



**Academy for Exceptional Teachers
Thursday, February 16 – Friday, February 17, 2012**

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Agenda

Hotel Allegro
Walnut Room
171 West Randolph
Chicago, IL

Day One - Thursday February 16, 2012

A Day with Jeff Utecht

- 9:30 **Registration Opens**
- 10:00 **Introduction/Welcome, ISACS Staff**
- 10:15-12:00 **A New Learning Landscape:** Information is being created at an amazing pace. How do we use this in the classroom? What changes are needed in the ways teachers deliver information as well as the way students consume it?
- 12:00-1:00 **Lunch and Conversations**
- 1:00-2:15 **Content Overload vs. Filter Failure:** What are the skills needed by students to be successful in a fast-paced, changing world?
- 2:15-2:30 **Break**
- 2:30-3:30 **Digital Tools for Digital Educators:** Based on the morning's activities we take the discussion to the tools and ideas that educators can take back to their classrooms for immediate implementation.
- 3:30-5:15 **Time to Recharge**
Participants are urged to use this time to visit museums, read, shop, rest, chat, reflect, exercise, or engage in any activity that would be helpful in "catching your breath."

5:15

Group Dinner and Evening Entertainment

****Please be prompt! Meet in lobby of Hotel Allegro for transportation to/from evening activity.****

Participants should gather in the lobby of the Hotel Allegro for transportation to Adobo Grill followed by Second City. The cost of dinner, the Second City and transportation to/from the evening activity are included in the registration fee for The Academy. Participants have the choice of attending both the dinner and Second City, dinner only or Second City only. If you plan to attend any portion of the evening activity, please select from the choices during online registration. Pre-registration is required for planning purposes.

- **Dinner Location:** The Adobo Grill, 1610 N. Wells Street; Dinner at 5:30 pm
- **Evening Entertainment:** The Second City (seated at 7:30 pm). The theater is just steps from Adobo Grill.

Day Two – Friday, February 17, 2012

A Day with Jeffrey Cufaude

8:00

Continental Breakfast and Conversation

8:30-9:45

Innovation Defined and Innovative Cultures Explored

While everyone seems to be talking about innovation, many don't know much about its core concepts or processes. Learn what innovation is and isn't while also learning about the organizational culture required to support and sustain it.

9:45-10

Break

10-11:30

Innovation in Action Examined

Consider multiple perspectives on how successful innovators approach their efforts and experience using the *design thinking* process to innovate. Form an innovation network with colleagues for the afternoon Learning Lab.

11:30-12:30

Buffet Lunch

12:45-1:45

Learning Lab: Innovating Education

Gain hands-on practice applying the morning's innovation concepts and processes to a problem or opportunity of your choice.

1:45-2:05

Gallery Walk: Reviewing Lab Results

Take a quick stretch break and review the output of the Learning Lab

2:05-2:55

Harness the Power of Innovation Networks

Discuss how to form and sustain innovation networks with like-minded colleagues sharing similar passions and interests. Review approaches to introduce innovation into existing elements of your school's organizational structure in ways that will engage interest rather than invite defensiveness and dismissal.

3:00

The Academy Concludes