



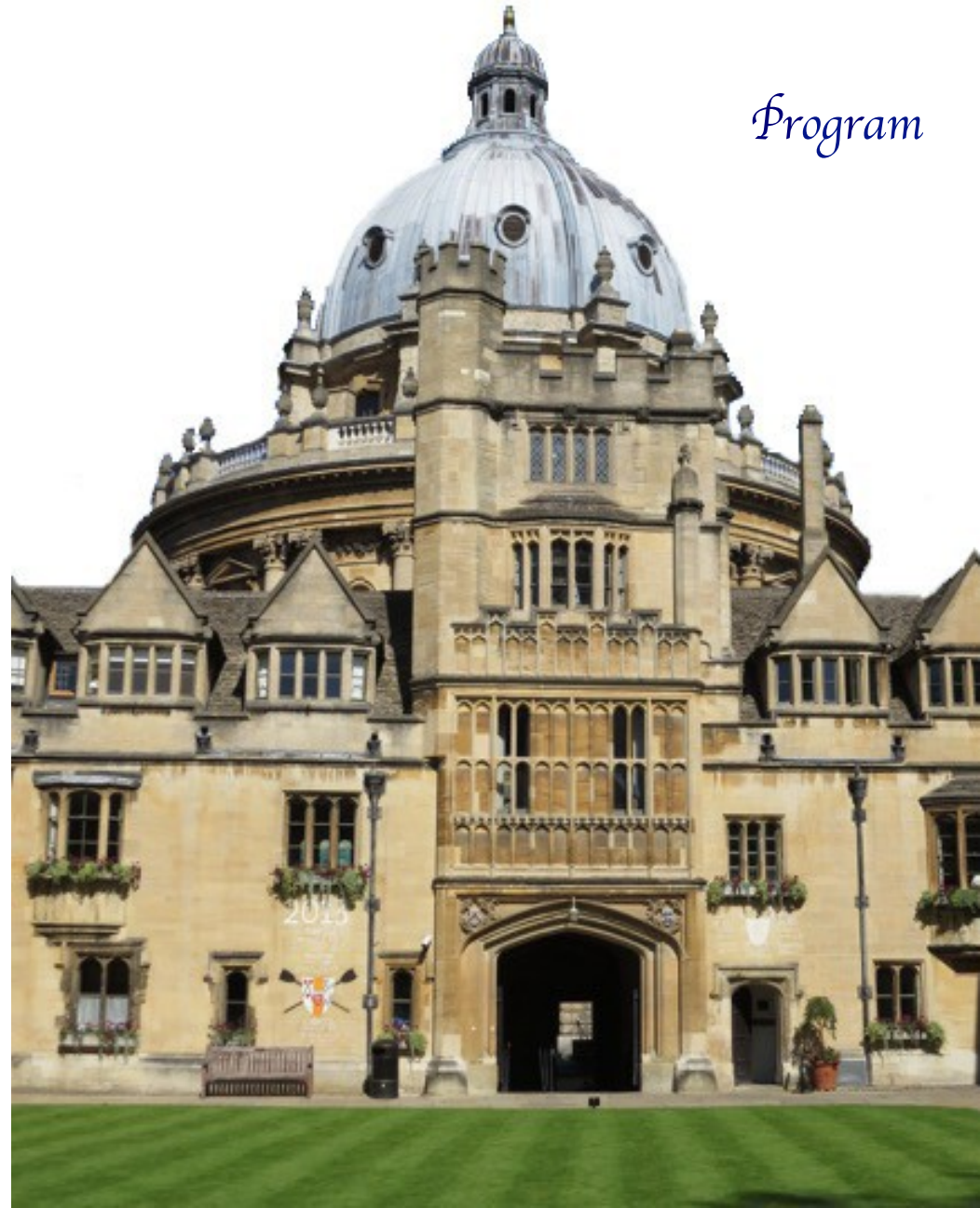
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Sunday, August 17th 2025

