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Passing the Torch

The Past, Present, and Future
of Interdistrict School Desegregation

**a convening
of key policymakers, researchers,
advocates, and practitioners
from the nation's nine major interdistrict
desegregation programs**

**National Summit on Interdistrict School Desegregation
January 16-18, 2009 at Harvard Law School**

*Charles
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Houston*

INSTITUTE FOR
RACE & JUSTICE

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Conference Agenda for Friday, January 16, 2009

Location: Pound Hall, Ropes Gray Room

8:30 – 9:00am	General Registration Pound Hall, Outside Ropes Gray Room	
9:00 – 9:30am	Welcome & Breakfast: Why Are We Here? Susan Eaton Amy Stuart Wells	<i>Research Director at the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard Law School Professor of Sociology and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University</i>
	Youth Performance Roxbury Weston Preschool	
9:30 – 10:00am	Overview of Desegregation Law Dennis Parker Gary Orfield	<i>Director, Racial Justice Program at the American Civil Liberties Union Co-Director of the Civil Rights Project, UCLA</i>
10:00 – 10:45am	Overview of the Interdistrict Desegregation Plans Amy Stuart Wells	<i>Professor of Sociology and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University</i>
10:45 – 11:30am	The Struggle Behind the Plans: The Making of Interdistrict Desegregation Programs	



Susan Uchitelle

First Executive Director,
 Voluntary Interdistrict
 Choice Corporation
Discussing Missouri's Program



Katherine Butler Jones

Educator & Activist,
Discussing the Massachusetts Program



John Brittain

Chief Counsel and Senior
 Deputy Director,
 Lawyers Committee
 for Civil Rights
Discussing Connecticut's Program

Moderated by: Gary Orfield

Co-Director, The Civil Rights Project at UCLA

11:30 – 11:45am	Question and Answer Period
11:45am – 12:00pm	Housekeeping

12:00 – 1:15pm

Practitioner’s Power Lunch: A Knowledge Cafe



Meira Levinson

Assistant Professor,
Harvard Graduate
School of Education



Susan Eaton

Research Director,
Charles Hamilton Houston
Institute for Race and Justice

&



Johanna Wald

Director of Strategic
Planning & Development,
Charles Hamilton Houston
Institute for Race and Justice



Willis Hawley

Professor Emeritus,
University of Maryland

Facilitated by: Samantha Elliott Briggs

Mix it Up Director,
The Southern Poverty Law Center

1:15 – 1:30pm

Break

1:30 – 2:45pm

The Past, Present, and Future: Challenges and Opportunities for Interdistrict Desegregation Programs



Patricia Gandara

Co-Director,
The Civil Rights
Project at UCLA



Kevin Brown

Professor,
Indiana University
School of Law
Discussing Indiana’s Program



Liz Dupont-Dichl

Communications Coordinator,
The Sheff Movement coalition
Discussing Connecticut’s Program



Ron Raikes

Senator,
State of Nebraska
Discussing Nebraska’s Program



Erica Frankenberg

Research & Policy Director,
Initiative on School Integration,
Civil Rights Project at UCLA

Moderated by: Susan Eaton

Research Director, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute

2:45 – 3:00pm

Question and Answer Period

3:00 – 3:15pm

Break

3:15 – 5:00pm

Movie Screening & Discussion: Far From Home



Hank Van Putten

Principal,
Oak Hill Middle School
Discussing the Massachusetts Program



Katani Sumner

METCO Counselor,
Discussing the Massachusetts Program

Christian “Tre” Woodson

Student,
Brookline High School
Discussing the Massachusetts Program



Ronaldo Check

Principal,
Diversity Development
Discussing the Massachusetts Program

NATIONAL SUMMIT ON INTERDISTRICT SCHOOL DESEGREGATION
 JANUARY 16-18, 2009

Conference Agenda for Saturday, January 17, 2009

Location: Austin Hall, North Classroom

8:30 – 9:00am General Registration & Continental Breakfast
 Austin Hall, Outside North Classroom

9:00 – 9:15am **Houskeeping & Moving Forward**
 Amy Stuart Wells *Professor of Sociology and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University*

9:15 – 10:00am **Overcoming Legal Challenges: Understanding the Seattle/Louisville Supreme Court Decision**



Roslyn Mickelson

Professor of Sociology, Public Policy, IT and Women's Studies, University of North Carolina at Charlotte



