

2022 BCPS EQUITY CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS



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Morning General Session

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM
at The Signature Grand Main Ballroom
General Whole Group Sessions



Heroes of the Holocaust

10:25 AM - 11:15 AM
at Spanish Palm A
Breakout Session 1



Adina Baseman
Teacher
Tropical Elementary School
[Speaker's Page](#)

A comprehensive history and understanding of the origins of the Holocaust, and true stories of resistance and rescue.

From Poverty To Leadership: Empowering Our Marginalized Students



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Empress Suite 2

Breakout Session 1



Danita Crawford

Recovery Services Manager

BCPS

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Learn 5 ways to encourage student leadership among marginalized students. This session will discuss several methods used by community leaders to improve self-confidence, socioeconomic status, and resources. Understanding the strategies taken by community leaders could potentially create more impactf...[Read More](#)

A Climate of Inclusivity: How to Integrate STEM with Social Justice



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Caribbean Palm A

Breakout Session 1



Karolyn Burns

Programs Manager

The CLEO Institute

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CLEO's expertise lies in presenting the science, urgency, and solutions of the climate crisis. We address the disproportionate impact it has on marginalized communities as a way to foster conversations about race, gender, and income inequality. CLEO can help educators use climate change as a way to ...[Read More](#)

Regaining Joy in Teaching



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Caribbean Palm B

Breakout Session 1



Dr. Dilys Schoorman

Professor/Scholar/Academic Consultant

Florida Atlantic University

[Speaker's Page](#)

Helping teachers rediscover the joy of teaching through reflective practice. Session designed to encourage and uplift educators in unprecedented times.

Support Services for Student(s) Social, Emotional , and Mental Health Needs



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Spanish Palm B

Breakout Session 1



Giselle Forde-Myers

School Social Worker

BCPS

[Speaker's Page](#)

Exploring the impact of mental health and the rising disparities among children and student groups from an "Equitable Lens". How can schools and communities address removing barriers to provide effective social, emotional and behavioral supports to student's mental health an well-being in a K-12 cla...[Read More](#)

Culturally Responsive Instruction: An English Language Learner's Perspective



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Monarch Suite 5

Breakout Session 1



Kathiana Tingue

ESOL Instructional Facilitator
Bilingual/ESOL Department

[Speaker's Page](#)

What does culturally responsive instruction mean to you? Join this session for an interactive opportunity to reflect on culturally and linguistically responsive instructional strategies to meet the diverse needs of ELLs. Explore best practices to value students' languages, culture, and backgro...[Read More](#)

Teaching Standards-Based Hard History: African Americans during the World Wars and Postwar Years



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Date Palm B

Breakout Session 1



Kevin Fair

Teacher of African American Studies
BCPS

[Speaker's Page](#)

Teaching history isn't always easy, especially when it is "hard history." The facilitation of hard history can be complex, but it is not just our responsibility to do so, the Standards call for it. In this session, we will examine the continuum of Civil Rights throughout the 20th c...[Read More](#)

Latin X History



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Date Palm A

Breakout Session 1



Roberto Fernandez

Instructional Facilitator

BCPS Equity and Diversity

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BluApple Poetry Programming Orientation



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Imperial Suite 1

Breakout Session 1



Shawntee` Herring (pronounced Shawn-Tay)

Program Director/Teacher/Sponsor

Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Network

[Speaker's Page](#)

Orientation on bringing BluApple Poetry programming into schools.

Social-Emotional Intelligence Meet Social-Emotional Learning



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Caribbean Palm B

Breakout Session 1

Vernicca Wynter



Principal
Lyons Creek Middle School

Speaker's Page

Social Emotional Learning starts with 'self'. As educators, it is important to be socially and emotionally intelligent and utilize strategies that create positive, supportive communication. This workshop will define social-emotional intelligence, mindfulness, and empathetic listening. Th...[Read More](#)

Integration of Foreign Languages in American Schools: A step toward cultural inclusiveness.



10:25 AM - 11:15 AM

at Royal Suite 4

Breakout Session 1



Omar Quijada

The Teacher's Voice and its Effect on Student Learning.
Boulevard Heights Elem.

Speaker's Page

Presentation will highlight the importance of integrating foreign languages in American schools for promoting cultural inclusiveness. An educator will share experience as an exchange educator from Morocco. This session will also provide participants with an overview about TCLP program and show ...[Read More](#)

Local Broward History



10:26 AM - 12:20 PM

at Coconut Palm A

Breakout Session 1 & 2 (Double Session)



Emmanuel George

Historian/Archivist/Film maker



African American Research Library

[Speaker's Page](#)

Short film and discussion on history of integration of schools in Broward. Extended conversation and film analysis.