2:00 – 5:00 pm

CHECK-IN AT PORTERS' LODGE

4:00 – 5:00 pm

REGISTRATION & AFTERNOON TEA
Amersi Room

5:00 – 6:00 pm

WELCOME & KEYNOTE SESSION

KEYNOTE SESSION:

***The Criticality of School Counsellors
Leading the Way to Support Students
to Thrive During Times of Uncertainty and
Change: A Model for Implementation***

Dr. Meegan Brown
Queensland University of Technology
Brisbane, Australia

6:45 pm
for

7:15 pm

RECEPTION & OPENING BANQUET
Deer Park and Medieval Kitchen

8:30 – 9:00 pm

Amersi Room
Banquet Plenary Speaker:
“Get the best out of Oxford over your stay”

Richard Cohen, B.A., Modern History
London, United Kingdom

Monday, August 18th 2025

8:00 – 9:00 am **BREAKFAST** Medieval Kitchen

SESSION I Amersi Room

Moderator: Brian Gerrard

9:00 – 10:00 am **PRESENTATION: "One Ring to Rule Them All": The universal applicability of the SBFC metamodel: The next 25 years to 2050**

Presenter:
Peter Geiger, MA, LMFT, GPsyC
lately Adjunct Faculty,
University of San Francisco
San Francisco, California, USA

10:00 – 11:00 am **PRESENTATION: Strengthening Educational Trajectories in Early Childhood Through School-based Interventions Implemented by Teachers: The Experience in Mendoza, Argentina**

Presenter: Dr. Mirta Ison
Institute of Human, Social &
Environmental Sciences
Psychology Department,
University of Aconcagua
Mendoza, Argentina

11:00 – 11:30 am **TEA AND COFFEE**
Medieval Kitchen

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Monday
Aug 18

PRESENTATION: Parents' Perceptions Regarding Inclusion of Their Children with Special Needs in Mainstream Schools

Presenter:
Dr. Ya'ara Hermelin Fine
Oranim College of Education
Kiryat Tivon, Israel

12:45 – 1:30 pm

LUNCH Medieval Kitchen

INDIVIDUALLY SCHEDULED
AFTERNOON (shopping, touring, etc.)

4:00 – 4:30 pm

TEA AND COFFEE
Medieval Kitchen

6:00 – 6:45 pm

DINNER Medieval Kitchen

Tuesday, August 19th 2025

8:00 – 9:00 am **BREAKFAST** Medieval Kitchen

SESSION II Amersi Room

Moderator: Nurit Kaplan-Toren

9:00 – 10:00 am **PRESENTATION: Social
Re-evaluation in a Collective
Multi-cultural Religious
Society: A Case Study of
Detached Youth**

Presenter: Dr. Anat Kali
Department of Special Education
Efrata College of Education
Jerusalem, Israel

10:00 – 11:00 am **PRESENTATION: Connection in
Crisis: School Counsellors,
Families, and Critical Incidents**

Presenter:
Lisa Henderson, MEd, GCE, BLM
Queensland Department of Education
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

11:00 – 11:30 am **TEA AND COFFEE**
Medieval Kitchen

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

**PRESENTATION: School-based
Family Counseling as an Approach for
Parentified Students and Their
Families**

Presenter: Kathryn Higdon, EdS, LPC, NCC,
Clinical Counselor and Clinical Psychology
PhD student
University of Edinburgh
Edinburgh, Scotland

**Tuesday
Aug 19**

12:45 – 1:30pm

LUNCH Medieval Kitchen

2:00 – 3:00 pm

**PRESENTATION: From Classrooms to
Families: How AI Literacy Can Support
Engagement and Well-Being in Ukrainian
Schools**

Presenters: Dr. Oleksandr Elkin,
Dr. Viktoriia Hryenko, Dr. Olha Rasskazova &
Halyna Kaluzhna EdCampUkraine
Kharkiv, Ukraine

