Webster University’s School of Education is pleased to announce the first annual conference of *Educators as Agents of Change: Through Transformative Learning and Leadership*. This conference will occur during Webster University’s centennial year celebration, on June 11, 2015 and June 12, 2015 at the home campus in St. Louis, Missouri.

The School of Education invites academics, teachers, graduate students, researchers, administrators, counselors, librarians, parents and all those who engage any aspect of education to submit proposals for this first annual conference. This conference will explore the following themes and topics:

- How are educators responding to the critical issues in schools and society such as, but not limited to diversity, social justice, and poverty?

- How can educators become agents of change?

- How can educators use examples from their lives as teaching tools in their classrooms?

- How can educators facilitate social changes, which are pertinent to issues such as inequality and racial discrimination?

- How can educators address the civil rights of children and advocate for education reform within the current system?

- How can educators develop the integrity and courage to champion that which is best for children despite any possible repercussions?

- How can educators become leaders speaking for the rights of children and advocate for education reform?
Keynote Speakers

Keynote Speaker on June 11, Thursday

Dr. Elaine Richardson is a Professor in the College of Education and Human Ecology of the Ohio State University. She received her Ph.D. from Michigan State University and her research interests include hip-hop literacies, Afro diasporic studies, sociolinguistics, and critical discourse analysis. Dr. Richardson's expertise is in using hip-hop literacies and her personal life stories to relate to minority young adults and to inspire them to take agency and change their lives. She has received numerous awards such as the Edward Fry Book Award, Fulbright Scholar Award, and Outstanding Book Award. Her inspirational, PHD (Po H# on Dope) to Ph.D.: How Education Saved My Life, is a testimonial to how education offered her the agency to change from an addicted prostitute to an education researcher and scholar.

Keynote Speaker on June 12, Friday

Dr. Kevin Kumashiro is the Dean of the School of Education, University of San Francisco. He published influential works in educational reform, anti-oppressive education, and teaching for social justice. His inspiring, Troubling Education, earned him the Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award in 2003. His other published books include: Bad Teacher: How Blaming Teachers Distorts the Bigger Picture, Against Common Sense: Teaching and Learning Toward Social Justice, The Seduction of Common Sense: How the Right Has Framed the Debate on America’s Schools, Six Lenses for Anti-Oppressive Education, and Troubling Intersections of Race and Sexuality. Dr. Kumashiro is the president of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), founding director of the Center for Anti-Oppressive Education, and founding member of the Chicagoland Researchers and Advocates for Transformative Education (CReATE).
**All presenters must register for the conference.**

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What is the title of your proposal?  

Please include a 100-word abstract for review.  

Please indicate preference of format  
   __Paper Sessions (30 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for discussion)  
   __Works in Process  
   __Panel Discussions (45 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion)  
   __Poster Sessions  
   __Seminar Sessions (60 minutes)  

In order to better group proposals into strands, please indicate all adjectives that may apply to your proposal/ work.  

What specific technologies might you require? ____________  

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