

Center for Access, Success & Equity (CASE) presents

## 2021 CASE VIRTUAL SUMMIT

# Impact of a Pandemic and Social Injustice on Access and Equity in Education

Friday, March 5, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

Faculty, students and administrators in education are experiencing unprecedented academic challenges due to COVID-19 and social justice struggles. The dual pandemic has created many challenges in regard to access and equity in education.

The 2021 CASE Summit will feature expert practitioners and leading voices in education who will share valuable research and recommendations for those committed and engaged in the development of education.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Marc Lamont Hill  
*Professor, author and social justice activist*



Dan Habib  
*Award-winning filmmaker*

### GUEST PRESENTERS



Angel Santiago  
*New Jersey Teacher of the Year*



Dr. Fabienne Doucet  
*William T. Grant Foundation officer*

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## SCHEDULE

### OPENING & WELCOME

9:30 – 10 a.m.

Dr. Gaetane Jean-Marie  
*Dean, College of Education*

Dr. Tyrone W. McCombs  
*Executive Director, CASE*

Dr. Susan Browne  
*Chair, Diversity In Action  
Committee*

Dr. Lisa Vernon  
*Dotson, Chair IIE Department*

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER I: DR. MARC LAMONT HILL

10 – 10:55 a.m.

#### Impact of a Pandemic and Social Injustice on Access and Equity in Education

##### About Dr. Hill

Dr. Marc Lamont Hill is one of the leading intellectual voices in the country. He is currently the host of BET News and the Coffee & Books podcast. An award-winning journalist, Dr. Hill has received numerous prestigious awards from the National Association of Black Journalists, GLAAD and the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Hill is the Steve Charles Professor of Media, Cities and Solutions at Temple University. Prior to that, he held positions at Columbia University and Morehouse College.

Since his days as a youth in Philadelphia, Dr. Hill has been a social justice activist and organizer.

He has worked on campaigns to end the death penalty, abolish prisons and release numerous political prisoners. Dr. Hill has also worked in solidarity with human rights movements around the world. He is the founder and director of The People's Education Center in Philadelphia, as well as the owner of Uncle Bobbie's Coffee & Books.

Ebony Magazine has named him one of America's 100 most influential Black leaders.

Dr. Hill is the author or co-author of six books: the award-winning "Beats, Rhymes, and Classroom Life: Hip-Hop Pedagogy and the Politics of Identity;" "The Classroom and the Cell: Conversations on Black Life in America;" "Nobody: Casualties of America's War on The Vulnerable from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond;" "Gentrifier;" "We Still Here: Pandemic, Policing, Protest, and Possibility;" and "Except For Palestine: The Limits of Progressive Politics." He has also published two edited books: "Media, Learning, and Sites of Possibility;" and "Schooling Hip-Hop: New Directions in Hip-Hop Based Education."

Dr. Hill holds a Ph.D. (with distinction) from the University of Pennsylvania. His research focuses on the intersections between culture, politics and education in the United States and the Middle East.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER II: DAN HABIB

#### Creating a Culture of Inclusion

11 – 11:55 a.m.

#### Question & Answer Session

12 – 12:30 p.m.

Drawing from his personal parenting experience and from conversations with thousands of families and educators around the country, documentary filmmaker and parent-advocate Dan Habib leads an interactive discussion and share powerful film clips with attendees.

Habib shares how an inclusive education and social life has prepared his 21-year-old son Samuel for transition to higher education and employment, as well as the powerful impact that inclusion has on students and adults without disabilities. Habib's presentation and films vividly show the innovative educational approaches that help students with physical, intellectual and emotional/behavioral disabilities to succeed.

##### About Dr. Habib

Dan Habib is the creator of the award-winning documentary films including "Samuel, Who Cares About Kelsey?," "Mr. Connolly Has ALS" and many other films on disability-related topics. Habib is a filmmaker at the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability.

His latest documentary, "Intelligent Lives," examines our society's narrow perceptions of intelligence.

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## SCHEDULE cont'd

The Intelligent Lives project also contains four short films focusing on effective practices in transition for youth with disabilities from high school to higher education and employment.

Habib received the Champion of Human and Civil Rights Award from the National Education Association, and the Justice for All Grassroots Award from the American Association of People with Disabilities. In 2014, Habib was appointed by President Barack Obama to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Habib and his wife Betsy live in Concord, NH, with their sons Isaiah, 24, and Samuel, 21.

### AFTERNOON SESSION I

1 - 1:25 p.m.

#### Teaching: The Gateway to Equity

Guest Presenter:

Mr. Angel Santiago

*New Jersey Teacher of the Year*

#### About Mr. Santiago

Mr. Angel Santiago graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies and holds a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in humanities. In 2009, received an Associate of Liberal Arts Degree in Education from Cumberland County College.

Mr. Angel Santiago taught in Camden County his entire career. He began teaching in Lindenwold Public Schools, and in 2013, he

moved to Gloucester Township Public Schools.

In Gloucester Township, Santiago is often asked to provide professional development for his colleagues. For the last two years, Santiago facilitated Young People of Character (YPOC). YPOC's mission is to bring together fourth- and fifth-grade students from all backgrounds to serve the communities in which they live. YPOC members have written letters to veterans in advance of Veterans Day, cleaned up the school grounds for Earth Day and volunteered for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service among other community service activities.

### AFTERNOON SESSION II

1:30 - 2 p.m.

#### A Research Funding Session: William T. Grant Foundation's focus on reducing inequality and improving the use of research evidence

Guest Presenter:

Dr. Fabienne Doucet

*Program Officer, William T. Grant Foundation, Associate Professor, New York University*

#### About Dr. Doucet

Fabienne Doucet, Ph.D., is a program officer at the William T. Grant Foundation and an associate professor of Early Childhood and Urban Education in the Department of Teaching and Learning at New York University (on leave). She is also an affiliated faculty member of the NYU Metropolitan Center for Research

on Equity and the Transformation of Schools and Institute for Human Development and Social Change.

Doucet was born in Spain, raised in Haiti and migrated to the United States at the age of 10. She embodies a hybrid identity that is mirrored in her interdisciplinary approach to examining how immigrant and U.S.-born children of color and their families navigate education in the United States. A critical ethnographer, Doucet studies how taken-for-granted beliefs, practices, and values in the U.S. educational system position linguistically, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse children and families at a disadvantage, and seeks active solutions for meeting their educational needs.

Doucet has a Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from UNC-Greensboro and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Education with fellowships from the National Science Foundation and the National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation.

### SPECIAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

#### Question & Answer Session with Mr. Angel Santiago

1:30 - 2 p.m.

#### Individual Faculty Consultation

2 - 3 p.m.

Share your research proposal with Dr. Fabienne Doucet.