



# 2020 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

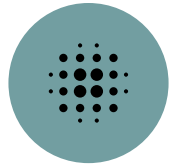


**AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 7, 2020**

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URBAN EDUCATION & THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE SCHOOL  
OF EDUCATION**

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DAY 1

Monday, August 3 2:30-4:00 PM via ZOOM



## GLORIA LADSON-BILLINGS (KEYNOTE SPEAKER)

PROFESSOR EMERITA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

*"Educating in a Post-Pandemic World"*

**Session Description:** Teaching and learning in a Post-COVID-19 world presents us with unique challenges and perhaps opportunities. This presentation looks at how culturally relevant pedagogy can adapt to the demands of this new environment and ensure that all students can experience school, community, and cultural success.

**Speaker Bio:** Gloria Ladson-Billings is Professor Emerita and former Kellner Family Distinguished Professor in Urban Education in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is current president of the National Academy of Education and a Fellow in the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. Ladson-Billings' research examines the pedagogical practices of teachers who are successful with African American students. She also investigates Critical Race Theory applications to education. Ladson-Billings is the author of the critically acclaimed books, *The Dreamkeepers: Successful Teachers of African American Children*, *Crossing over to Canaan: The Journey of New Teachers in Diverse Classrooms*, and *Beyond the Big House: African American Educators on Teacher Education*.

DAY 2

Tuesday, August 4 2:30-4:00 PM via ZOOM



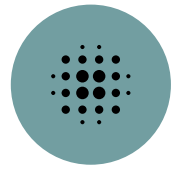
## PARENT AND STUDENT PANEL

MODERATOR - ANDRE BENNETT, RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"What to Know Before you Teach"*

**Session Description:** Educator Andre Bennett will moderate a panel of parents and students as they discuss the mistrust, struggles, and frustrations that some parents experience when trying to communicate their children's needs to schools.

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## DAY 3

Wednesday, August 5 2:30-4:00 PM via Zoom



### ANDRE BENNETT

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING DIRECTOR, RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"Unidentified Bias and its Impact on Students"*

**Session Description:** Self-awareness of bias can help educators have positive impacts on their students. In this session, Andre Bennett will discuss self-awareness and how biases toward students impact the ways that we connect with them or disconnect from them. He will also discuss how what we have been taught from our families, colleagues and friends, media, and even our schools dictates student success in our own classrooms. This discussion will lead to topics around crucial conversations about race.

**Speaker Bio:** Andre Bennett is a 15-year veteran educator who started his career in social services after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He later became a cross categorical special education teacher and taught at the high school and middle school levels before pursuing an administrator position. He currently leads Racine Alternative Learning as its Director. He is also a doctoral candidate in education.

## DAY 4

Thursday, August 6 2:30-4:00 PM via Zoom



### DENISE ROSS

CHAIR, INSTITUTE FOR URBAN EDUCATION, UW-MILWAUKEE

*"Reframing Academic Excellence: Pedagogy and Social Justice"*

**Session Description:** Systemic bias and discrimination contribute to the academic outcomes of educationally marginalized children. In this session, Denise Ross suggests that educators counter the effects of racism and bias by using research-based practices to improve student outcomes. She discusses how teachers can reframe research-based practices into a form of social justice for children's education.

**Speaker Bio:** Denise Ross is Associate Professor of Education in the Department of Teaching and Learning at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Chair of the UW System Institute for Urban Education. She is a former special education teacher and principal. Her research identifies language and literacy interventions for school-age learners.

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DAY 5

Friday, August 7 10:00 AM-12:30 PM via Zoom



## REGGIE JACKSON

EDUCATION CONSULTANT, NURTURING DIVERSITY

*"The Hidden Impact of Segregation: A History of Segregated Schools"*

**Session Description:** This presentation looks back at the development of legally mandated segregated schools in America and what that history has done to impact our schools today. We will explore important court cases, resistance to integration, and why people falsely believe integration did not work. The negative impacts of segregated schooling will be explored to find solutions to the realities of continuing segregation across the nation.

**Speaker Bio:** Reggie Jackson is an award-winning journalist, sought-after speaker, researcher, and writer with a deep, comprehensive knowledge of how our country's racial hierarchy developed historically and its impact on our lives today. Reggie is a protégée of his mentor Dr. James Cameron, lynching survivor and founder of America's Black Holocaust Museum. Reggie is a graduate of Concordia University, Co-Founder of Nurturing Diversity Partners, and Head Griot (docent) of America's Black Holocaust Museum. Reggie has served as a race relations expert and contributor for CNN, Wisconsin Public Radio, The Chicago Tribune, National Public Radio, Reuters News Service, the BBC, Milwaukee Independent, and the Huffington Post.

## **About the IUE**

The mission of the UW-System Institute for Urban Education (IUE) is to prepare highly effective, culturally relevant teachers who can serve the needs of culturally diverse students in PK-12 schools. The IUE accomplishes its mission by providing urban education opportunities for preservice teachers, in-service teachers, and education researchers. The IUE is housed in the School of Education at UW-Milwaukee.

## **Conference Information**

2020 Professional Development Academy (Online Zoom Conference)

"Culturally Relevant Pedagogy: Education in the 21st Century"

August 3-August 7, 2020

Register at <https://bit.ly/3jdWtU>

Contact us: [iue-info@uwm.edu](mailto:iue-info@uwm.edu)

Conference website: <https://sites.google.com/view/iue-2020-pda/program>

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