

Why Good Intentions Aren't Enough: A conversation about how race matters in school

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

7:00-9:00pm

Location: Brooks Middle School Auditorium

325 S. Kenilworth Ave, Oak Park

During this session Dr. Amanda E. Lewis, author of *Despite the Best Intentions: Why Racial Inequality Thrives in Good Schools* (co-authored with John Diamond), will discuss why racial gaps in educational outcomes persist even in school districts where both good intentions and resources are in abundance. More importantly, we will talk about what schools, school personnel, parents/guardians and community members can do to try and close those gaps and ensure that all of our children reach their full potential.

Amanda E. Lewis is the Director of the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy and Professor of African American Studies and Sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research focuses on how race shapes educational opportunities and on how our ideas about race get negotiated in everyday life. Her new book with co-author John Diamond, is titled *Despite the Best Intentions: Why racial inequality persists in good schools* (Oxford University Press). Her book on how race shapes everyday life in elementary schools, *Race in the Schoolyard: Negotiating the color-line in classrooms and communities* (Rutgers University Press 2003), has received several awards and was featured in a number of media outlets. Her research has appeared in a number of academic venues including *Sociological Theory*, *American Educational Research Journal*, *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Race and Society*, and *Anthropology and Education Quarterly*, *The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, and *The Du Bois Review*. She lectures and consults regularly on issues of educational equity and contemporary forms of racism.



Childcare: On-site childcare will be available to those who indicate need when registering.

Registration prior to the event is required. Limited number of seats available. Once we reach full capacity, registrations will be closed.

Register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/z5bHO9jfGn2dPL6n1>

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