

# UW-Milwaukee: August speaker series to help prepare teachers for Fall

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MILWAUKEE \_ The Institute for Urban Education will offer a free virtual speaker series Aug. 3-7 as part of its 2020 Professional Development Academy. The institute is a UW System initiative, housed at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, that helps prepare teachers to work in urban schools.

The theme of this year's speaker series is "Culturally Relevant Pedagogy: Education in the 21st Century."

Speakers and times are:

August 3, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Gloria Ladson-Billings will deliver the keynote speech, "Educating in a Post-Pandemic World." Ladson-Billings was a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus for more than 26 years and held the Kellner Family Distinguished Chair in Urban Education. She has written numerous books, and her research focuses on the successful education of Black children.

August 4, 2:30 - 4 p.m. A panel of parents and students will discuss "What to Know Before You Teach." Andre Bennett, director of alternative education for the Racine Unified School District, will serve as moderator.

August 5, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Andre Bennett, director of alternative education for the Racine Unified School District, will speak on "Unidentified Bias and Its Impact on Students."

August 6, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Denise Ross, chair of the Institute for Urban Education, will speak on "Reframing Academic Excellence: Pedagogy and Social Justice."

August 7, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Reggie Jackson, an education consultant with Nurturing Diversity Partners, will speak on “The Hidden Impact of Segregation: A History of Segregated Schools.”

All sessions will be held via Zoom. Registration ends July 31, and spaces are limited. Recordings of all sessions will be available on the conference website after the speaker series ends.

Please visit the [IUE 2020 PDA website](#) for program details or <https://bit.ly/3jdWVtU> to register, or email Lisa Litzsey, IUE programs manager, at [iue-info@uwm.edu](mailto:iue-info@uwm.edu) for more information.