LIBERATION LITERACIES PEDAGOGY



# HEALING, JOY & JUSTICE



Professional Development Series



# At the Intersection of language, race, and power

#### Session 1:

#### Holistic healing in difficult times

In this session participants will be oriented into the 5 paradigm principles of LLP, develop a racial healing self-care plan, and identify an area of inquiry-to-action for the series.

#### Session 2:

#### Dismantling deficit narratives

In this session participants will work closely with Dr. J and in self-selected accountability groups to understand and practice dismantling deficit narratives within their chosen area of focus using the 5 A's of LLP.

#### Session 3:

# Actualizing joy and liberation across the curriculum

In this session participants will work closely with Dr. J and in self-selected accountability groups to understand and practice implementing liberatory pedagogical approaches within their chosen area of focus using the 5 A's of LLP.

#### Session 4:

#### **Community showcase**

This community showcase will feature the inquiry-to-action and racial healing self-care plans created by all participants, with implications for solidarity with students, parents, communities, and school leaders.

# Liberation Literacies Pedagogy: Paradigm Principles

#### **Agency**

The power to move through home languages, communities, cultures, and traditions.

Access to and through systems of power while being rooted in a liberatory awareness of self and the social world.

#### Actualization/ Action

Permeation of Black and Brown languages, cultures, and heritages as valid and valued.

Participatory action emerging from awareness, agency, "achievement," and alteration.

### Awareness

Awareness and preservation of cultural, linguistic, and ancestral knowledge.

Exposure of colonial logics rooted in language, race, and power.

#### "Achievement"

Reciprocal accountability requiring educators and institutions to *achieve* equity and justice.

#### **Alteration**

Immediate transformation of norms and material conditions that maintain linguistic, cultural, and racial inequity.

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**Liberation Literacies Pedagogy (LLP)** partners with educators and communities to heal systemic racism through linguistic celebration, cultural affirmation, and transformative education.

In this Healing, Joy, and Justice series Dr. Lyiscott will work closely with a cohort of inservice educators to ground their racial healing and instruction in Liberation Literacies Pedagogy. Bridging theory and practice educators will a) develop a racial healing self-care plan, b) choose an area of focus for personal and pedagogical growth, c) develop practical racial and cultural competencies, and d) present on their journeys in a community dialogue showcase. Across all sessions educators will collaborate in self-selected Critical Accountability Groups.





Jamila Lyiscott aka, Dr. J, is a community-engaged scholar, nationally renowned speaker, and the author of *Black Appetite. White Food: Issues of Race, Voice, and Justice Within and Beyond the Classroom.* She currently serves as an Associate Professor of Social Justice Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she is the cofounder and co-director of the Center of Racial Justice and Youth Engaged Research. Dr. J is most well known for being featured on TED.com where her video, '3 Ways to Speak English,' has been viewed over 5 million times. She is the recipient of the 2019 AERA Outstanding Public Communication of Education Research Award, the AERA Scholar-Activist & Community Advocacy Award, and the CIES Ernest D. Morrell Emerging Scholar Award. She has been invited to keynote at 100s of institutions nationally and internationally.

Dr. J's scholarship and activism work together to explore, assert, and defend the value of Black life globally. Her research examines the liberatory capacity of literacies in the lives of youth of color, racial healing, youth-led research, and the capacity of African Diasporic culture to transgress white coloniality.

Dr. J serves as co-editor of the journal of Equity & Excellence in Education, and hold faculty fellowships at the University of Notre Dame, and Teachers College, Columbia University. She has been featured in Spike Lee's "2 Fists Up," on BBC Radio, NPR, Cosmopolitan, NowThis, and many other media outlets nationally and internationally.