

## BranchED Bulletin | October 2022

In this issue, read about a number of exciting opportunities and news:

- Register for upcoming Nuts & Bolts Webinars - Open to all!
- Register for our Fall Workshop and our new data empowerment workshop series
- Watch a recap video of the 2022 Fall Transformation Center Convening!
- Have you signed up for the BranchED Resource Portal yet? Sign up today.
- Submit your MSI EPP news

### BECOMING ROOTED

Sharing our workshops, resources, webinars, and other learning opportunities

#### Upcoming Webinars



#### NUTS & BOLTS WEBINAR

##### Empowered by Data: Fostering a Culture of Inquiry

**November 2, 2022 | 12 - 1 p.m. CT | Virtual**

Quality Educator preparation is Data Empowered. Data empowerment is empowering individuals and the collective to assess and engage with their own data to improve their community. It is most effective when it addresses and dismantles issues of inequity. In this webinar, learn how West Texas A&M University's EPP has transitioned from a culture of compliance to an active culture of inquiry, utilizing an authentic and ongoing cycle of evidence-based improvement that begins with asking thoughtful questions, moves through organizational learning and action, and ends with an evaluation of the effectiveness of actions taken.

[Register for Webinar](#)



#### About the Speaker:

Dr. James O'Meara is a full professor of Curriculum and Instruction and the Dean of the College of Education at Texas A&M International. He serves as project lead for the Charles Butt Foundation Raising Texas Teacher Initiative, the Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity National Teacher Preparation Transformation Center at TAMU, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Educator Preparation Micro Credential Planning Grant, and the Texas Lead for the Consortium for Research-Based and Equitable Assessment Project. Dr. O'Meara leads TAMU's work in the development of an Educator Preparation Dashboard for informing local program enhancement and candidate support efforts. He is also a consultant for the Texas Education Agency's Effective Preparation Framework (EPF) and a Subject Matter Expert for the Texas Education and Training (E&T) course sequence curriculum project.

#### NUTS & BOLTS WEBINAR

##### Ensuring Success: Providing Equitable Opportunities for all Teacher Candidates

**December 7, 2022 | 12 - 1 p.m. CT | Virtual**

The purpose of the 2022-2023 Nuts & Bolts series is to highlight and promulgate the application of BranchED's Framework for the Quality Preparation of Educators, which outlines a roadmap to create teacher preparation programs that meet the needs of our increasingly diverse student body. It seeks to build equity-oriented educator preparation programs that prepare educators to reflect, respect, and reify the value of the diversity of America's PK12 school children.

A high-quality educator preparation program requires educator preparation providers (EPP) to establish equitable experiences for all teacher candidates. This is predicated on the understanding that students are not one-size-fits all. Equitable experiences begin with an ethic of care and are ingrained in recruitment and selection processes, advising, timely progression and completion of the program, and induction support based on candidate-specific needs. Learn how one EPP, exemplifies this principle in all facets of their program

[Register for this Webinar](#)

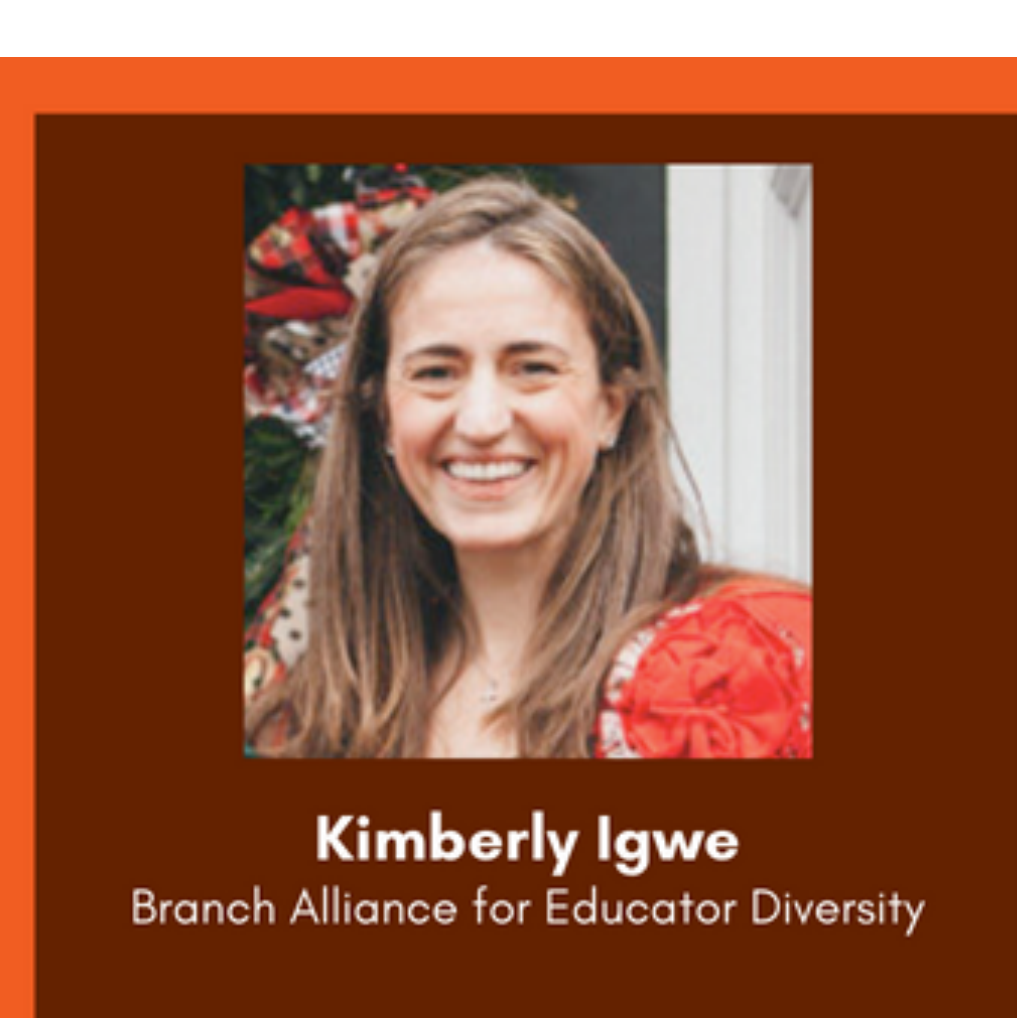
#### SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING NUTS & BOLTS WEBINARS:

