

A UVA Democracy Initiative Center for the Redress of Inequity through community-engaged scholarship

SEPTEMBER

UPDATES

DEEPENING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

As our team works towards finalizing our new office, we are thrilled to be teaming up with other community-facing organizations throughout the university to build something new. The Equity Center's office will also house staff from the Vice Provost for Academic Outreach, UVA Health's Office of Community Partnerships, and the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Community Partnerships. Our shared office will allow us to work in tandem with these other community-engaged groups; finding gaps in services without duplicating efforts. We are so grateful to be building out this new chapter in UVA-Community engagement..

MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER:

Lucy Montalvo joined the Equity Center on August 31 as Program Coordinator. Lucy is originally from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, living half her life in Puerto Rico and the other half in the United States. She worked in education for 16 years, 13 as an elementary school teacher. As a community activist and educator she brings expertise in multilingual and culturally relevant curriculum development and implementation. Her husband and two kids have lived in Charlottesville for seven years.

COME WORK WITH US:

The Equity Center is hiring a Finance Generalist to take charge of our budgetary needs. Please consider applying or forward on to those in your network:

[Apply Here](#)



The Equity Center's new home is the fourth floor of the Hotel Albemarle Building on W. Main St., the yellow building in the center.

CHARLOTTESVILLE EDUCATION EQUITY WEBSITE:

The Charlottesville Education Equity website went live at the beginning of September as an active resource full of ways that community locals, students, teachers, and faculty can come to give and get education-related support . For

families, this resource will provide information about virtual learning, after-school care, mental health resources and more. Teachers/educators and community organizations can share resources that we have for families and find groups of volunteer/mentors to work with. The Equity Center, Madison House, and YouthNex have also worked hard to collect information for those who want to provide support including a list of ways to donate time and ways to donate funds. Additional resources are being added every day, so please check out the invaluable resource and share it widely within your communities.

<http://cvilleeducationequity.com/>

PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

YOUTH EDUCATION PIPELINE

Albemarle High School Bilingual Support:
The Equity Center, in partnership with UVA's Madison House, has piloted a project to support emergent bilingual students who are developing English as their second language at Albemarle High School. These students are currently enrolled in an Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis class and have been paired with bilingual tutors from Madison House who provide language and content support during class. The goal of this project is to make instruction equitable in content classrooms by providing linguistic and instructional support in order for the content to be accessible to all learners. The Equity Center's program manager, Lucy Montalvo, and doctoral fellow for the Youth Pipeline, Isabel Vargas, provide both tutors and teachers support on how to best serve emergent bilingual students using instructional strategies that provide appropriate scaffolds for language acquisition.

EQUITY CENTER IN THE NEWS

Equity Center Director of Community Research Sherica Jones-Lewis spoke with NBC29 and the Daily Progress about the Charlottesville Education Equity Website:

<https://www.nbc29.com/2020/09/10/uva-groups-launch-equity-website-charlottesville-area-community/>

https://dailyprogress.com/news/local/education/uva-site-consolidates-resources-on-virtual-learning-child-care-for-area-families/article_e67df74f-c9ee-597d-b2fd-6a95d0b53783.html

The Board of Visitors has endorsed key aspects of the recommendations made by the Racial Equity Task Force that the Equity Center Faculty Director, Barbara Brown Wilson, was a member of:

https://news.virginia.edu/content/uva-board-visitors-endorses-goals-presented-racial-equity-task-force?utm_source=DailyReport&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=news

https://www.cavalierdaily.com/article/2020/09/uva-board-of-visitors-votes-to-contextualize-thomas-jefferson-statue-remove-george-rogers-clark-statue?ct=content_open&cv=cbox_featured

The Equity Center is now more closely aligned with the Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Community Partnerships:

https://news.virginia.edu/content/university-expands-mcdonalds-role-include-community-partnerships?utm_source=DailyReport&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=news

COMMUNITY PARTNERS SPOTLIGHT

Mental health advocate, and Equity Center Community Fellow-in-Residence, **Myra Anderson** is credited with encouraging the City of Charlottesville to create a mental health crisis task force:

<https://www.cvilletomorrow.org/articles/charlottesville-to-establish-mental-health-crisis-task-force>

Ms. Anderson and her organization Brave Souls on Fire have been working to speak out against the trauma of racism and criminalization of mental health. Be on the lookout for a series of webinars this fall on these topics and more.