Scott Page

Research Professor, Center for Political Studies and Associate Director, Center for the Study of Complex Systems, University of Michigan



John Brittain

Chief Counsel and Senior Deputy Director, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights



Anurima Bhargava

Director of the Education Practice, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund

Moderated by: Amy Stuart Wells

Professor of Sociology and Education, Teachers College, Columbia University

10:00 – 10:15am Question and Answer Period

10:15 – 10:30am Break

10:30 – 10:45am **Overview of Educational Landscape**
 Susan Eaton *Research Director at the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard Law School*

10:45 – 11:30am **Answering Difficult Questions About Race-Conscious Student Assignment: A Nuanced Conversation About Why Separate Is Still Unequal**



Sean Reardon

Associate Professor of Education and Sociology, Stanford University



Richard Kahlenberg

Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation



Stephen Menendian

Senior Legal Research Associate, The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity



John Powell

Executive Director, The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

Moderated by: Jimmy Durchslag

Director of Guests on Call, Mainstream Media Project

11:30 – 11:45am Question and Answer Period

11:45am – 12:15pm

What the Future Holds: Hopeful School Integration Models



Jennifer Jellison Holme

Assistant Professor of Educational Policy & Planning, University of Texas at Austin College of Education
Discussing Nebraska's Program



Myron Orfield

Executive Director, Institute on Race and Poverty, University of Minnesota Law School



John Powell

Executive Director, The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

12:15 – 12:30pm

Relocation to Pound Hall, Ropes Gray Room

12:30 – 1:30pm

Keynote Luncheon: "Litigation and Integration Then and Now"

Amy Stuart Wells

Professor of Sociology and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University

The Honorable David Tatel

United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

1:30 – 1:45pm

Relocation to Austin Hall, North Classroom

1:45 – 2:00pm

Overview: The Importance of Contextual Strategies

Philip Tegeler

Executive Director, Poverty and Race Research Action Council

2:00 – 3:00pm

View from the City: Urban Perspectives on Interdistrict Desegregation Programs



Bob Peterkin

Director, Urban Superintendents Program, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Former Superintendent in Milwaukee, WI



William Taylor

Chairman, Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights



Philip Tegeler

Executive Director, Poverty and Race Research Action Council
Discussing Connecticut's Program

Moderated by: Myron Orfield

Executive Director, Institute on Race and Poverty at the University of Minnesota Law School

Conference Agenda for Saturday, January 17, 2009 Cont'd

Location: Austin Hall, North Classroom

3:00 – 4:00pm

View from the Suburbs: Challenges and Opportunities for Suburban Practitioners



Erica Frankenberg
Research & Policy Director,
Initiative on School Integration,
Civil Rights Project at UCLA



Hank Van Putten
Principal,
Oak Hill Middle School
Discussing the Massachusetts Program



John Brittain
Chief Counsel and Senior
Deputy Director,
Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights

Moderated by: Susan Eaton

Research Director, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute

4:00 – 4:15pm

Break

4:15 – 4:45pm

Conclusion: The State's Role



Tom White
Senator,
State of Nebraska
Discussing Nebraska's Program



Andrew Fleischmann
State Representative,
Connecticut General Assembly and
Chairman of the Education Committee
Discussing Connecticut's Program

Moderated by: Jen Holme

Assistant Professor, Education Policy and Planning,
University of Texas at Austin

4:45 – 5:00pm

Question & Answer Period

Conference Agenda for Sunday January 18, 2009

Location: Pound Hall, Specified Locations

8:45 – 9:00am Welcome
Pound Hall, Ropes Gray Room

9:00 – 9:15am **Keynote Breakfast: “An Activist Mother’s Perspective”**
Susan Eaton *Research Director at the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard Law School*
Elizabeth Horton Sheff *Director of Community Services at the Community Renewal Team*

9:30 – 10:45am **Action Workshops**
Various locations in Pound Hall (see pages 13-14 for speaker listings)- Room assignments will be posted

Workshop #1

Making Schools More Responsive to Diversity

Workshop #2

Linking Housing & School Policy to Deconcentrate Poverty & Promote Diversity

Workshop #3

Winning Public Support for Interdistrict School Desegregation: A Focus on Media & Messaging

