

CTQ Speaker Bios

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BARNETT BERRY is Founder, Partner, and CEO at the Center for Teaching Quality (CTQ), a national nonprofit organization based in Carrboro, NC. Created in 1999, CTQ focuses on teachers transforming teaching for the benefit of all students. In 2003, CTQ launched the nation's first virtual network of teacher leaders. The CTQ Collaboratory now welcomes teachers (and all who support teachers as leaders) to connect, learn, and collaborate to drive change. Barnett is a former classroom teacher, think tank analyst, and university professor. Collaborating with twelve accomplished teachers, he outlined a bold vision for the profession's future in *TEACHING 2030: What We Must Do for Our Students and Our Public Schools... Now and in the Future* (Teachers College Press, 2011). His second book, *Teacherpreneurs: Innovative Teachers Who Lead but Don't Leave*, is written with Ann Byrd.

JESSICA KEIGAN (CO) teaches English language arts at Horizon High School in Thornton, CO. As a teacher leader and member of the the Center for Teaching Quality's Collaboratory, she is passionate about exploring and creating teacher-leadership models to improve Colorado's schools and encourage her peers to be active leaders of their profession. Jessica's work with the CTQ-Colorado community over the past several years has included development of a [report](#) on Colorado's teaching evaluation law. She has provided testimony to her state legislators on the law and served as a part of a circle of teachers providing informal advising to Sen. Mike Johnson, the lead author of the bill.

WENDI PILLARS (NC) is a National Board Certified teacher who has been teaching students with English as a second/foreign language needs, both stateside and overseas, for 17 years. She has published several articles, most related to best practices for ELLs, educational neuroscience, and teacher leadership. She currently serves as a VCO for the Teacher Leadership Initiative (a joint effort between CTQ, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and the National Education Association). Wendi is currently writing her first educational book, due out in the coming school year. She has one son, who is currently in the throes of all things baseball, which means, by default, so is she.