

**The Association for Program Administrators
of
CSTEP and STEP, Inc.
(APACS)**

13th Annual Conference and Meeting



***APACS: Ahead of the Curve in Preparing Diverse Students for the 21st
Century***

Join us in Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence in STEP and CSTEP!

Registration Package

June 6-8, 2012

**Marriott Hotel
Albany, New York**

www.apacs.org

www.stepforleaders.org

ABOUT APACS

The Association of Program Administrators for CSTEP and STEP (APACS) was formed in 1997 by STEP and CSTEP professionals to support, advance and meet the issues of promoting and advocating the philosophy of equity, access and excellence in education throughout New York State. APACS achieves its goals by:

- enhancing and effecting the recruitment, retention and graduation of underrepresented minority and economically disadvantaged students in scientific, technical, and health-related fields and the licensed professions,
- supporting and facilitating research, conferences and other related activities,
- facilitating access to programs of higher education,
- promoting and stimulating professional development,
- encouraging data collection for program evaluation, and
- supporting and promoting the development of policies and guidelines governing STEP and CSTEP programs.

Membership in APACS is open to all full and part-time professionals and/or staff associated directly with the STEP and CSTEP programs. All programs who are current members in good standing (i.e. annual dues paid in full) are eligible to vote in APACS elections and meetings.

Currently, there are 51 CSTEP and 53 STEP programs located at New York State colleges and universities. CSTEP (the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program) and STEP (the Science and Technology Entry Program) have been sponsored by the New York State legislature since 1986-87. These programs are supervised by the New York State Education Department Office of Higher Education.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The annual APACS Conference/ Meeting is an outstanding professional development experience for professionals who have been charged to prepare minority students entering STEM fields and the licensed professions. APACS Conference brings together more than 150 professionals. The Conference Committee have created a one-stop source for education, information, and inspiration, which will allow you to benchmark the best practices of professionals, organizations, grant initiatives, and more from across the nation to achieve excellence. By networking with others throughout the state and nation, all attendees have the opportunity to learn better practices and implement them in their own programs and institutions.

PRE-CONFERENCE Professional Credit TRAINING

This year, APACS will offer a pre-conference training workshop designed to provide professional staff with information essential to effective program administration. APACS is currently working with NYSED to determine benchmarks and topics for this training. Once established, APACS plans to provide certification to those staffers who successfully complete the training session. Staff interested in participating in the pre-conference training must complete the registration form (not the same as the conference registration form) and submit payment prior to the registration deadline.

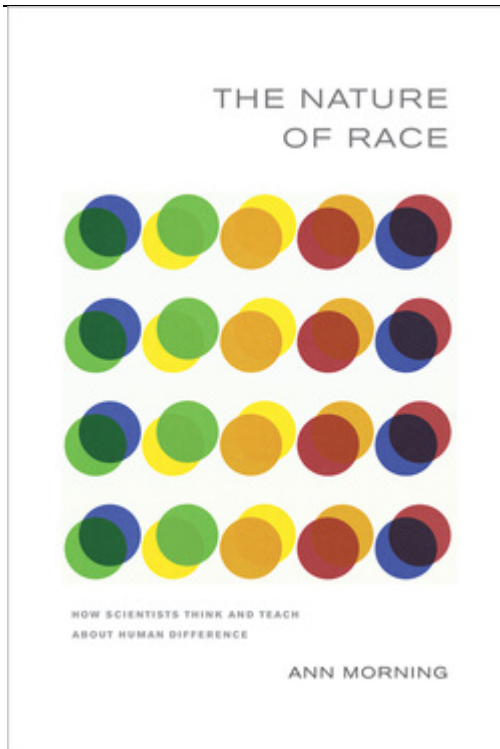
Date: Wednesday, June 6th 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- **REGISTRATION FORM will be sent in a separate mailing**

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The Conference begins at **1pm on Wednesday, June 6th**. The registration table **will be open starting at 9am that day**. A draft conference schedule is included in this packet. The conference program will conclude at noon on Friday, June 8th. Attendees will be provided with boxed lunches following the final workshop session.

5th ANNUAL APACS BOOK DISCUSSION



The Nature of Race: How Scientists Think and Teach about Human Difference – Ann Morning

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REGISTRATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

DEADLINES AND FEES:

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$450 per person

Must be postmarked by April 20, 2012

Regular Registration Fee: \$475 per person

Must be postmarked by May 18, 2012

Late Registration Fee: \$550 per person

Must be postmarked by May 25, 2012

Payment MUST be accompanied by the Registration Form.

If you must process your payment through either the SUNY or CUNY Research Foundation, please make every effort to ensure that your check is sent ONLY if it is *attached to the registration forms*. Every year, a number of RF checks arrive for processing without the proper registration paperwork. Tracking down the source of these checks requires an excessive amount of time and effort. Failure to ensure that your payment is accompanied by your registration paperwork is likely to result in delays in registration. Registration fees must be paid with institutional checks or money order; please do not send cash. Institutional credit cards are not acceptable forms of payments.

WHO PAYS?

