

Rethinking education and training in the 21st century

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PLACE: Ithaca College
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Dr. Derek Cabrera is an internationally recognized expert in thinking skills. He is senior faculty of the Research Institute for Thinking in Education, a research fellow at the Santa Fe Institute for the study of complex systems, and was faculty at Cornell University where he taught the graduate-level course on systems thinking. His research focuses on systems thinking and thinking universals and is grounded in interdisciplinary work in nonlinear and systems sciences, evolutionary biology, cognition, human development, and education. He holds a U.S. Patent for the revolutionary Patterns of Thinking Method that underlies the design of ThinkBlocks and ThinkTiles, educational tools he invented that teach advanced thinking skills to children and adults. Derek has also worked as an educator and mountain climbing guide with Outward Bound and other organizations, led fundraising efforts to establish the Aceh Relief Fund for victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami, and co-founded Children of Rural Africa to develop schools in Nigeria.

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