



June 2019

Dear Colleagues,

We are very pleased to welcome you to the *Center for Assessment 2019 Annual Brian Gong Colloquium*. The Center holds the Colloquium each year as a learning opportunity focused on a topic that will have significant impact on the field of large-scale assessment and accountability in the next 3-5 years. We believe this year's topic is a superb choice, "Educational Assessment Enhanced by Analytics, Machine Learning, and Artificial Intelligence."

The Colloquium is special event because the Center team has the honor of interacting with a wide range of guests with exceptional expertise and insight. And, of course, we're delighted to be in a beautiful venue. We hope everyone will have a chance to enjoy the charm of our setting this week.

This year is particularly special for another reason. The 2019 colloquium is the first to incorporate the event's new name, *The Center for Assessment Annual **Brian Gong** Colloquium*. Last fall we celebrated the Center's 20-year anniversary and we decided to honor Brian's legacy as Co-Founder and longtime Executive Director with this distinction. As a gracious mentor, an ingenious thinker, and a gifted communicator, Brian is instrumental in fostering a culture of continuous learning at the Center. The highest aspiration for our annual colloquium is to model the intellectual curiosity, civility, and commitment to cultivating great ideas that Brian models. We're grateful to Brian and excited to continue this tradition while honoring his commitment and contributions to the Center.

Responsibilities for coordinating the Colloquium rotate each year and this year that honor fell to Brian Gong and Leslie Keng. They have done a masterful job and have organized an event that is second to none. This is the culmination of a lot of planning and hard work throughout the year. Thank you Brian and Leslie.

Again, we welcome you to 2019 Brian Gong Colloquium and hope you find the experience engaging, informative, and enjoyable.

Sincerely,

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Scott Marion
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher J. Domaleski".

Chris Domaleski
Associate Director