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## Dr. Laura Kelley

**Dr. Laura Kelley** has worked in education since 2008, including as a classroom teacher with infants, preschoolers and elementary students, and in nonprofit and advocacy organizations. She holds a bachelor's degree from DePauw University, a Master of Arts in Teaching from Marian University, and graduated from the University of Cincinnati's Educational Studies PhD program in 2018. Since then, she has worked in teacher education and professional development, supporting both novice and experienced educators to provide high-quality language and learning opportunities for young children. She has always believed that baby brains are magic and is thrilled to be back focusing on the birth-to-five range – and she's even more excited to be teaching courses on Language Development at the University of Cincinnati. When she is not teaching, Laura is probably spending time with her husband, Andy, wrangling their almost-two-year old, Henry, or baking banana bread.



### Conference Sessions

Thursday, April 23

3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Playing with Sounds: Using Rhythm, Rhyme, and Song to Build Phonological Awareness

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