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Nuts & Bolts Webinar on Innovative Pedagogies: Afrocentric Pedagogy

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Time: 12 - 1 p.m. CST

This webinar features Sharif El-Mekki, who will discuss strategies for revolutionizing education by increasing the number of Black educators so that low-income Black and other disenfranchised students can reap the full-benefits of a quality public education.

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About the Speaker:

Sharif El-Mekki is the Founder and CEO of the Center for Black Educator Development. The Center exists to ensure there will be equity in the recruiting, training, hiring, and retention of quality educators that reflect the cultural backgrounds and share common socio-political interests of the students they serve. Prior to founding the Center, El-Mekki served as a nationally recognized principal and U.S. Department of Education Principal Ambassador Fellow. His school, Mastery Charter Shoemaker, was recognized by President Obama and Oprah Winfrey, and was awarded the prestigious EPIC award for three consecutive years as being amongst the top three schools in the country for accelerating students' achievement levels. In 2014, El-Mekki founded The Fellowship – Black Male Educators for Social Justice, an organization dedicated to recruiting, retaining, and developing Black male teachers. El-Mekki blogs on Philly's 7th Ward, is a member of the 8 Black Hands podcast and serves on several boards and committees focused on educational and racial justice.

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June 6-8, 2022

Orlando, Florida

Teacher educators are exploring creative ways to ensure teacher candidates are ready to meet the needs of diverse students. An innovative response to this challenge is the use of mixed reality simulations (MRS) to provide teacher candidates with more realistic practice opportunities. MRS allows candidates to practice essential teacher skills and receive timely feedback from their peers and their instructor. This three-day summer institute will introduce participants to what Mixed Reality Simulation is and the impact this educational tool can have on teacher practices. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of simulations and create a scenario that can be embedded within their own teacher preparation program.

Application coming soon!

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