

# CONFERENCE SESSIONS

**Teaching Generation Obama** - What does it mean to come of age in the Obama moment? During this session, we will consider the culture and complexities of what many have termed the Obama generation, from their unique position in American cultural history to the social possibilities promised by the tumultuous changes in politics and technology that have defined their lives.

**Teaching Cross-Cultural Communication** - This session will provide cross-cultural communication models and research followed by experiencing a number of cross-cultural exercises appropriate for classroom teacher.

**Dreaming a Better World for Students of Color** - This session will cover an overview of the educational system and the disproportionate outcomes experienced by many “non-majority” youth and many youth of color.

**Practicing for the Real Thing: Bullying and Bias in Schools** - How are bullying and bias related? Discover how we can use the overlap to educate our students on inclusivity on both the interpersonal and multicultural fronts at the same time.

**Stepping Beyond Classroom Doors: Models of Academic Service-Learning Projects for Social Justice** – How do we integrate Academic Service-Learning (ASL) in our curriculum to prepare student-leaders for social justice? This session will focus on the what, why, and how of ASL using interactive poster presentations on student projects.

**Education: The Weapon of Choice Against Economic, Political and Social Injustices** - Education is the most effective tool to fight political and socio-economic injustices because it enables one to forcefully and rationally challenge those who perpetuate these vices.

**Honoring the Voices of All Students: Multicultural Literature and Character Development** - Character development techniques are linked with authentic multicultural literature and comprehension strategies to help all students develop their voices.

**Learning to Listen: How adult leaders advise sexual minority students in public schools** - One person’s insight into the problems that school leaders face as they help sexual minority students in schools and how and why advice was given.

**Religious Diversity and the Public School: Legal, Pedagogical and Cultural Dilemmas** - A discussion of the dilemmas and controversies surrounding religious diversity in the public school. Using case studies, a discussion of the legal, cultural and pedagogical issues that confront the public school will take place.

**La Cima Bilingual Leadership Camp and the power of Star Power** – A discussion of the mission and goals of La Cima, leading the participants through the game Star Power as an example of activities done with the camp delegates. Participants will learn a interesting ways to open discussions about inequality with any group.

**Turning the Tables: How students help candidates learn to teach** - Our journey as culturally responsive teachers begins when we recognize how our students teach us. This session features a case study of an experiential teacher education course immersed in the classroom of culturally and linguistically diverse 7th graders who became empowered through supporting candidates’ learning.

**English Language Learner (ELL) Families in Schools** - This interactive workshop provides an overview of family involvement strategies to ensure that ELL families become valued members of the school community. Successful practices and examples will be presented and discussed.

**A Soul Has No Gender** - Love and acceptance through the eyes of a mother of sexual and gender minority children. The presenter shares the process she went through in coming to accept her children’s identities and how this process has transformed how she views the meaning of gender and sexuality.

**Ramayana: India’s Epic Story** – A telling of the ancient epic with hints of music, textiles and ideas about the importance of the story throughout S.E. Asia.

**Equity and Multicultural Education: Being a Culturally Competent Ally and Advocate for the Success of All Our Children** - This session will cover an overview of the educational system and the disproportionate outcomes experienced by many “non-majority” youth and many youth of color.

**Northwest Passages – Living Voices** - Immigration against the backdrop of the dynamically changing northwest at the turn of the century. Diverse communities from around the world experience culture clash, Labor struggles and World war.

**Understanding Social Issues Through the Arts** - The arts can play a powerful role in helping children understand deeper social issues, such as poverty. How can educators approach these issues through the arts?

**Team Destination Graduation: Different Cultures, Different Stories, One Destination** – Meet an elite team of students who have overcome extreme barriers to education, and are dedicated to sharing their stories to encourage others. They describe the inspirational program designed to curb the dropout rate.