April 14, 3-6 p.m. 
virtually on WebEx

Join us at our inaugural conference as we discuss and examine the contemporary research around play in early childhood education.

College students, faculty, practitioners, teachers, directors/administrators, and researchers are welcome to attend.

Keynote: Dr. Ben Mardell and Dr. Megina Baker from The Pedagogy of Play Project, Project Zero Harvard University

Ben Mardell is a principal investigator at Project Zero, a research organization at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He works on the Pedagogy of Play, Children are Citizens and Inspiring Agents of Change projects. Ben has been associated with Project Zero since 1999, initially as a researcher on the Making Learning Visible (MLV) project and helped co-author Making Learning Visible: Children as Individual and Group Learners. After continuing his work as a preschool and kindergarten teacher, Ben returned as a researcher on MLV and co-authored Visible Learners: Promoting Reggio-Inspired Approaches in All Schools. Ben’s publications include: From Basketball to the Beatles: In Search of Compelling Early Childhood Curriculum and Growing Up in Child Care: A Case For Quality Early Education. When not at PZ, Ben enjoys playing with his family (hiking, swimming and games) and participating in triathlons.

Megina Baker is a Lecturer in the Early Childhood Education program at Boston University’s Wheelock College of Education and Human Development, teaching courses on play, early childhood curriculum and assessment, and supervising student teachers in public school placements.

Megina holds a Ph.D. from Boston College, where she studied bilingualism, teacher education, and practitioner inquiry. She collaborates as a researcher on the Pedagogy of Play project at Harvard Graduate School of Education’s Project Zero. Megina taught preschool, Pre-K, and kindergarten in both public and private settings for over ten years, in the United States and in Sweden, and currently teaches at a Swedish language immersion preschool. She is a co-author of two recently published books: Children at the Center: Transforming Early Childhood Education in the Boston Public Schools, and Reclaiming Accountability in Teacher Education, and is the mother of two young emergent bilingual children.

Break out sessions will include: Stories from the field of play in ECE Massachusetts Schools during Covid 2020

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