ELC CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS
CONFERENCE 2023

LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY:
WEAVING A TRANSFORMATIVE FRAMEWORK &
PEDAGOGY

MARCH 24 – 25, 2023
UNC GREENSBORO

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HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Dr. Rochelle Brock, past chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations (ELC), was a founding member of the Critical Pedagogy Congress and of the Paulo and Nita Freire Project for Critical Pedagogy.

Inspired by the promise of critical pedagogy and the community built at the yearly Congress, Dr. Brock invited students (LaToya Brown, Erica-Brittany Horhn, Frannie Varker, Shareese Castillo, and Alia Henderson) to join her in 2017. They co-wrote a Kohler Grant to the International Programs Center (IPC) and were funded to travel to Turin, Italy that year.

The Critical Pedagogy Congress is held all over the world intentionally in unlikely places to displace the expected formality of such a scholarly gathering. Open dialogues blur the lines between theory, place, site-specificity, and relationality towards a different type of praxis, one shared among new friends and carried with you wherever you travel.

Upon their return, Dr. Brock, colleagues, and students planned what was hoped to be our own Critical Pedagogy Congress situated in Greensboro collaborating with Team Quest/Piney Lake/UNCG, A&T University’s Visual Art Department, The Experiential School of Greensboro, Elsewhere Living Museum, The Beloved Community, and other community organizations. Their hope was to bring together educators, students, artists, and community members for open dialogue about the arts, activism, and social justice issues impacting each of their circles and the many points of intersection.

Their vision of this type of unconference evolved into the many iterations of ELC’s Critical Conversations. Yet, one thing remains steadfast and that is Rochelle continues to bring people together where the engagement is deep, the warmth is felt, and the laughter is heard!

In memoriam:
Dr. Rochelle Brock
October 7, 2020

[Photo L-R: Dr. Erica-Brittany Horhn, the late Dr. Rochelle Brock, Dr. Frannie Varker, and LaToya Brown, PhD student (ABD)]
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### Friday, March 24, 2023

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| 6:00 – 6:05 pm | Introductions                                                         | Dr. Tiffanie Lewis-Durham  
ELC Assistant Professor  
Dr. Katherine Mansfield  
ELC Professor          |
| 6:05 – 6:10 pm | Welcome                                                               | Dr. Randall Penfield  
Dean  
UNCG Greensboro  
School of Education    |
| 6:10 – 7:10 pm | Keynote Address                                                       | Dr. Ann M. Ishimaru  
Bridge Family Associate Professor  
College of Education  
University of Washington |
| 7:10 – 7:30 pm | Q&A and Closing                                                        | Dr. Tiffanie Lewis-Durham  
ELC Assistant Professor  
Dr. Katherine Mansfield  
ELC Professor          |

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**FOR SATURDAY 03/25/2023 ATTENDEES**

**WIFI CONNECTION**

Please see the appendix page on how to connect to UNCG’s WIFI.

**POSTER EXHIBITION**

Please check out the poster boards by our SOE students during the transitions.

