Confronting Race, Politics, and Discrimination in American Schools: Telling Stories of Struggle & Discovery

A Teaching for Hope & Justice Workshop

with Dr. Luis Jiménez

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5:30-8:30 p.m.

@ The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

The UC School of Education, The Freedom Center, and Teaching for Hope & Justice Network partners invite high school students and teachers as well as teacher education students to a seminar that investigates social justice issues and identities related to American schooling. Please join us in examining where our understandings of race, politics, and power come from and how they may shift through historical, political, and personal inquiries. This workshop is designed to assist participants in recognizing and affirming diversity in classrooms, schools, and society. It is also intended to address opportunity gaps and support more equitable and democratic educational outcomes for p-20 students in our region. Participants are encouraged to heed Pat Maguire’s call to “to write your own story,” for in it lies the way ahead.
This workshop will include:
- Listening to one educator’s journey:
  Guest Speaker – Dr. Luis Jiménez
- Question & Answer with Dr. Jiménez
- Opportunities to inquire into your identity/ies in relation to others
- Writing a draft of a social justice story related to schooling
- Telling stories of struggle and discovery
- Time to network with others educators interested in affirming diversity in schools & society

Learning Outcomes:
1. Participants will recognize and identify dual or multiple identities present in American schooling.
2. Participants will write and share drafts of narratives related to social justice and schools (e.g., racism, sexism, bullying, etc.)
3. Participants will engage in immigrant concerns and contexts related to American schooling (e.g., the Dream Act, and state and federal laws impacting immigrant communities and American society)
4. Participants will recognize ways that race, diversity, and politics impact American schools, teachers, and students.
5. Participants will be able to identify the difference between the opportunity gap and the achievement gap and how that impacts educational equity.

Guest Speaker Biography:
Dr. Luis Jiménez is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. His main research interests have to do with Latin American politics and social remittances, particularly the way that immigrant networks spread ideas about democracy to their home countries. Before joining the faculty at the University of Massachusetts Boston, Dr. Jiménez taught at Mount Holyoke University in Western Massachusetts. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in December 2008.

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