

Heather Clayton Staker Biography

Heather Clayton Staker is a researcher and author in the United States who has spent 15 years studying innovation in education and the rise of blended learning as the enabler of student-centered learning.

She is the co-author of the Amazon bestseller *Blended: Using Disruptive Innovation to Improve Schools* (San Francisco: Wiley, 2015); *The Blended Workbook* (San Francisco, Wiley, 2017); and the popular report *How to Create Higher Performing, Happier Classrooms in Seven Moves: A Playbook for Teachers* (Christensen Institute, 2017).

Heather has been a featured presenter in over 125 radio, television, podcast, webinar, and live events worldwide and in legislative hearings in the United States as a spokesperson for student-centered learning.

As the founder of Ready to Blend, Heather leads a team of 150 facilitators in the United States, Middle East, and South America who have certified to deliver blended-learning workshops to their teachers.

Prior to this role, Heather was a senior research fellow for the Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation and a strategy consultant for McKinsey & Company. She served for one year as the student member of the California State Board of Education during Governor Pete Wilson's administration, taught U.S. history as a teaching fellow at Harvard College, founded a co-op preschool, and marketed Oil of Olay for Proctor & Gamble.

She holds a BA *magna cum laude* in government from Harvard University and an MBA with distinction from the Harvard Business School. She is the mother of five children and lives in Austin, Texas.