

# ELAINE CARLSON

## ENGAGING LEARNERS PRESENTER

### BIOGRAPHY

Elaine Carlson is a Chicago-based actor, writer, and educator. She and Dr. Katherine McKnight are co-authoring the book, *Yes... And for the Classroom: Building Growth Mindset, Skills and Creativity* (expected publish date January 2019). She assists in grade 4-12 curriculum and strategy development with an emphasis on active classroom learning. Under Dr. McKnight's guidance, she has crafted a wide range of Literacy & Learning Center reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar, and speaking/listening activities.

Elaine's background and training in communications has been essential in her on-going involvement with the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science Department of Healthcare Simulation patient safety workshops. She regularly participates in these educational workshops to help equip medical students for effective and appropriate communication during potentially emotional encounters.

Elaine has acted with many of Chicago's most highly regarded off-loop theatre companies. She spent seven years in wimple and veil at the Royal George Theater and on national tour, performing in the long-running, one-woman improvisational comedies *Put the Nuns in Charge* and *Saints & Sinners*. She has been honored with three Joseph Jefferson awards: as both an actress in a leading role and also as an ensemble member in Famous Door's *Salt of the Earth*; and again as an ensemble member in Pegasus Players' *Noises Off*. Her performance as Eleanor of Aquitaine in Promethean Theatre Ensemble's 2016 production of *The Lion in Winter* earned her another Jeff Nomination. More information about Elaine's acting career can be found at [www.elaine-carlson.com](http://www.elaine-carlson.com).

### EDUCATION

B.A. Speech, Communications and Theater  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

### AFFILIATIONS

Promethean Theatre Ensemble

SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild/American  
Federation of Television & Radio Artists)



## PRESENTATION TOPICS

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