Disability, Race, and Education in American Public Education: Disrupting Educational Inequity

Drawing on her prior research and scholarly contributions, Dr. Wanda J. Blanchett will provide a historical overview of Disability, Race, and Education and illustrate how the intersection of disability, race, and education has shaped American public education into systems that serve well some students, while continuing to deny others (namely African American and other students of color) access to an equitable education. Suggestions for disrupting educational inequity will be offered.

OCTOBER 21, 2020
1:25–2:25 pm (EST)
Optional discussion to follow
Online through Zoom
Registration encouraged

About the Speaker

Dr. Wanda J. Blanchett was appointed Dean of the Rutgers Graduate School of Education (GSE) in 2014 where she is also a tenured Distinguished Professor. Previously, Dr. Blanchett served as the Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Rutgers University–New Brunswick. Prior to coming to Rutgers, Dr. Blanchett served as the Kauffman Endowed Chair in Teacher Education and Dean of the School of Education at the University of Missouri–Kansas City.

Dr. Blanchett's research focuses on issues of educational inequity including urban teacher preparation, issues of race, class, culture, and gender, disproportionate representation of students of color in special education, and issues of sexuality for students with disabilities. Her research and perspectives on the impact of COVID-19 on all students, and especially, students of color, students with disabilities, and students at the intersection, have been shared in interviews on National Public Radio and in Rolling Stone Magazine. Now in her 30th year as an educator, Dr. Blanchett is a veteran educator who is committed to advancing excellence and equity in education.

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