

Diverse Voices

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At the beginning of the 2021-2022 academic year, IUP received a [grant](#) through the [McElhattan Foundation](#) designed to expand educator diversity. The Diversity in Education through Expanding Partnerships project (Project DEEP) aims to create a community of educators that is situated to address barriers and provide multiple pathways for developing teachers that are more representative of the communities they serve. Through this grant, various professional development opportunities and workshops will be provided for Educator Preparation Programs faculty and staff.

Upcoming Workshops

Difficult Dialogues

Friday, March 4, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Dr. Torges and her team will be hosting a virtual workshop for TECC and all available EPP faculty and staff. This workshop is intended to foster the work we are doing as an educator preparation program to become more culturally responsive and informed.

In this workshop, we will talk collectively about how we bring race, culture, and equity into the education classroom (or why we don't and how to address that absence). What is difficult about these conversations for us and for our students?

<https://iupvideo.zoom.us/j/96610801130>

Fireside Chat with Mr. Sharif El-Mekki, Founder & CEO, The Center for Black Educator Development

Monday, March 21, 3:30-5:00pm

Mr. El-Mekki is a former principal and teacher, an IUP and Cheyney alum, and a national voice in conversations around diversifying the teacher workforce. The Center for Black Educator Development addresses educational inequities to improve academic and social outcomes for all students through increased teacher diversity. Their work includes professional development for school districts, departments of education, and colleges and universities. During the summer, they run Freedom Schools Literacy Academies, which integrate a culturally sustaining early-literacy curriculum with an educator-apprenticeship program, providing college and high school students with experiences designed to encourage a future career in education.

In this session, understand why teacher diversity matters and how the Center for Black Educator Development is addressing that problem. Think about how we as teachers, administrators, and coordinators can learn from their model.

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