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| 9:00 - 9:10 am | Welcome                                                               | Dr. Craig Peck  
ELC Department Chair  
Dr. Tiffanie Lewis-Durham  
ELC Assistant Professor  
Dr. Kat Mansfield  
ELC Professor  
Arianna Di Puorto  
ELC Graduate Teaching  
Associate & PhD  
Candidate |
<p>|             | Conference Overview                                                   |                                                                                     |</p>
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| 9:10 – 10:00 am | Principal Panel: Leadership for Social Justice: What We Know So Far | Dr. Darrell Harris  
Principal of Eastern Guilford High School  
Dr. Noelle Leslie  
Principal of Madison Elementary School  
Mr. Colin Tribby  
Principal of Marvin Ward Elementary School  
Dr. Susan Chappell  
Principal of Eastern Randolph High School  
Mr. Christopher Scott  
Principal of Southeast Guilford High School | MHRA 1214 |
| 10:00 – 10:10 am | Transition                                |                                                                         |            |
| 10:10 – 11:30 am | Morning Workshops (Please choose one of the three breakout sessions below) |                                                                         |            |
|                 | Don’t Flinch: Authentic & Transformative Leadership | Dr. Nyah Hamlett  
Superintendent  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools  
Dr. Tiffany Newsome  
Principal  
Rashkis Elementary School | MHRA 1204 |
|                 | Breaking Down Barriers One Day at A Time: The Principal’s Role in Implementing Culturally Responsive Parent, Family, and Community Engagement | Dr. Tina Chestnut  
Principal  
UNCG Moss Street Partnership School (MSPS) | MHRA 1206 |
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<td>11:30 am – 12:00 pm</td>
<td>Lunch <em>(Please take your lunch to MHRA 1214 for the keynote address.)</em></td>
<td>Dr. Lalenja Harrington, ELC Assistant Professor</td>
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<td>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</td>
<td>Keynote Luncheon: <em>The Challenge of Educating Black Children: Teacher Student Relationships Are Paramount, But Principals Matter Too.</em></td>
<td>Dr. Kofi Lomotey, Chancellor John Bardo &amp; Deborah Bardo, Distinguished Professor of Educational Leadership, Western Carolina University</td>
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<td>Afternoon Workshops <em>(Please choose one of the two breakout sessions below)</em></td>
<td>Dr. Silvia Bettez, ELC Professor, Mojgan Besharat, Certified Somatic Coach</td>
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**Through a Critical Disability Studies Lens**

During this workshop, we will explore possibilities for “cripping” educational spaces. Outcomes include 1) developing an understanding of Critical Disability Studies and Crip theory frameworks in relationship to education, 2) engagement with multimodal activities as a means for troubling ideas of what it means to “know” and be considered capable/able/disabled in the US context, and 3) reflexive assessment of individual praxis.

**Embodied Resilience and Joy in Social Justice Leadership**

In this interactive workshop participants will learn about and engage in embodied practices that help us become more in tune with ourselves to harness joy and resilience.
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**Note:**
- **(Re)imagining DEI: Toward Critical Social Justice Literacy**
  - Participants will engage in a workshop-style presentation around concepts of teaching social justice, centering critical social justice literacy. Participants will engage in an embodied experience of community connections, reflexive writing, and freedom dreaming. As a collective, we will move beyond concepts of DEI, even culturally responsive practices, and consider how we exist as critical social justice educators and why our work should prioritize educational freedom.

**Speakers:**
- Christina Spears, ELC PhD Student
- Dr. Tiffanie Lewis-Durham, ELC Assistant Professor
- Dr. Kat Mansfield, ELC Professor
- Arianna Di Puorto, ELC Graduate Teaching Associate & PhD Candidate
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Dr. Katherine Mansfield
ELC Professor

Hope to see you again next year!
1. Connect to the UNCG-Wireless SSID.

_This step is how you tell your device to connect to UNCG’s wireless network. SSID=the name of the network that is being broadcast. All devices (Mac laptops, Dell laptops, ipads, tablets, smartphones, etc.) connect to the SSID/network in a different way. Example, for some smartphones you would go to “settings,” then choose “wireless networks,” and your device would scan for all available wireless networks and display a menu of available options. The network you want to select when you’re on campus is called “UNCG-wireless.”_

2. Open a web browser, such as Firefox, Internet Explorer, Safari and Google Chrome.

![Network Login](image)

3. Click on “Sign in” in the upper right corner.

**IMPORTANT** DO NOT FILL OUT THE SELF REGISTRATION FORM. CLICK “SIGN IN” AND USE THE USERNAME AND PASSWORD BELOW **

4. Complete the Network Login:

   A. Enter the Username: `elccc@guest.uncg.edu`
   
   B. Enter the Password: `91717374`
   
   C. Check the box to accept the terms of use.
   
   D. Click on the Log In button.