Anyone attending any part of the APACS Annual Meeting must submit payment for registration. The registration fee covers the costs of the conference, materials, and meals.

Guests: If you anticipate bringing an unregistered guest (e.g. spouse, family member) to the conference and wish to have them partake in the meals offered throughout the conference, you **MUST** contact Christopher Fernando no later than May 18, 2012 to notify the Planning Committee. See below for meal costs for unregistered guests. Anyone joining us for meals only must pay the Guest Meal Fee by May 25, 2012

CANCELLATIONS:

If, for some reason, you have paid a registration fee and need to cancel your registration you must do so no later than 5pm on May 13, 2012 if you would like your registration fee refunded. Contact Christopher Fernando via email (cfernando@albany.edu) to cancel. Cancellations after that date should still contact Christopher Fernando via email (cfernando@albany.edu) to inform the planners of your decision. Cancellations made after the May 13, 2012 will not be eligible for a refund. Please note that the cancellation policy and deadline dates for guests are the same as for APACS members.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

Once your paid registration is verified via email, you have until Friday, June 3rd to make any substitutions. If you wish to replace one registered staff member with another unregistered member we request that you contact Christopher Fernando via email (cfernando@albany.edu) no later than 5pm on June 1st. A registration form for the new registrant must be attached to that email. Please indicate at the top of the form the name and institution of the registrant being replaced (e.g. "REPLACES JANE W. STAFFER, XXXX COLLEGE")

HOTEL:

In order to register at the Marriott under the conference rate, attendees will need to have paid their conference registration fee. Once the registration form and fee are processed by APACS, the registrant will receive an email confirmation with a confirmation number that can be used to reserve rooms at the hotel under the conference rate.

Room Rate: **\$139 (single or double occupancy)**

Deadline for hotel room reservation at conference rate: **May 18, 2012**

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

There will be **no** online registration for the 2012 APACS Annual Meeting. Anyone registering for the conference must do so using the procedures detailed above.

Updates and schedule information will be added to the APACS website (www.apacs.org) on an ongoing basis. Participants are encouraged to consult the site regularly for information.

DRAFT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 6

Pre-Conference Certification Session <i>Open only to registered participants</i>	11:00am – 1:00pm
Opening Lunch with Welcome Speaker	1:00-2:15pm
Workshop Session 1	2:30-3:45pm
APACS Annual Meeting	4:00-5:00pm
25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner	6:00-8:00pm
APACS Meet and Greet Reception	8:30-10:00pm

Thursday, June 7

Breakfast	8:00-9:00am
Plenary Session 1	9:15-10:30am
Roundtable Workshop Session 2	10:45am-12:00pm
Lunch & APACS Distinction Award Presentation to Keynote Speaker, Dr. Pedro Norguera	12:00-1:45pm
Plenary Session 2	2:00-3:15pm
5th Annual APACS Book Discussion* <i>* Participation is limited to those who registered prior to the conference</i>	3:30-4:45pm
Workshop Session 3	3:30-4:45pm
Dinner & APACS Faculty and Professional Distinction Awards	6:00-8:00pm

Friday, June 8

Breakfast	8:00-9:00am
Committee Meetings Website Committee Professional Development Committee	9:15am-10:30am
New York State Education Information Session	10:45am-12:00pm
Closing/Box Lunch	12:00pm Empire Room

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Pedro Noguera

Pedro Noguera is the Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education at New York University. Noguera is an urban sociologist whose scholarship and research focuses on the ways in which schools are influenced by social and economic conditions in the urban environment. He holds faculty appointments in the departments of



Teaching and Learning and Humanities and Social Sciences at the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Development, as well as in the Department of Sociology at New York University. Dr. Noguera is also the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education and the co-Director of the Institute for the Study of Globalization and Education in Metropolitan Settings (IGEMS). In 2008, he was appointed by the Governor of New York to serve on the State University of New York Board of Trustees.

Dr. Noguera received his bachelors' degree in Sociology and History and a teaching credential from Brown University in 1981. He earned his masters' degree in Sociology from Brown in 1982 received his doctorate in Sociology from UC Berkeley in 1989. Dr. Noguera was a classroom teacher in public schools in Providence, RI and Oakland, CA. He has held tenured faculty appoints at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (2000-2003), where he was named the Judith K. Dimon Professor of Communities and Schools and at the University of

California, Berkeley (1990-2000), where he was also the Director of the Institute for the Study of Social Change. He has published over one hundred and fifty research articles, monographs and research reports on topics such as urban school reform, conditions that promote student achievement, youth violence, the potential impact of school choice and vouchers on urban public schools, and race and ethnic relations in American society. His work has appeared in multiple major research journals. Dr. Noguera is the author of *The Imperatives of Power: Political Change and the Social Basis of Regime Support in Grenada* (Peter Lang Publishers, 1997), *City Schools and the American Dream* (Teachers College Press 2003), *Unfinished Business: Closing the Achievement Gap in Our Nation's Schools* (Josey Bass, 2006) *City Kids, City Teachers*, with Bill Ayers and Greg Michie (New Press 2008), and *The Trouble With Black Boys...and Other Reflections on Race, Equity and the Future of Public Education* (Wiley and Sons, 2008). Dr. Noguera appears as a regular commentator on educational issues on CNN, National Public Radio, and other national news outlets.

