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## **Scott Barry Kaufman to Become Director of Research at Bridges 2e Center for Research and Professional Development**

*The noted psychologist, speaker, and author also will continue teaching at the Bridges Graduate School of Cognitive Diversity in Education.*

**STUDIO CITY, Calif., Nov. 15, 2019** — The Bridges Education Group, a recognized leader in educational pedagogies for the 2e (twice-exceptional) student, is pleased to announce that Columbia University professor and esteemed speaker and author Dr. Scott Barry Kaufman has been named Director of Research at the Bridges 2e Center for Research and Professional Development.



Dr. Kaufman is best known for his groundbreaking work on intelligence and creativity, and has written or edited several influential works in the field, including *Ungifted: Intelligence Redefined*; *Wired to Create: Unraveling the Mysteries of the Creative Mind*; and *Twice Exceptional: Supporting and Educating Bright and Creative Students with Learning Difficulties*. He is listed by *Business Insider* as one of the "50 groundbreaking scientists who are changing the way we see the world."

As Director of Research, Dr. Kaufman will be advising on various research and writing projects centered around the Bridges 2e Model, which supports the development and education of gifted students with learning challenges. He will play an active role in conducting classes and workshops in positive psychology for Bridges Academy faculty and students and will be a featured speaker at the 2020 Bridges Parent University. He also will continue to serve as a faculty member at the Bridges Graduate School of Cognitive Diversity in Education, leading courses on cognitive diversity and the complexities of 2e.

"I am so excited to be working with the good folks at Bridges to help bring out the best in all students, and to help broaden our notions of human potential," Kaufman said. "Too many children are falling between the cracks due to outdated notions of what it means to excel intellectually and creatively in life. Ability and disability can coexist; in fact, this coexistence is what makes us human."

The Bridges 2e Center for Research and Professional Development is a first-of-its-kind multi-disciplinary hub where professionals, scholars, and practitioners combine expertise to enhance understanding of the growing population of 2e students. The Center engages in research, outreach, and staff training, and hosts symposia and workshops in the area of twice-exceptional education.

"I am thrilled that Scott Barry Kaufman will be working with us at the Center and Graduate School," said Dr. Susan Baum, Director of the Bridges 2e Center. "Scott brings so much knowledge, creativity, and compassion to those projects he values. Having Scott here will result in innovative efforts to better our advocacy and deepen understanding of the power of minds wired differently."

A twice-exceptional or 2e student is one who is highly gifted but also faces learning challenges such as ADHD, autism spectrum disorder, anxiety disorder, or others. These students typically require learning approaches different than those found in most standard classroom environments.

The 2e Center is part of the Bridges Education Group. In addition to the 2e Center, the Bridges Education Group consists of Bridges Academy, a day school for 2e students; and Bridges 2e Media, which publishes 2eNews.com and *Variations<sup>2e</sup>* magazine. The Bridges Education Group also is affiliated with the Bridges Graduate School.

Dr. Kaufman will be presenting at the California Association for the Gifted conference in Palm Springs in February, and at a professional luncheon on February 25 at UCLA, discussing his new book. A complete speaking schedule will be available in January.

### *More about Dr. Scott Barry Kaufman:*

*Dr. Kaufman was the Scientific Director of The Imagination Institute in the Positive Psychology Center at the University of Pennsylvania and co-founder of The Creativity Post. He won the 2011 Daniel E. Berlyne Award from Division 10 of the American Psychological Association for outstanding research on aesthetics, creativity, and the arts by a junior scholar, and is a 2011-2012 recipient of the Mensa Award for Excellence in Research.*

*Dr. Kaufman received his bachelor of science from Carnegie Mellon, his master of philosophy from Kings' College, Cambridge, and his Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from Yale University.*

### **About Bridges Education Group**

*The Bridges Education Group is an organization dedicated to advancing the intellectual, creative, and social-emotional lives of students everywhere. We advocate for the development of strength-based and talent-focused educational programs (SBT) and for further research and development of SBT models, techniques, and practices. The Bridges Education Group is comprised of Bridges Academy, a demonstration school serving Grades 4-12; the 2e Center for Research and Professional Development; and 2e Media. It also is affiliated with the Bridges Graduate School for Cognitive Diversity in Education, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.*

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