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Diversity and Difference Committee

The Diversity and Difference Committee serves as a clearinghouse for activities, expertise and curriculum materials related to diversity and difference. The committee enhances communication, scholarship collaboration, coordination of professional development and sharing of resources among those engaged in learning about diversity and difference. It also works to promote diversity in all aspects of the College of Education and Human Development. Each school elects one member to serve on the Diversity and Difference Committee, and one additional member is elected as an at-large member.

Goals and responsibilities

To educate our students and ourselves to:

- Understand and appreciate differences among people
- Comprehend the impacts of privilege and difference in his/her own life and educational experience
- Be skilled at communicating and collaborating with people different from herself/himself, particularly in the context of his/her work as an educator or other professional
- Be skilled at mediating conflict and misunderstanding among children and adults based on privilege and difference
- Be adept at shaping teaching, curriculum, educational policy, and institutional culture in ways that honor and celebrate difference and diversity
- Understand the origins and dynamics of attitudes, beliefs, and behavioral patterns that create inequities based on difference
- Understand the ways in which organizations and systems, often unintentionally institutionalize privilege and disadvantage among groups

Diversity and Difference Committee:

- Kaz Yanagi, Chair
- Catharine Biddle, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership
- Faith Erhardt, Academic Advising and Support Services Coordinator
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