

Dismantling Systemic Racism

2018 Conference on Race, Education & Success

Friday, May 11, 2018 ♦ Hilton Hartford Hotel, CT

Call for Presenters

The annual Dismantling Systemic Racism: Conference on Race, Education & Success, sponsored by the SERC Foundation in collaboration with the State Education Resource Center (SERC), is a conference on the importance of racial equity in education. Gyasi Ross, author, speaker and storyteller from the Blackfeet Nation, is the keynote presenter. The conference supports educators, families, and community leaders to better serve Connecticut's students and their families, through advocacy and the development, implementation, and sustainability of innovative, culturally relevant programming. In order to eliminate racially predictable outcomes, the focus is on all students, but particularly Black and Brown students, as well as students learning English and students with disabilities.

This **Call for Presenters** is intended to solicit dynamic, thought-provoking presentations that will address the multifaceted ways that race and systemic racism impede our students' outcomes and limit opportunities for success in academics, social development, health, and family engagement. It is anticipated that up to 400 people will participate in this full-day conference. Participants may include general and special educators, administrators, students, family members, community members, business leaders, and all who play a role in a child's life.

Proposals should relate to the conference theme of Race, Education and Success. Sessions may be directed at a general audience or a specific population (e.g., elementary educators, high school educators, students, families). Each breakout session will be 90 minutes long.

For proposal consideration, please include the following:

Cover Sheet:

- Title of Presentation
- Name(s) of presenter(s), organization, complete mailing address, phone number and email address.

Session Description:

- Maximum 500-word description of presentation content, including format and how topic relates to the conference theme;
- Intended audience (families, administrators, teachers, others).

Audiovisual Equipment Needed: Please specify.

Please mail proposal to SERC, ATTN: Heather Dawes, 100 Roscommon Drive, Suite 110, Middletown, CT 06457 or email to dawes@ctserc.org. Proposal applications must be received by December 22, 2017. All proposals submitted by the due date will be reviewed. However, please note that all submitted proposals may not be selected. The identified contact person will be notified about the acceptance of the proposal in mid-January. If accepted **all** members of a presenting team will be required to complete an individual conference registration form. Registration fees will be waived for 2 presenters per session (additional presenters will be charged \$90).

For additional information regarding the conference or the proposal process, contact Heather Dawes, Project Specialist, at SERC, (860) 632-1485, ext. 263, or dawes@ctserc.org.