- Wednesday, February 1 | 12 - 1 p.m. CT | Virtual  
Successful Learning: A Deep Dive into Inclusive Pedagogy
- Wednesday, March 1 | 12 - 1 p.m. CT | Virtual  
Put it into Practice: Using Experience and Critical Reflection for Impact
- Wednesday, April 5 | 12 - 1 p.m. CT | Virtual  
Ready Day 1: The Intersection of Content, Pedagogy, and the Learner

#### Upcoming Workshops

##### Open Educational Resources Across the Educational Landscape: Centering Quality and Equity

This two-day workshop will focus on OER resources as these resources are free of cost and fall under the creative commons open license. During this workshop, participants will identify quality OER across the educational landscape, apply the BranchED OER Equity Rubric as a tool for evaluating OER in a score norm activity, and discuss ideas of how to modify curriculum while ensuring fidelity and standards alignment. Participants can earn a digital badge at the successful completion of the score norm which they can share across their digital networks.



[Register for this Workshop](#)

#### The Data is in the Details

##### WORKSHOP SERIES

###### Up Close and Personal

Focusing on Teacher Candidate Characteristics

Workshop Topic: Disaggregation of pedagogical exam scores by candidate demographics

The Data Empowerment Series aims to enable individuals to utilize data to support their Teacher Candidates. Presented in an engaging manner, these workshops are designed for anyone who is involved with TPP data—this means YOU! In these workshops, you will learn skills that will help you develop a culture of inquiry leading to data-informed decision making for program improvement.



#### About the Speaker

Dr. Alicia Gonzalez Quiroz is BranchED's Data Scientist. She has provided instruction and in student support services and administration in higher ed and has more than ten years in public health administration, promotion, policy and research. Dr. Quiroz's area of interest is in the area of research methodology, analysis and interpretation, having extensive experience in statistical analysis for outcome assessments and program evaluations. Major roles have included developing, coordinating, administering and evaluating services to provide guidance and support, using her credentials as a Registered and Licensed Dietitian to teach in the college setting; and collaborating with national researchers to add to pool of knowledge in the areas of education, health and public policy.

She earned her Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from Our Lady of the Lake University, her Master of Science degree in Nutrition from The University of the Incarnate Word, and her Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition from the University of Texas at Austin. She earned her second doctoral degree in Exercise Physiology and Nutrition from North Dakota State University.



**VIRTUAL**  
**12 - 2 P.M. CT**  
Wednesday, November 3, 2022

[Register for the Nov. 3 Workshop](#)

#### THE DATA IS IN THE DETAILS WORKSHOP SERIES

##### SAVE THE DATE

- February 2, 2023 | 12 - 2 p.m. CT | The Intersection of Candidate Preparation and Candidate Success
- April 4, 2023 | 12 - 2 p.m. CT | Practice Makes Perfect
- May 4, 2023 | 12 - 2 p.m. CT | Closing the Loop Using Survey Data

[See all BranchED Events](#)

### PLANTING SEEDS

BranchED's Educator Preparation Work



#### Three cohorts participate in the Fall 2022 Transformation Center Convening in Pomona, California

Sharing bright spots and brainstorming solutions to pressure points -- these were just two ways the three Transformation Center cohorts found community at the 2022 Fall Transformation Center Convening.