We'd like to acknowledge the tremendous impact that our Local Steering Committee member **Don Gathers** has had on protest Thank you Don for continuing to be such a powerful voice in our community:

<https://www.cvilletomorrow.org/articles/photos-breonna-taylor-march-in-charlottesville>

<https://www.cvilletomorrow.org/articles/johnny-reb-is-gone-heres-the-status-of-the-5-other-charlottesville-area-statues-activists-want-removed>

https://dailyprogress.com/news/local/photos-purification-and-reclaiming-ceremony-at-former-at-ready-site/collection_0936e345-6fb0-58a3-86a9-5a90cb987d3f.html#1

<https://www.cbs19news.com/story/42610904/city-council-approves-two-new-honorary-street-signs>

<https://www.c-ville.com/remembers-the-forgotten-uva-memorial-to-enslaved-laborers-leads-calls-for-change/>

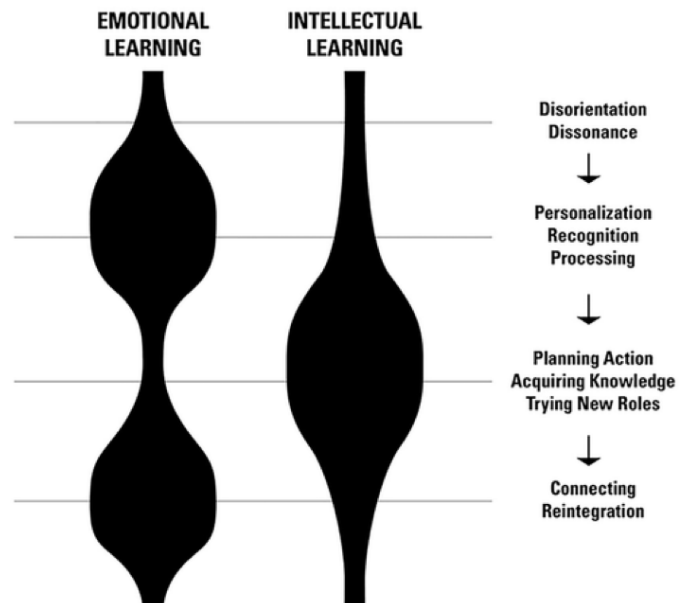
RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT

DISORIENTATION AS A LEARNING OBJECTIVE: APPLYING TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING THEORY IN PARTICIPATORY ACTION PEDAGOGY

Barbara Brown Wilson

Abstract: As the field of planning stretches toward redressing the injustices of past land use patterns through reparative practices, student learning needs to include socio-emotional, as well as technical and intellectual, skill-building. Pedagogy should increase the planner's ability to recognize systems of oppression and center lived expertise in decision-making processes. Transformational learning theory considers the mechanisms through which place-based learning expands student worldviews through exposure to other ways of knowing. Reflecting on a participatory action course through the analytical lens of transformational learning theory, this paper considers the pedagogical and ethical challenges and opportunities for planning education through collaborative action.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/RFKSQGMDABG8NHGW3DDN/full>



Transformational Learning Process, Illustrated by Kevan Klosterwill

UPCOMING EVENTS



REIMAGINING YOUTH WORK(ERS) AND THE ONGOING STRUGGLE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Dr. Bianca Baldrige

Bianca J. Baldrige is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. As a sociologist of education, Bianca's scholarship explores the socio-political context of community-based youth work and afterschool education. Bianca's research critically examines the confluence of race, class, and gender, and its impact on educational reforms that shape community-based spaces that engage Black and Latinx youth in the US. She explores the organizational and pedagogical practices employed by youth workers amid neoliberal education restructuring.

