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“*Academic Moves for College and Career Readiness* provides clarity and structure for teachers who seek to help their students become more competent and confident thinkers, and does so without compromising the critical role of a teacher's content knowledge and creativity in a dynamic classroom. Its economy of expression makes complex ideas accessible, while annotated student work provides a window into learner application. Most significantly, the book is written in the voice of teachers, who live what they recommend.”
(CAROL ANN TOMLINSON, Jr. Professor and Author of *The Differentiated Classroom*, Second Edition 2015-01-02)

“Burke and Gilmore present a powerful and practical synthesis of the highest-leverage thinking moves that students—especially linguistically diverse students—need to develop for school, work, and life. They provide what teachers want: clear and concise descriptions of each thinking move, analyses of student work samples, and innovative classroom practices and scaffolds that can be used to develop the moves in a variety of contexts. Fifteen stars!”
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(LARRY FERLAZZO, Teacher, Education Week advice columnist, and author of *Helping Students Motivate Themselves*)

“What sets *Academic Moves for College and Career Readiness* apart are its emphasis on student practice and practical application of exemplary instruction. This book speaks to teachers in *their* language across curriculum areas. Burke and Gilmore have hit the mark on what our students need for college and career readiness.”
(JAYNE ELLSPERMANN, National Principal of the Year (2014))

About the Author

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