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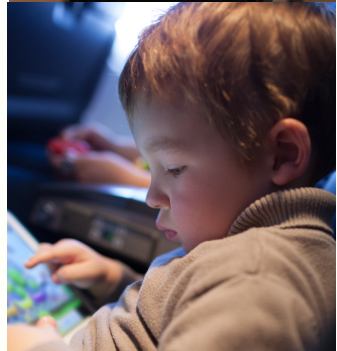
# CHILDREN AND MEDIA: WHY THE STORIES WE TELL AND HOW WE TELL THEM MATTERS

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 6–7 P.M.**

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Parents, educators and children are sharing the role of choosing content and media, relying more and more on technology to learn and connect with others. This panel will probe impacts of the stories we tell and how they affect our children's perceptions of themselves and our world. The panelists will share practical advice to help answer:

- How to find appropriate media, including books?
- How to encourage and support children's critical thinking?
- How to think about consent, privacy, and security, and their impact on a child's development?
- Why language matters, and how it affects our children's sense of self and the world?





## PANELISTS

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**Melissa Cleaver** is the Common Sense Education Outreach Manager for Nebraska and Omaha Public Schools. She provides consultations, professional development workshops and conference presentations on digital citizenship, digital literacy and responsible use of technology. She recently completed an Early Childhood Endorsement through Creighton University and has a masters in Education in Elementary Administration from Concordia University. She has 20 years of experience in both elementary and secondary settings, developing innovation and collaboration skills and establishing healthy online habits of mind for 21st Century Learners.



**Candace Howze** is a North Carolina-based writer, activist and multimedia artist. Her poetry and essays have been published in *The Huffington Post*, *MTV*, *CRWN Magazine*, *The Grief Diaries* and elsewhere. She was named an Ella Fountain Pratt emerging artist in 2017 and served as a Documentary Fellow at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival. She is currently co-organizing a petition to address ethnic stereotypes in film and television. You can find her online at [candacehowze.com](http://candacehowze.com).



**Ravit Ortiz** has been at Google for 5+ years. Working within the Health and Performance Team at Google she has assisted in piloting several programs including multi-lingual Storytime for Kids at Google for younger children this year. She has been a professional body worker for over 20+ years, empowering people by bringing awareness to their body and mind to help find peace in everyday moments. She believes storytelling can be a powerful way to connect with our friends, family and community.



**Dr. Christopher Willard, (Psy. D.)** is a clinical psychologist, author, consultant, and father based in Massachusetts. He has presented in more than two dozen countries, and is the author of over a dozen books, including *Alphabreaths* (2019), *Growing Up Mindful* (2016) *Raising Resilience* (2017) and *The Breathing Book*. (2020) His thoughts on mental health have been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, [mindful.org](http://mindful.org), [cnn.com](http://cnn.com), and elsewhere. He teaches at Harvard Medical School. More at: [drchristopherwillard.com](http://drchristopherwillard.com).

## MODERATOR



**Alka Roy** is the founder of The Responsible Innovation Project and a guest lecturer on Responsible Innovation & AI at UC Berkeley. She has an Computer Science and Electrical Engineering degrees as well as an MFA in Literature and Creative writing. She has written poetry, short stories and plays as well as speaks, writes and hosts multidisciplinary tech sessions on trust and technology and serves on several open source and industry forums on ML/AI, Data Science and Trusted AI. Alka is also a member of the Mountain View Performing Arts Committee. More at: [responsibleproject.com](http://responsibleproject.com)