



## Paula Olszewski-Kubilius

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### Biography

Paula Olszewski-Kubilius is director of Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development (CTD) and a professor in the School of Education and Social Policy. After 25 years with CTD, she is still excited to come to work each day. Olszewski-Kubilius has designed, implemented, assessed and improved outstanding educational programs for learners of all ages. She has also conducted research and published more than 80 articles and book chapters on talent development issues, particularly the effects of accelerated educational programs and the needs of special populations of gifted children. By creating research-driven program models, assessing those programs and then writing about them, Olszewski-Kubilius strives to make CTD programs replicable, for even greater impact. Her own impact stretches beyond CTD through her advocacy initiatives. Olszewski-Kubilius currently serves as vice president and president-elect of the [National Association for Gifted Children](#), is a member of the board of the [Illinois Association for Gifted Children](#) and is a trustee of the [Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy](#). She is also a member of the editorial board of [Gifted Child Today](#) and [Gifted Child Quarterly](#). In the past, she has edited, co-edited and served as consulting editor and editorial advisory board member on numerous gifted education publications. Olszewski-Kubilius earned her master's and doctorate degrees from Northwestern University in educational psychology and her bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Xavier University in Chicago. Hard work and perseverance inspire her, just as she inspires the CTD staff with her own hard work on behalf of the gifted education community.

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