4:00 – 4:30 pm

TEA AND COFFEE
Medieval Kitchen

6:00 – 6:45 pm

DINNER Medieval Kitchen

8:30 pm

DESSERT EVENING Medieval Kitchen

Wednesday, August 20th 2025

8:00 – 9:00 am **BREAKFAST** Medieval Kitchen

SESSION III Amersi Room

Moderator: Sheena Sattarpour

9:00 – 10:00 am **PRESENTATION: The Potential of Artificial Intelligence for School-Based Family Counselling**

Presenter: Dr. Nyna Amin
Curriculum and Education Studies
University of Kwazulu-Natal
Berea, Durban, South Africa

10:00 – 11:00 am **PRESENTATION: What Do Montessori, Carl Rogers, and School-Based Family Counseling Tell Us About Working with Teachers? A Perspective on the Psychological Impact of the Learning Environment**

Presenter: Nancy Pullen, MA, AAPC
Associate Marriage and Family Therapist
San Francisco, California, USA

11:00 – 11:30 am **TEA AND COFFEE**
Medieval Kitchen

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

PRESENTATION:
Healing while Teaching on the Front Lines: Towards Using IFS as a Pathway for Resilience and Balance for Educators in Trauma Impacted Classrooms

Presenter: Dr. Wangari Gichiru,
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
School of Education,
Central Connecticut State University
New Britain, Connecticut, USA

Wednesday
Aug 20

12:45 – 1:30 pm

LUNCH Medieval Kitchen

INDIVIDUALLY SCHEDULED
AFTERNOON (shopping, touring, etc.)

4:00 – 4:30 pm

TEA AND COFFEE
Medieval Kitchen

6:00 – 6:45 pm

DINNER Medieval Kitchen

Thursday, August 21st 2025

8:00 – 9:00 am

BREAKFAST Medieval Kitchen

SESSION IV

Amersi Room

Moderator:

Peter Geiger

9:00 – 10:00 am

PRESENTATION: Development of a Modular Interdisciplinary Master's Program in Curriculum and Instruction with an Emphasis on Promoting Resilience in Teachers in Dealing With Vicarious Trauma Through the Internal Family Systems Model

Presenters: Dr. Ralph S. Cohen Professor Emeritus, Department of Counselor Education and Family Therapy
Dr. Wangari Gichiru, Department of Curriculum and Instruction School of Education, Central Connecticut State University New Britain, Connecticut, USA

10:00 – 11:00 am

PRESENTATION: “Are a thousand words worth a counseling session?” The Uses of Bibliotherapy in School-Based Family Counseling

Presenter: Dr. Brian Gerrard
Western Institute for Social Research
Berkeley, California, USA

11:00 am – 11:30 am

TEA AND COFFEE
Medieval Kitchen

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

PRESENTATION: Israeli Adolescents' Hopes and Fears for the Future in Ongoing War

Presenters:
Dr. Nurit Kaplan Toren,
Dr. Shirli Shoyer
Oranim College of Education
Kiryat-Tivon, Israel

**Thursday
Aug 21**

12:45 – 1:30 pm

LUNCH Medieval Kitchen

***INDIVIDUALLY SCHEDULED
AFTERNOON (shopping, touring, etc.)***

3:30 – 4:00 pm

TEA AND COFFEE
Medieval Kitchen

6:45 pm
for
7:15 pm

RECEPTION & CLOSING BANQUET

Deer Park and Hall Banquet Plenary Speaker:
Master Caroline Willbourne
Barrister & Mediator
London, United Kingdom

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Friday, August 22nd 2025

8:00 – 9:00 am **BREAKFAST** Medieval Kitchen

SESSION V Amersi Room

Moderator: Brian Gerrard

9:00 - 10:30 am **PRESENTATION: Center for Disaster Healing
Resources Update**
Presenters:
Members of The Center for
Disaster Healing Resources,
Oxford Symposium in
School-Based Family Counseling

10:30 – 11:00 am **TEA AND COFFEE**
Medieval Kitchen

11:00 am – 12:00

CONCLUDING REMARKS

12:45 – 1:30 pm

CONCLUDING LUNCH
Medieval Kitchen

**Friday
Aug 22**