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The Nystrand Speaker Series: *Louisville Teacher Residency*



Stefanie Wooten-Burnett, Ph.D.



Sylena R. Fishback

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MODERATOR:

Dr. Geneva Stark
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Dr. Stefanie Wooten-Burnett is the Director of Multiple Pathways for Teacher Certification in the University of Louisville's College of Education & Human Development (CEHD). She is also an instructor in the Department of Elementary, Middle & Secondary Education (EMSTEd), where she currently serves as the Interim Department Chair. As a UofL alumna, she completed her Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance, with a concentration in Physical Education Teacher Preparation, and her Master of Arts in Teaching in Physical Education and Health Education. She completed her EdS in School Administration (Superintendent) at Indiana State University, before returning to UofL for her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction.

Since 2019, Dr. Wooten-Burnett has served as the Coordinator of the Alternative Certification program, now in its seventeenth year, which is designed to provide aspiring Elementary, Middle, Secondary, and Special Education candidates with a flexible, supportive opportunity to work as a full-time teacher while completing course work to earn Kentucky Teacher Certification and a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree.

Sylena R. Fishback serves as the Director of the Louisville Teacher Residency (LTR) in the division of Diversity, Equity, and Poverty with Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS). The Louisville Teacher Residency allows JCPS to prepare future teachers to not only thrive in JCPS school settings but also to equip them with the necessary tools to ensure that all students graduate prepared, empowered, and inspired to reach their full potential. Committed to providing equitable academic programs and services that respond to the needs of a diverse student population and prepare all students, Ms. Fishback also leads two programs created to honor the voice of Girls of Color within JCPS, Gifted G.I.R.L.S. and Girls on the R.I.S.E.

Ms. Fishback is a native of Bowling Green, KY and earned a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education from Western Kentucky University in 2007. She then moved to Louisville, KY where she began her teaching career with Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS). She continued her education at the University of Louisville earning a Master's of Education in Counseling and Personnel Services and is now pursuing her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Organizational Development at the University of Louisville. She is a 2021 Bingham Fellow with Leadership Louisville, a 2018 Class Act Federal Credit Union Hero of Education, and serves on numbers committees and taskforces at the state level to attract, recruit, hire, and retain teachers who more closely reflect the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of the student body in the state.