MERREC Welcomes Our 5 New Faculty Fellows!

Congratulations to our five new faculty fellows, Dr. Andrene Castro, Dr. Jason Chow, Dr. Christopher Cormier, Dr. Taryn Goodwin Traylor, and Dr. Adria Hoffman. The faculty fellows will serve as research leaders within the Minority Education Center, focusing on work aimed at reducing barriers for minoritized teacher educators. We are so excited for the collaboration they will do with our network of faculty and doctoral students to help advance our initiatives of attracting, supporting, and retaining educators of color. Read more about our fellows and program [here](#).
EQUITY: A Series for Educators of Color

A virtual co-curricular series through the Minority Education Recruitment, Retention and Equity Center (MERREC). Our 2020-21 sessions will focus on Equity for Educators of Color and is designed to address problems in education specific to SOE students and those working in our urban and high-needs communities.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:
AMBER BROWN RUIZ

Amber Brown Ruiz is a third year doctoral student in the PhD in Special Education and Disability Policy program. Amber’s line of research focuses on improving post-secondary transition outcomes for students of color with disabilities. She is currently working on her dissertation on collaborative practices transition professionals use to support Black students with high incidence disabilities. Amber’s favorite thing about being a part of MERREC is the support system. She enjoys having a group of people who are encouraging and make remote work more bearable during the pandemic.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

EQUITY: A SERIES FOR EDUCATORS OF COLOR
WRAP UP SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021
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TRUTH, TRANSPARENCY, & TRANSFORMATION:
A THREE-PART ADVOCACY SERIES
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021
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