More than 70 higher ed institution and school district partners came together in Pomona, California to find 'Transformation in CommUNITY,' this year's convening theme.

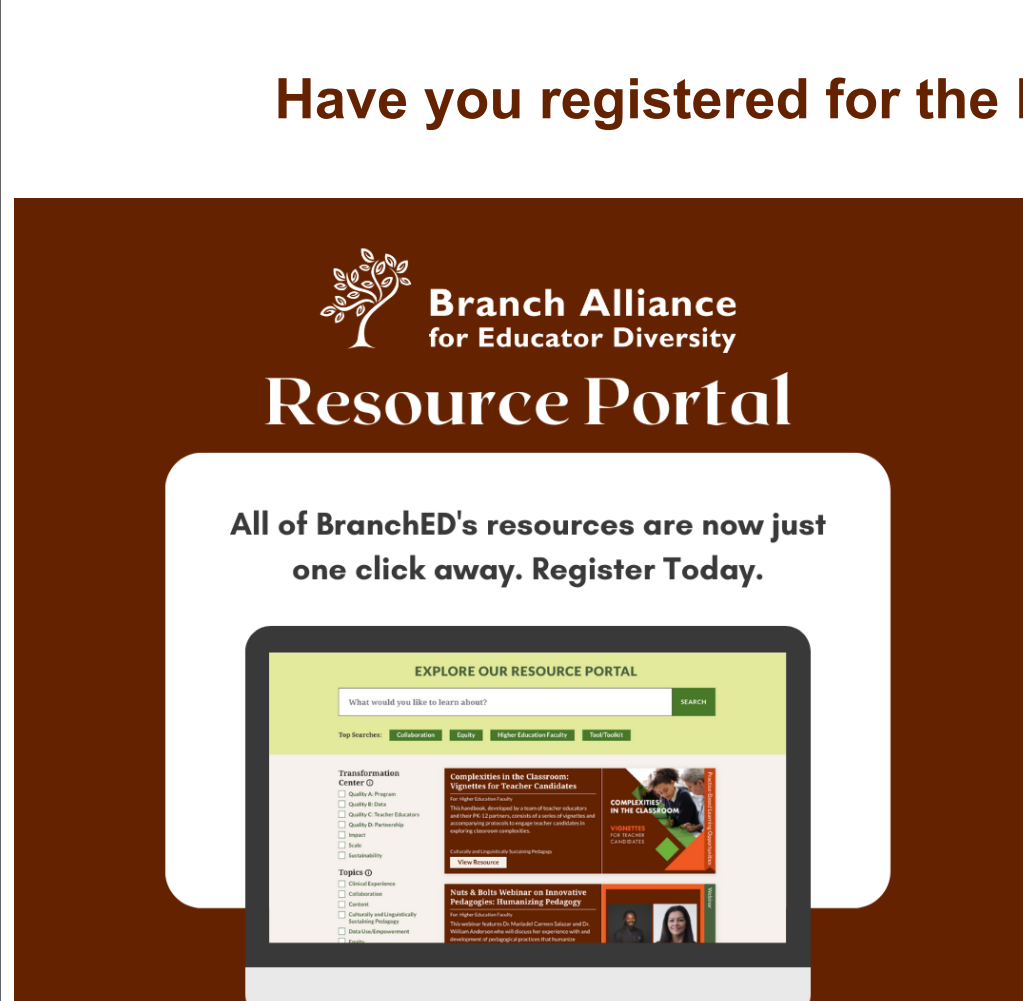
Watch the video to learn more about their shared experiences.

[Watch the Convening Video](#)

### EXPERIENCING GROWTH

Read more about our other major organizational announcements

#### Have you registered for the BranchED Resource Portal yet?



[Visit the Portal](#)

The portal BranchED Resource Portal features toolkits, webinars, research briefs, and more. Use key words to search or filter by topic, type, or audience to find the resources you need.

The portal has resources that are open to all and others that require registration to access.

#### How to Sign Up:

1. Visit <https://resources.educatordiversity.org>
2. Click 'Sign Up' on the upper right hand corner of the window
3. Fill out the form, making sure to type out the name of your institution, which will auto-populate\*
4. Click 'View Resources' to begin searching or 'Learn More About the Portal' to read about the various resources available

### BRANCHING OUT

Highlights, accomplishments and other news.

#### We want to hear from you

Do you have exciting professional news to share? We want to hear from you! Tell us about your book announcements, professional highlights, accomplishments or stories you'd like to share from your EPP. We'll highlight some of these in future BranchED bulletins.



[Submit Your News](#)