No Registration Required

Friday, October 2, 2020

11 AM - 12 PM

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/BaldrigeCurryTalk>

Zoom ID: 92324001048 Passcode: Curry2020

**VANGUARD:
HOW BLACK
WOMEN WON
THE VOTE**
WITH MARTHA S. JONES

Moderated by Corinne Field, Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality, and Sarah Milov, Department of History, University of Virginia.

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VANGUARD: HOW BLACK WOMEN WON THE VOTE

The Corcoran Department of History, GAGE, the Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, and Virginia Humanities are delighted to announce that on October 2 at 4pm Professor Martha Jones (Society of Black Alumni Presidential Professor and Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University) will be giving a virtual talk about her important new book, *Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All*. This event is free and open to public.

Friday, October 2, 2020

4 PM

To attend, register here:

<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/utw2so0v/register>

ON THIS SITE: ACKNOWLEDGING THE RACIALIZED HISTORY OF SITES, PLACES, & NEIGHBORHOODS

Bernadette Onyenaka is the co-founder of the O&G Racial Equity Collaborative. Bernadette formally held the position of Racial Equity Manager for the National League of Cities Race, Equity, and Leadership (REAL) initiative. In this role, she provided technical assistance to a cohort of six cities on governing for racial equity, by engaging with local elected officials and key city staff on how develop and take strategic actions to development and implement comprehensive city-wide racial equity plans.

Jess Zimbabwe is the Principal and Founder of Plot Strategies. Until recently, she directed for ten years

the Daniel Rose Center for Public Leadership – a partnership of the National League of Cities (NLC) and the Urban Land Institute (ULI). Previously, Jess was the Director of the Mayors’ Institute on City Design. In that capacity she worked with over 125 American mayors and cities to help local leaders better understand issues of urban design so that they could advocate for better built environments in their own communities.

Robert I. Plavnick lecture series in urban planning
[Register for this lecture](#)
October 7, 2020
6.30PM - 7.30PM (ET)

EQUITY CENTER TAKES OVER TOMTOM

We are honored that so many individuals associated with the Equity Center are speaking at the TomTom Festival over the next month:

Ben Allen, Executive Director

Panel Discussion: Community Supports:
[Scaffolding The Journey to Equity](#) - Panelist
Wed Oct 14, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT (1 Hour)

Daniel Fairley, Local Steering Committee

Panel Discussion: Community Supports:
[Scaffolding The Journey to Equity](#) - Panelist
Wed Oct 14, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT (1 Hour)

Elgin Cleckley, Faculty Director

Special Session: Paper Monuments:

Charlottesville - Speaker

To register for this session, please follow the link

here: https://virginia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kfV9uyvFSiOXC4VZCcCg9w

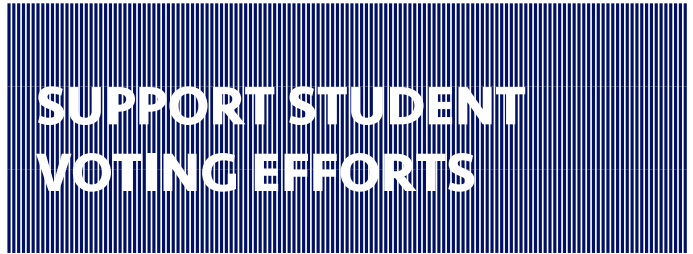
Mon Oct 05, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM EDT (1 Hour, 30 Min)

Michele Claibourn, Lead Data Scientist

Panel Discussion: [Data for Social Good in Charlottesville](#) - Panelist
Wed Oct 21, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT (1 Hour)

Nadiya Khaydari, Research Associate

Panel Discussion: Community Supports:
[Scaffolding The Journey to Equity](#) - Panelist
Wed Oct 14, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT (1 Hour)



College Civic and Community Engagement faculty led by Nomi Dave and Ellen Blackmon have compiled a document for professors who want to engage with their students in voting efforts. This document can be found [HERE](#).

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<https://twitter.com/equitycenteruva>