

# EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Empowering Anti-Racism through Higher Education & the Community

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The Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education supports and facilitates education reform through its outstanding special programs and initiatives. Strong community partnerships are the heart of our success and serve as an inspiration for those who work so diligently to provide a better education for our children. It is our mission to continue with transformation through collaboration by leading the discussion on education reform, policy, research, and practice.



Moderator:  
Dr. Geneva Stark  
*Director of the Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education*

The Collaborative for Racially Competent Teaching is a consortium of educators devoted to community healing through developing the capacity of pre-service and practicing teachers and leaders in the Greater Louisville Area to create schools and classrooms that support the thriving and success of Students of Color.

Collaborative for Anti-Racist Teaching

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## FEATURED SPEAKERS



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Beverly Chester-Burton, Ed.S.



Douglas Craddock, Jr., Ph.D.



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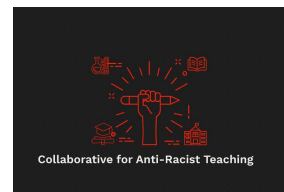


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## **Aaron Thompson, Ph.D.**

Dr. Aaron Thompson is a passionate advocate for higher education. As a first-generation college student from rural Clay County, Kentucky, he experienced first-hand the transformative power of a college credential. As President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, he works to ensure all Kentuckians have an equal opportunity to improve their lives through postsecondary education. Before taking the helm of CPE, Thompson served as interim president of Kentucky State University; CPE executive vice president and provost; and faculty member and administrator at Eastern Kentucky University. Follow Dr. Thompson: @cpepres



## **Beverly Chester-Burton, Ed.S.**

Beverly Chester-Burton is a teacher at Jefferson County Public Schools. She is the first African American to serve as Mayor of Shively and was the first African American to serve on Shively City Council. She attended the University of Louisville, Spalding University and Western Kentucky University. She holds a Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision, a Masters in Teaching, Masters in Counseling and Psychology, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication. She has worked in education for more than 20 years (University of Louisville, Northern Kentucky University and Jefferson County Public Schools). As a JCTA and KEA Board of Directors member, she serves on various committees and is an advocate for public education on the local, state and national level. Currently, she serves as the NEA Mid-Atlantic Women's Caucus Chair. Ms. Chester-Burton is the founder of L.E.A.P (Leaders Engaging Actively in Politics).



## **Douglas Craddock, Jr., Ph.D.**

Dr. Craddock serves as the Chief of Staff and Assistant Professor of Higher Education in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville. His research and teaching focuses are Diversity & Inclusion, Community Engagement Scholarship and Community Based Participatory Research Methods. In addition, areas of Collegiate Athletics and Historically Black Colleges and Universities focusing on varying administration and leadership models that exist across the spectrum of programs and institutions. Dr. Craddock holds a B.S. in Management Information Systems from the University of Alabama, a M.Eng. in Engineering Management from the University of Alabama Birmingham, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama.



## **Donald "DJ" Mitchell, Jr., Ph.D.**

Donald "DJ" Mitchell Jr., Ph.D., was appointed Bellarmine University's inaugural chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer in June 2020. As chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer, DJ serves as a member of the president's cabinet, advising the cabinet on university-wide initiatives, programs, and policies. He also develops and monitors key performance indicators that demonstrate the university's progress in diversity, equity, and inclusion. In his role, DJ often draws on his research and scholarship that explore race, gender, identity intersections, and intersectionality within higher education contexts.



## **Kish Cumi Price, Ph.D.**

Kish Cumi Price, Ph.D. has served in schools and communities largely representing minoritized populations for over 15 years. Her work has been fueled by a passion for educational and social justice in her various roles as director of education policy and programming, executive director of an integrated health care pediatric office, elementary school counselor, CEO and co-founder of a mentoring/tutoring program for middle school students, a clinical mental health counselor for high school students, and a researcher and counselor educator. She advocates for equity in education that extends beyond theory into strategic action. A National Holmes Alumna, Dr. Kish is a native of Flint, Michigan and Franklin, Tennessee. She received her doctorate from the University of Louisville (Counselor Education and Supervision) and her B.A. (Psychology) and M.A.Ed. (Counselor Education, School Counseling) from Wake Forest University. Dr. Kish is a proud wife and mother.



## **Edith Nelson Yarbrough, M.Ed.**

Edith Nelson Yarbrough, known as Edy, is a native Louisvillian and is one of the "Pioneers of Forced Busing" who experienced the trauma of Court Ordered Busing and School Desegregation in 1975. She has reported for the Louisville Defender and had a stint at WHAS as a new reporter. She has also worked in Public Relations at the KY Center for the Arts and Adolph Coors and coordinating political campaigns for Ann Elmore, Clifford Turner, and Paul Bather. She was in education for over 25 years and now teaches as a professor at Simmons College of KY, Louisville's HBCU. She has served on various community boards across the city and state and nationally; she is currently one of the Ethnic Minority Directors of KY Education Association-Retired and serves on the board of "Suited For Life," a non-profit organization that works to support lower socio-economic families in distress. She has served as a Deacon at Bates Memorial Church for over 15 years. She is also the founder of Saving Our Noble Sons (SONS), a non-profit which works to support young males in reaching their highest potential. She obtained her Bachelor's degree from the University Louisville, as well as her Masters in Education and Rank One in Leadership with Principal's Endorsement. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in the area of Education: Creative Leadership and Innovations.