

Society of Professors of Education 2026 Annual Meeting



Education in Uncertain Times: Solidarity, Responsibility, and Collective Work

8:15 AM – 5:15 PM
Saturday, April 11th

The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites, Los Angeles
Emerald Bay, Level 3

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PROGRAM

8:15–8:30 AM: Opening Remarks

Keffrelyn D. Brown, President, *Society of Professors of Education*

8:30–9:30 AM: Paper Session #1

- 1. Solidarity through Knowledge Co-Creation: A SECI-Based Model for University Teacher Communities in Digital Transformation**
Siwen Han, Qufu Normal University
Yaru Zhao, Qufu Normal University
 - 2. Just Getting Started: Two Students' Stories from TEACH Cincinnati**
Sydnie Singleton, TEACH Cincinnati, Miami University
Brian Schultz, Miami University
Giselle Pagliaro, TEACH Cincinnati, Miami University
Toyon Embry, TEACH Cincinnati, Miami University
 - 3. Critical Pedagogy Under Siege by Generative AI: Collectively Articulating New Education Technology Imaginaries**
JD Pirtle, University of Illinois Chicago
 - 4. Education in Uncertain Times: Resilience, Counter-Spaces, and Collective Persistence in Higher Education**
Kim Kratz, University of Dayton
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9:45 –10:45 AM: Paper Session #2

- 1. Colleges of Education at a Crossroads: Structural Pressures and Institutional Drift**
Leonard J. Waks, Qufu Normal University
 - 2. What's Solidarity? Whose Solidarity? A Third World Feminist Counter/Perspective on Re/Imagining Post-2024 Solidarity in Always-Troubling Times**
Rachel Endo, University of Washington Tacoma
 - 3. Educational Leader as Critical Cultural Dialoguer: A Textual Analysis of Professing Education**
Carol A. Mullen, Virginia Tech
 - 4. Creating Space for AI-informed Participatory Ecosystems and Student Activism in Education**
Köksal Banoğlu, The Education University of Hong Kong
Carol A. Mullen, Virginia Tech
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11:00 - 11:30 AM: Presidential Address

Keffrelyn D. Brown, President, *Society of Professors of Education*

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM: Paper Session #3,

1. Being in Solidarity through Curriculum: Future Elementary Teachers Take a Seat at the Table to Learn to Teach for Identity, Intellect, and Justice

Saba Khan Vlach, University of Iowa

Vera Hsiao, University of Iowa

Eunjung Kim, University of Iowa

Lia Plakans, University of Iowa

2. Solidarity through Linguistic Reckoning: Using Translanguaging Pedagogy to Disrupt Monolingual Norms in Teacher Education

Emma Xing Chen, Western Washington University

David Yang, Western Washington University

3. International Graduate Students in the U.S. Teacher Education Programs: Visibility and Collective Responsibility for Solidarity in Uncertain Times

Beyhan Ozturk, University of Wisconsin-Madison

4. Protecting Black Futures: Using Solidarity Programming to Foster Belonging, Resistance, and Black Undergraduate Student Success

Melvin Woolfolk, University of Illinois Chicago

Jayden Seay, University of Illinois Chicago

Terrell R. Morton, University of Illinois Chicago

1:00–2:30 PM: Charles DeGarmo Lecture with Dr. Jarvis Givens and SPE Awards

The Charles DeGarmo Award: Dr. Jarvis Givens, Harvard University

Title: *American Grammar: Slavery, Settler Colonialism and the Economic Development of Early US Education*

Chair: Dr. Keffrelyn Brown, University of Texas at Austin

The Mary Anne Raywid Award: Dr. H. Richard Milner, Vanderbilt University

Chair: Dr. Joseph Polizzi, PennState

The Wisniewski Award for Teacher Education: Dr. Karyn Sandlos, BFA in Art Education at University of Illinois Chicago

Chair: Dr. Rob Helfenbein, Mercer University

The William H. Watkins Award: Dr. Asif Wilson, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Chair: Dr. Kelly Vaughan, Lewis University

The Martha Allexaht-Snider Award: Dr. Seon Ja Chang, University of Georgia
Chair: Dr. Rouhallah Aghasaleh, California State Polytechnic University

The William H. Schubert Award: Dr. Brian Schultz, Miami University
Chair: Dr. Seungho Moon

Society of Professors of Education Book Awards: To Be Announced

2:45 - 3:30 PM: Panel Presentation #1

Writing in and with Communities of Concern, Solidarity, and Resilience: A Workshop for Everyone

Mary Kay Delaney, University of Denver & Meredith College

Shawn S. Savage, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Amy H. Senta, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Julia A. Lynch, University of North Carolina Wilmington

3:45 - 4:45PM: Panel Presentation #2

Building and Sustaining a Multigenerational, Cross-National Research Group in Times of Community and Chaos: A Collaborative Autoethnographic Study of Black epiSTEMologies

Terrell Morton, University of Illinois Chicago

Joanna Ali, North Carolina A&T State University

Paula Groves Price, North Carolina A&T State University

Ashley Woodson, Wayne State University

Tia C. Madkins, University of Texas at Austin

Andrea Tyler, Tennessee State University

Jennifer Adams, University of Calgary

Brian McGowan, American University

Shari Watkins, American University

Yasmiyn Irizarry, University of Texas at Austin

Nickolaus Ortiz, Georgia State University

Cameron Schmidt-Temple, Black epiSTEMologies

** SPE Annual Business Meeting will commence at the close of program.*

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