

DEPARTMENT OF ART & DESIGN EDUCATION

THE CENTER FOR ART, DESIGN, & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT K-12

THE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Academic Resilience, Achievement and Opportunities in Urban Schools and Higher Education

Thursday, October 29 at 12:30 | Alumni Reading Room | Pratt Institute

Join us in a conversation that bridges K-12 and higher education. Presentations focus on exemplary students and programs that reverse patterns of unequal achievement and access based on socio-economic status, race, and gender.



RICHARD GRAY Director, NYC Office of the Annenberg Institute for School Reform
Black Male Achievement in Urban School Districts

Richard Gray will address the emerging forms of academic and social support for Black male achievement in school systems across the country. Gray will present a broad overview of such programs and then focus on a few key examples, such as the Oakland, California school system's Office of African-American Male Achievement.



TONYA LESLIE VP & Publisher for Family and Community Engagement at Scholastic, Assistant Professor Pratt Institute
Student Resilience in STEM Fields

Tonya Leslie's research follows 11 vulnerable first-year college students in a competitive STEM university, to see what skills they use to succeed academically. The students are characterized as vulnerable because of their economic status and because their race/ethnicities are underrepresented in STEM fields. Leslie's findings suggest that students use self-talk strategies to decide to succeed in stressful situations.



AILEEN WILSON Director of the Center for Art, Design, & Community Engagement K-12, Professor Pratt Institute
Access and Opportunities in Art and Design

Aileen Wilson will explore the role of the Center for Art, Design, and Community Engagement K-12 at Pratt Institute, whose core mission is to create access and opportunities in art and design education and subsequent careers for children and youth in the communities surrounding Pratt. Aileen will share examples of the Center's programs.

Discussants



MARK WINSTON GRIFFITH Executive Director of the Brooklyn Movement Center

The Brooklyn Movement Center (BMC) is a community organizing group based in Bed-Stuy. The BMC brings together residents of Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights to identify issues of importance to them, build power and improve conditions in their community. Prior to coming on staff at the Brooklyn Movement Center, Mark was on the Faculty of the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism and was most recently the field organizer for the MOVE NY campaign. A Central Brooklyn native, Mark Winston Griffith is the former Executive Director and Senior Fellow for Economic Justice at the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy, and the former co-director of the Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project



SCOTT RUFF Visiting Associate Professor of Architecture at the Pratt Institute School of Architecture.

Scott Ruff is currently a Visiting Associate Professor of Architecture at the Pratt Institute School of Architecture. He is the principal of RuffWorks Studio, a research and design studio specializing in culturally informed projects and community engagement. RuffWorks Studio's focus is on design methods that embrace social responsibility as the studio works with clients to reach their goals for every project. Ruff's work fuses handcraft and contemporary methods of construction with awareness to the working of materials that ties it to a specific culture, environment, or manufacturing process. Professor Ruff is currently working on a book "Black Matter: In Search of Black Space".

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

This panel is free and open to the public

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