- 1997 Wellness Foundation Award for research on youth violence
- 1997 University of California's Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2001 Honorary doctorate from the University of San Francisco
- 2001 Centennial Medal, Philadelphia University
- 2003 Forward Magazine Gold Award (*City Schools and the American Dream*)
- 2003 AESA Critics Choice Book Award (*City Schools and the American Dream*)
- 2005 Whitney Young Award for Leadership in Education
- 2006 Eugene Carrothers Award for Public Service
- 2008 Schott Foundation Award for Research on Race and Gender
- 2008 AESA Critics Choice Book Award (*Trouble With Black Boys* - Josey Bass 2008)
- 2009 Scholastic Corporation Education Hero Award

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Type or Print Legibly)

Name (first last)	
Title	
Organization or Program Name	
Address	
Work Phone	
Fax	
Email	
Institution	

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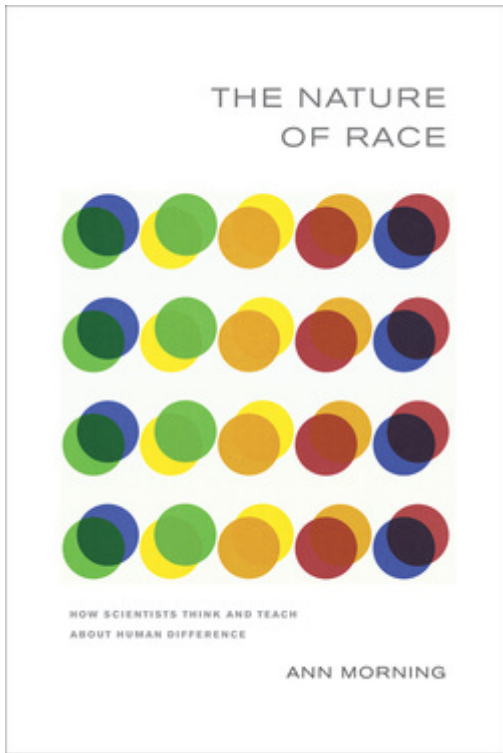
Registration fees must be paid with institutional checks or money order, please do not send cash. The APACS Tax Identification Number (TIN) is **13-3978475**. Please make check payable to: APACS, Inc. and mail with this registration form to:

Dr. Leonese Nelson
Syracuse University, Office of College Preparation Programs (CSTEP/STEP Program)
111 Waverly Avenue, Suite 220
Syracuse, NY 13244

*Registration fee includes all meals, workshops, conference materials and guest speakers.

STEP and CSTEP are funded by a grant from the New York State Department of Education to increase the number of historically underrepresented students who enroll in and complete undergraduate or graduate programs leading to professional licensure or to careers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and health related fields.

Book Discussion Roundtable & Workshop



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Space in the book discussion session is limited, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Name	
Title	
Organization or Program Name	
Address	
Work Phone	
Fax	
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Institution	

Fax Registration Form by May 11, 2012 to:

Dr. Gladys Palma de Schrynemakers

Fax: 718-488-1412

*****Note: Please do NOT send book registration with conference registration information. ****

Experiential Learning Roundtable DISCUSSION FORM

We invite programs to submit for this year's Roundtable Discussion

Experiential learning occurs when students engage in some activity, looks back at the activity critically; draw some useful insight from this analysis. We invite programs to submit 10-minute presentations on successful experiential learning activities. The experience can be from an exploration at a museum, laboratory, team building activity, etc. Please submit copy of the activity with form and bring copies to the conference to distribute at the Roundtable.

Please complete the information below and email or fax this form to:

"Experiential Learning" Roundtable

Dr. Gladys Palma de Schrynemakers

Fax: 718-488-1412

gschryne@liu.edu

Speaker Information

Name	
Address	
Day Phone	
Email	

Briefly explain your desired topic for the "Experiential Learning" Roundtable



APACS DISTINCTION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The APACS Distinction Award will be awarded to STEP and CSTEP faculty or staff members who have distinguished themselves within our programs, with students, and in other avenues.

Name & Title of Nominee:

Institution:

Faculty

Staff

One nomination per category per Institution.

Brief Bio & Description explaining why this person is deserving of this award.

(Ex: Program innovations, fabulous best practice initiatives, highly successful mentoring programs)

Nominated By:

Title:

Institution:

***Nomination forms must be submitted to Michelle Allevato at mmak12@rit.edu no later than March 1st.
Awardees' will be notified by the Conference Committee no later than May 1st.
Awards will be presented at dinner on Thursday evening.***

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GUEST REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form for each guest attending conference meals.

Conference Attendee Name	
Institution	
Phone	
Email	
Guest Name	

Meals included in \$100 guest registration fee:

**Wednesday Lunch
Wednesday Dinner
Thursday Breakfast
Thursday Lunch
Thursday Dinner
Friday Breakfast
Friday Boxed Lunch**

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