Open Dialogues: Black Voices | Black Stories



10:26 AM - 12:20 PM

at Coconut Palm A

Breakout Session 1 & 2 (Double Session)



Jeff Rusnak

Director of Development Art and Culture Center/
Hollywood
Art and Culture Center/ Hollywood

[Speaker's Page](#)

The Art and Culture Center/Hollywood's documentary short film Open Dialogues: Black Voices | Black Stories focuses on what social justice looks and feels like for Black Americans, as told through the narratives and performances of eight community leaders in Broward County. Directed, photograph...[Read More](#)

The Algebra Project



10:26 AM - 12:20 PM

at Royal Palm Salon 5-Master Class

Breakout Session 1 & 2 (Double Session)



Maisha Moses

The Algebra Project, Inc

[Speaker's Page](#)

Conversations with the President of the Broward NAACP Fort Lauderdale Chapter



10:26 AM - 12:20 PM

at Grand Ballroom- Master Class

Breakout Session 1 & 2 (Double Session)



Marsha A. Ellison

NAACP Broward/Fort Lauderdale Chapter NAACP
President-Broward

[Speaker's Page](#)

TBA NAACP Broward/Fort Lauderdale Chapter

What They Wore and Why It Matters: Exploring Women's History Through Fashion



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Date Palm B

Breakout Session 2



Angela Andriesse

Instructional Specialist, Secondary ELA
BCPS

[Speaker's Page](#)

Throughout history, the status of women has been reflected in their attire and grooming expectations. Participants will explore women's social, political, and economic status by examining the fashion trends from colonial to modern times.

Leverage Your Village: Including students with complex disabilities.



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

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at Caribbean Palm B

Breakout Session 2



Andrea Ciotti

ESE Curriculum Supervisor, InD
BCPS Exceptional Student Learning Support
Division

[Speaker's Page](#)

This presentation will provide stakeholders with practical inclusive practices for students with complex disabilities. Participants will gain high leverage strategies for collaboration, instruction, inclusive practices and practical take aways in order to ensure that students with complex disabili...[Read More](#)

High Leverage Practices for Inclusive Classrooms



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Monarch Suite 5

Breakout Session 2



Bari Aronson

FIN Facilitator
Broward Schools

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Educators will familiarize themselves with the 22 High Leverage Practices (HLPs) for Students with Disabilities in the following four areas; collaboration, assessment, social/emotional/behavioral and instruction. Educators will review all 11 instructional HLPs with a focus on Explicit Instruction.

Affirming and Liberating Black Students by Centering Their History and Culture



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Spanish Palm A

Breakout Session 2



Brian Knowles

Manager, Office of African, African American,
Latino, Holocaust, and Gender Studies

Palm Beach County Schools

[Speaker's Page](#)

Traditional schools and classrooms have created environments that have not been affirming for Black students. During this session, participants will examine the historical roots of anti-Blackness and how it has impacted educational institutions. We will unpack how Black people have been systematical...[Read More](#)

History of the Holocaust Secondary Education



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Spanish Palm B

Breakout Session 2



Bruce Klasner

Teacher

Everglades High School

[Speaker's Page](#)

Presentation of resources to be utilized in secondary education according to state standards.

Embarking on a Scaling for Equity Journey: Pitfalls to Avoid and People to Embrace Along the Way



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Empress Suite 2

Breakout Session 2

Debra Kelly Thomas



STEM+CS Instructional Facilitator
STEM+CS Programs, Applied Learning Department

[Speaker's Page](#)

Presentation will provide a framework to lead change as well as lessons learned through our scaling journey of a Research-Practice Partnership (RPP) to spread critical thinking practices in the district. Participants will be provided time to reflect on, share and discuss plans to lead their own scal...[Read More](#)

Ensuring Equity through the Lens of the Architecture of Accomplished Teaching



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Imperial Suite 1

Breakout Session 2



Donald Nicolas

Staff Developer
TPLG

[Speaker's Page](#)

What is the Architecture of Accomplished Teaching? How can teachers leverage its contents to ensure that equity is a focus of their teaching practice? This interactive presentation will introduce and unravel the components of the Architecture of Accomplished Teaching and inform attendees on how to i...[Read More](#)

Understanding HB7-A Strategic Approach to Teaching the Holocaust and African American Mandates in 2022



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Caribbean Palm A

Breakout Session 2

Dr. Rosanna Gatens

Dr. Rosanna Gatens

Professor/Academic Scholar/Consultant



Florida Atlantic University
[Speaker's Page](#)

Know the laws impact history/social studies instruction. Understand what specific content and pedagogy are affected by HB 7. Understand what may and may not be investigated in classroom instruction.

Suicide Prevention LGBTQ+



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Coconut Palm B

Breakout Session 2



Joseph Zolobczuk

Executive Director

YES Institute

[Speaker's Page](#)

TBA YES Institute

Reach to Teach



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Royal Suite 4

Breakout Session 2



Katrice Dixon

Teacher/ Equity Liasion

BCPS

[Speaker's Page](#)

Providing educators 7 trauma-informed steps to improve student engagement, performance and decrease disruptive

Providing educators / students informed steps to improve student engagement, performance and decrease disruptive behavior.

Teaching Florida's African American History



11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

at Date Palm A

Breakout Session 2



Roberto Fernandez

Instructional Facilitator

BCPS Equity and Diversity

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This will focus on the Standards and Mandates on Florida's African American History. Topics to be taught include the Rosewood and Ocoee Incidents.

