the sunshine.

Kitty Groom

Kitty Groom began her experience with Waldorf education working as a classroom assistant while enrolled at WISC. She completed the certificate program at WISC in 2006 and took her first first grade that same year. Eager to join the public Waldorf movement, Kitty joined the Ocean Charter faculty in 2011, teaching third through fifth grades, then picked up a first grade class in 2015. Kitty brings an enthusiasm for movement and speech work to the uniquely Waldorf discipline of Form Drawing at the Summer Institute.

Darcy Geanakos

D'Arcy Geanakos is a former Ocean Charter School (OCS) teacher who is currently retired from teaching, but can't stay out of the classroom. At OCS she taught the middle school loop twice, then taught the first through third grade loop. While teaching at OCS, D'Arcy completed her Waldorf training at WISC. After retiring from teaching, D'Arcy and her husband moved back to the small, Northern California town of Weaverville, where their two boys were raised and where D'Arcy's teaching career began. This past year, besides remodeling a 100 year old house and tending to her garden and pets, D'Arcy has been teaching in a local preschool and shared a temporary teaching position in a kindergarten class at the local elementary school where her teaching career began. It was fulfilling to be able to share Waldorf methods with the community that first embraced her as a teacher.