

Dr. Monita Leavitt has been an educator for more than 30 years, including 20 years as a gifted education teacher. In 2002, she was granted a sabbatical to begin doctoral studies in England. After several summers working with teachers in Lithuania, she became interested in helping teachers there to stop the 'brain drain' of bright students moving to countries with better education systems. She trained teachers in strategies to better address the needs of gifted pupils.

Upon her return to America, Monita noticed a 'brain drain' in public schools in Connecticut as well. She stopped teaching to start a new career as a consultant, and now works training teachers in how to differentiate instruction to benefit all children, while providing challenges and motivation to bright children at the same time.

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