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**CCMA Mission:** CCMA promotes standards of excellence in Montessori education through accreditation, support and service, and provides a unified voice for our members across Canada.  
**CCMA Vision:** CCMA schools will implement an education that meets the needs of each individual child and inspires them to make the world a better place.

CCMA IS PLEASED TO PRESENT OUR  
6TH ANNUAL MAY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY!  
WE INVITE ALL ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS AND STAFF TO JOIN US!

# Growing Montessori Minds

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016  
NORTHSTAR MONTESSORI SCHOOL, 4900 TOMKEN RD., MISSISSAUGA, ON L4W 1J8  
(LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TOMKEN ROAD AND EGLINTON AVENUE EAST IN MISSISSAUGA.  
GO INTO THE PLAZA AND LOOK FOR THE LARGE, GREY BUILDING IN THE BACK.)  
TIME: 9:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.



## Laura Flores Shaw

PRESENTATION 1:  
EXAMINING NORMALIZATION IN PRACTICE

PRESENTATION 2:  
THE BRAIN: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

(SPEAKER BIO AND MORE DETAILS ARE PROVIDED ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE)

### Registration Form

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees for the Day:  \$ 50 for individual -  \$ 45 for groups of 5 or more

List of Participants: **PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING YOUR STAFF!**

(If there is not enough room for all your participants please list them on a separate sheet or email or fax your list to the CCMA office.)

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total Cost for All Participants: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle payment option: VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Cheque

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fax completed form to the CCMA office. You may also Email or phone in to register.**

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# The Montessori White Papers

## LAURA FLORES SHAW - BIO

Laura is the lead editor, writer, and founder of White Paper Press, a think tank specializing in translating scientific research into terms that allows people to make informed decisions about their lives. She holds bachelor and master degrees in psychology, is currently a doctoral candidate in education with a specialization in mind, brain, and teaching at Johns Hopkins University School of Education. As a former family therapist in the public school system, she chose to work on the prevention side of mental health. With her work supporting a Montessori school, she became passionate about creating environments that allow children to thrive. In 2014, she retired from school administration to focus on advocating at a broad level to help improve the lives of children and their families.

### PRESENTATION 1: WHAT IS NORMALIZATION?

What, exactly, is normalization, and which student behaviours actually demonstrate it? How do we distinguish normalization from simply good student behaviour? Can teachers foster normalization? How does normalization look across our age levels? Beliefs about normalization influence teacher practice, but they also influence administrators' evaluation of teachers. Recent research shows that teachers and administrators lack agreement as to what normalization actually is and how teachers should foster it. This presentation will present this recent research and provide an examination of normalization through the lens of self-regulated learning theory in an effort to get practitioners and administrators on the same page about this essential Montessori construct.

### PRESENTATION 2: THE BRAIN: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

Do your students' parents fear that negative experiences will damage their children's self-esteem? Do you encounter parents who fear sending their children to preschool because they think the separation might compromise their attachment? Do parents ever suggest that you're not effectively teaching their child because you're not teaching to the child's "learning style?" This talk provides information that teachers can share with parents to alleviate these parental anxieties, which stem from the media's common misinterpretations of neuroscience. It arms teachers with up-to-date information that can help them guide parents towards helping their children become independent, contributing members of society.

## PD DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

### Presenter: Laura Flores Shaw

8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Coffee, Tea, Snacks
9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Examining Normalization in Practice – Part 1
10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Break - <i>(Please visit with Exhibitors)</i>
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.	Examining Normalization in Practice – Part 2
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch is provided - <i>(Please visit with Exhibitors)</i>
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	The Brain: It's Not What You Think!

## TO REGISTER:

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