

Achieving Equity through Innovation: A Canada-United States Colloquium

October 27 and 28, 2010
St. Michael's College, University of Toronto

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This two-day invitational event will explore equity challenges and prospects in Canada and the United States and focus on whether innovative policies and practices can change the pattern of achievement and educational opportunities in public schools in both countries. By international standards, Canada is considered to be a high equity, high quality education system, although significant challenges remain for engaging and supporting all students. In the United States, innovative approaches have and continue to be developed and applied to support school reform and student success, however gaps in student achievement and educational opportunity remain substantial. From different starting points and with differing contexts, both countries share a need to further explore approaches to advance equity in education. This colloquium brings together leading researchers and decision-makers to surface those challenges and successes so that we may learn from each other and improve the education and opportunities of all our children.

About the Canadian Education Association

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About the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education

The Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education (SCOPE) was founded in 2008 to address issues of educational opportunity, access, equity, and diversity in the United States and internationally. SCOPE engages faculty from across Stanford and from other universities to work on a shared agenda of cross-disciplinary research, policy analysis, and practices that address issues of educational opportunity, access, equity, and diversity in the United States and internationally. SCOPE is an affiliate of the Stanford University School of Education and the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity at Stanford.



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Day 1: Thursday, October 27

7:45	Continental breakfast
8:30	Welcome: Framing the discussion Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Penny Milton, CEA Chief Executive Officer• Dr. Carol Campbell, SCOPE Executive Director
9:00	Dialogue 1: Equity Challenges in Canada and the United States – What’s Needed? Improvement or Transformation Provocateurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ben Levin, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Education Leadership and Policy, OISE/University of Toronto• Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education at Stanford University, Co-Director, SCOPE
11:00	Facilitated roundtables: Where do we go with what we know?
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Presentation and discussion: Overcoming School Failure: Policies that Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representatives of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
1:45	Dialogue 2: Student Engagement, Equity and Innovation Provocateurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Sharon Friesen, Associate Dean, University of Calgary; Director, Galileo Educational Networks• Dr. Prudence Carter, Professor, Stanford University, Co-Director, SCOPE
3:15	Dialogue 3: Implications for Policy: Achieving Equity and Innovation At Scale Provocateurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Raymond Théberge, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Education• Jim Shelton, Assistant Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement (Invited)• Dr Steven L. Paine, State Superintendent of Schools, West Virginia, and President, Council of Chief State School Officers (Invited)
4:30	Adjournment



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Day 2: Friday, October 28

7:45	Breakfast
8:30	Dialogue 4: Equity, Innovation and Urban Education: Views from the Ground Provocateurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Chris Spence, Director, Toronto District School Board (invited)• Dr. Rudy Crew, University of Southern California (invited)
9:30	Dialogue 5: Teaching that Makes a Difference Provocateurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Dennis Sumara, Dean, University of Calgary and Dr. Brent Davis, Professor, University of Calgary• Dr. Carol D. Lee, Professor, Learning Sciences; Professor, African-American Studies, Northwestern University
11:00	Facilitated roundtables: Advancing Equity for All Children
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Dialogue 6: Teachers Unions as Agents of Change Provocateurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mary-Lou Donnelly, President, Canadian Teachers' Federation• Becky Pringle, Secretary-Treasurer, National Education Association• Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers (invited)• Representative from the Centrale des syndicats du Québec (invited)
2:45	Connecting the Dots: What Comes Next? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faciliators: Penny Milton and Carol Campbell
3:15	Adjournment