Beyond Biography: Women's History Lesson Ideas for the Elementary Classroom



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Date Palm B

Breakout Session 2



Angela Andriesse

Instructional Specialist, Secondary ELA

BCPS

[Speaker's Page](#)

Participants will explore lesson ideas and best practices for "Remembering the Ladies" in the elementary classroom. Explore the Florida Women's Heritage Trail, Florida's contributions to the fight for women's suffrage, Native American women's contributions, and women and girls' contributions to the ...[Read More](#)

Ethical Backgrounds and Their Contributing Factors to Social-Emotional and Behavioral Issues in the Classroom



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Imperial Suite 1

Breakout Session 3



Kinyatta Sims

Margate Elementary

[Speaker's Page](#)

Classroom tactics, building rapport and how to differentiate learning to multiple cultures.

DIG Deeper to Learn through Equitable Student Voice



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Caribbean Palm B

Breakout Session 3



Annmargareth S. Marousky

TEACHER - CURRICULUM FACILITATOR

Applied Learning, STEM+CS

[Speaker's Page](#)

Teachers and administrative relationships with students are at the core of culturally responsive teaching. Providing opportunities for equitable student voice fosters personalized learning, deeper content engagement, and a positive learning environment where students feel encouraged and comfortable ...[Read More](#)

Final Account



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Spanish Palm B

Breakout Session 3



Linda Medvin

Director

Arthur and Emalie Gutterman Family Center for
Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Florida
Atlantic University

[Speaker's Page](#)

A learning experience, utilizing USC Shoah Foundation's IWitness educational platform and accompanying educational materials, aims to spark an important discussion about complicity, propaganda, and responsibility through the lens of the unprecedented film, Final Account. Final Account does not aim t...[Read More](#)

Teaching the Holocaust Through the Arts



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Spanish Palm A

Breakout Session 3



Donna Haynes

BCPS Applied Learning Department

[Speaker's Page](#)

"Teaching the Holocaust Through the Arts" initiative that has been growing in BCPS Elementary Schools the past two years. Presentation will highlight the history of the "Butterfly Project" and how the Arts can be used to help enhance and deepen the lessons of the Holocaust. The goal educate about th...[Read More](#)

Neurodiversity in Institutions of Learning: UDL A Practical Approach to Equity



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Empress Suite 2

Breakout Session 3



Massia Bailey

Autism Coach

Pasadena Lakes Elementary

[Speaker's Page](#)

The neurodiversity paradigm recognizes that there is a huge variety of ways in which humans think, learn and relate to others – and that this diversity needs to be recognized, anticipated and accepted, rather than being considered inferior or disordered. Variation in neurology among learners is incr...[Read More](#)

Responding to Situationally Inappropriate Behavior Through a Culturally Responsive Lens



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Coconut Palm B

Breakout Session 3



Donna Lindsay

School Climate & Discipline

[Speaker's Page](#)

This presentation highlights “situationally inappropriate behavior” and how to support disciplinary equity. We will identify 3 prevention strategies and 3 specific practices that support equitable disciplinary outcomes. Participants will leave with an understanding of “situationall...[Read More](#)

5000 Years of African History Across the Globe before Slavery



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Royal Palm Salon 5-Master Class

Breakout Session 3



Matthew A. Pigatt

Education Consultant

Sankofa Enterprises, Inc.

[Speaker's Page](#)

From the dawn of human history, people of African descent have laid the foundations of our society. Thousands of years before the Greeks and Romans, Africans established advanced civilizations whose innovations were not eclipsed until the last 200 years. By the time Christopher Columbus finally cros...[Read More](#)

Using Creativity and "other" Curriculum in the Holocaust Classroom



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Monarch Suite 5

Breakout Session 3



Judy Hainsworth

BCPS Cypress Bay High School

[Speaker's Page](#)

To present creative, student-friendly, high-interest ways to assess, test and engage students in the Holocaust classroom. For example: using math, geography, art, photography, poetry creatively and in a new way. Squiggles, number conversions, geometric shapes, analysis sketches, creative response no...[Read More](#)

Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI)



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Date Palm A

Breakout Session 3



Michele LaCoursiere

Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI)

[Speaker's Page](#)

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Native Americans in the Curriculum



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Coconut Palm A

Breakout Session 3



Kim Cunningham

Instructional Facilitator, Native American studies,

Dept of Equity and Diversity

Broward County Public Schools

[Speaker's Page](#)

TBA

Seriously?



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Royal Suite 4

Breakout Session 3



Mohamed El Ouardi

Teacher of Arabic

Plantation Middle School



Speaker's Page

Words have power and energy. How we address our students, affects them both directly and indirectly.

Finding Underrepresented Populations of Gifted



2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

at Caribbean Palm A

Breakout Session 3



Susan Teller

Gifted Coordinator
Innovative Learning

[Speaker's Page](#)

Too many students do not receive appropriately challenging curriculum and services and as a result, fail to reach their potential. This is a loss, not only for the students, but for the nation. The gaps in support of and services for our most advanced students are even more pronounced for children f...[Read More](#)

Closing Session



3:40 PM - 4:00 PM

at The Signature Grand Ballroom

General Whole Group Sessions