



## College & Career Readiness Summit February 21, 2022

### AGENDA

- 8:30-8:35 Welcome
- 8:35-9:20 Roundtable Panel: Resetting the Default in Education (Deana Jones, HR Wahl Clipper; Eric Lasky, Asst Principal Ridgewood HS; Heather Penczak, EdSystems; Melvin Harrison, ICCB; Erica Thieman, ISBE)
- 9:20-9:45 Breakout: Reflecting on Panel Discussion
- 9:45-10:50 Keynote: Stephanie Malia Krauss  
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- 10:50-11:20 Breakout: Reflecting on the 4 currencies  
Competencies: Room 1  
Connections: Room 2  
Credentials: Room 3  
Cash: Room 4
- 11:20-11:50 Practical implementation steps: SMKrauss
- 11:50-12:00 Next steps, stipends, PD, evaluation



## **Stephanie Malia Krauss**

Stephanie Malia Krauss is the author of *Making It: What Today's Kids Need for Tomorrow's World* as well as the founder + principal of First Quarter Strategies. She serves as a senior advisor to Jobs for the Future (JFF), senior fellow with the CERES Institute for Children and Youth at Boston University, senior fellow with Education Northwest, and staff consultant to the Youth Transition Funders Group (YTFG). Stephanie works nationally on issues of youth readiness, child well-being, and the future of work and learning. Through her work and writing, Stephanie is relentlessly focused on what young people need to be ready for the world, and what the world needs to be ready for them.

Stephanie previously served as a senior fellow with the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce, the Forum for Youth Investment, and *Students at the Center*. In these roles, she designed and led initiatives focused on college and career readiness, credentials, reimagining public education, and economic justice. Stephanie directed the national *Connecting Credentials* campaign and co-directed *The Readiness Project*.

Before national work, Stephanie founded and ran Shearwater Education Foundation, where she was able to successfully push for policy changes to better support opportunity youth, and to enable competency-based education and flexible learning models. This also included the establishment of a charter high school for youth overage and under-credited.

Stephanie has been a guest commentator on PBS NewsHour, StoryCorps, and public radio. She is on numerous national advisories, including the CASEL Collaborating States Initiative, the AIR Competency-Based Education Research Advisory Board, and the Partnership for the Future of Learning. She is a contributor to Youth Today, Getting Smart, EdSurge, and ScaryMommy.

Stephanie was awarded St. Louis Business Journal's "30 under 30," Palm Beach Atlantic University's "Outstanding Young Alumni," and the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis' "Distinguished Alumni."

She has a Master of Education from Arizona State University and a Master in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis.

Stephanie and her husband, Evan, met in social work school and have been working for social change ever since. They live in the St. Louis area with their two boys and two dogs.