



# SOE GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Justice and Equity in Education in an Evolving Political Climate: A Collective Re-Imagining

Scholars have unleashed a river of scholarship that critically examines the historic and continued racialization processes in our country. Yet, in 2023, we find ourselves at a time when over half the country (27 states) have either banned or are in the process of banning Critical Race Theory (World Population Review 2023). White supremacy continuously permeates every sphere of our society, and we continue to experience detrimental rulings that disproportionately affect people of Color. As we live through this reality, we anticipate damaging Affirmative Action rulings, growing CRT bans, K-12 book bans, anti-transgender bans, and anti-immigration laws. Such legislation shifts education to be a continued arm of the state. Education is housed in a political sphere and this issue must be named and interrogated.

As scholars who are dedicated to interrogating the educational inequities in PreK-Higher Education, we call to you to bring a collective re-imagining for the many facets of education as we continuously live through the turmoils that come with an ever-evolving political climate. We acknowledge that the decisions made by political leaders produce harmful experiences for our students and teachers of Color—effects that are most often out of the control of the various marginalized groups we connect with in our journeys of producing equitable and just research.

We call researchers to uncover injustices and participate in re-imaginings of equity through scholarship spanning civic learning, language diversity, higher education policies, programs, and reform, mental health in schools, K-12 schooling, and the invisibilization of dis/ability studies. We invite SOE graduate students to share the vast array of work being produced in our communities that is, in many ways, already grappling with the injustices produced and reproduced in our education system.

This call for abstracts invites you to showcase your developing research and share your insights in your respective concentrations as members of the SOE community. We encourage your participation in the inaugural SOE Graduate Research Conference which aims to facilitate holistic understandings of dismantling inequity in schooling. We envision this convening to include faculty, administration, and students across the UCR campus as well as various educational stakeholders within the Inland Empire.

#### References:

World Population Review 2023. <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/critical-race-theory-ban-states>

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