Workshop #4

What the Future Holds: The Desegregation Lawyer as Community Advocate

Workshop #5

Researching School Integration Programs

Workshop #6

Getting Around the Transportation Barrier

10:45 – 11:00am Break

11:00 – 11:30am Report from Action Workshop Leaders
Ropes Gray Room

11:30am – 12:30pm **Crafting an Agenda: Three Things You Can Do to Help Create & Sustain a Movement for Cross-District Diversity**



Cassie Schwerner

Vice President of Programs, The Schott Foundation for Public Education



Francisco Negron

Associate Executive Director and General Counsel, National School Boards Association



Amy Stuart Wells

Professor of Sociology and Education, Teachers College, Columbia University

12:30 – 12:45pm Closing Remarks

Action Workshops

All our struggles must tie in together and support one another.
We must remain on the alert and push the
struggle farther with all our might.

—Charles Hamilton Houston

- Workshop #1: Making Schools Responsive to Diversity
- Workshop #2: Linking Housing & School Policy to Deconcentrate Poverty and Promote Diversity
- Workshop #3: Winning Public Support for Interdistrict School Desegregation: A Focus on Media & Messaging
- Workshop #4: What the Future Holds: The Desegregation Lawyer as Community Advocate
- Workshop #5: Researching School Integration Programs
- Workshop #6: Getting Around the Transportation Barrier

#1: Making Schools More Responsive to Diversity



Erica Frankenberg

Research & Policy Director,
Initiative on School Integration,
Civil Rights Project at UCLA



Patricia Gandara

Co-Director,
The Civil Rights
Project at UCLA



Glenn Singleton

Executive Director,
Pacific Educational Group

Justice Williams

Director of Programs,
The City School

#2: Linking Housing & School Policy to Deconcentrate Poverty & Promote Diversity



Deborah McKoy

Executive Director,
Center for Cities and Schools,
University of California Berkeley



Philip Tegeler

Executive Director,
Poverty and Race Research
Action Council



Frank Fernandez

Executive Director,
Community Partnership
for the Homeless



Dolores Acevedo-Garcia

Associate Professor,
Harvard School of Public Health

#3: Winning Public Support for Interdistrict School Desegregation: A Focus on Media, Messaging, and Organizing



Jimmy Durchslag

Director, Guests on Call,
Mainstream Media Project



Cassie Schwerner

Vice President of Programs,
The Schott Foundation
for Public Education



Susan Eaton

Research Director,
Charles Hamilton Houston
Institute for Race and Justice

#4: What the Future Holds: The Desegregation Lawyer as Community Advocate



Dennis Parker

Director,
Racial Justice Program,
American Civil
Liberties Union



William Taylor

Chairman,
Citizens' Commission
on Civil Rights



Derek Black

Professor,
Howard University
School of Law



Jonathan Feldman

Senior Attorney,
Empire Justice Center



Kevin Brown

Professor of Law,
Indiana University
School of Law

#5: Researching School Integration Programs



Amy Stuart Wells

Professor of Sociology and
Education, Teachers College,
Columbia University



Scan Reardon & Kendra Bischoff

Associate Professor
of Education,
Stanford University



Doctoral Student in
Sociology,
Stanford University



Kara Finnigan

Assistant Professor, Warner
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William Trent

Professor,
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Jennifer Jellison Holme

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Texas at Austin



Roslyn Mickelson

Professor of Sociology, Public
Policy, IT and Women's Studies,
University of North Carolina
at Charlotte

#6: Getting Around the Transportation Barrier



Thomas Sanchez

Chair and Associate Professor,
University of Utah,
Department of City and
Metropolitan Planning



Bruce Douglas

Executive Director, Capitol
Region Education Council
Discussing Connecticut's Program



Marc Brenman

Executive Director,
Washington State
Human Rights Commission



Rayane Morcira

Assistant Professor of Organic
Chemistry, Hampshire College

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**Urban-Suburban
Transfer Program**
New York

**Metropolitan Council
for Educational Opportunity**
Massachusetts

**Voluntary Interdistrict
Choice Corporation**
Missouri

Chapter 220
Wisconsin

**The Voluntary
Transfer Program**
California

**Open Choice and
Interdistrict Magnet Schools**
Connecticut

The Choice is Yours
Minnesota

**Suburban Township
Desegregation Plan**
Indiana

**Metro Area
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