



The Network for Public Education 2nd Annual National Conference #NPEChicago 2015

Saturday, April 25th

7:00 – 8:30 **Breakfast**

Paid as part of the meal plan ([purchase through our website](#))

8:30 – 9:00 **Opening Keynote**

Jitu Brown, National Director of Journey for Justice & NPE Board and Tanaisa Brown, Secretary, Newark Student Union

9:10 – 10:25 **Saturday Session 1**

[Defending the Early Years](#): Nancy Carlsson-Paige and Geralyn Bywater McLaughlin

[Media Wrangling](#); How to Be The Education News We Truly Need: Lucianna Sanson, Dr. James Arrington Miller Jr., and Cynthia Liu

[Grassroots Parent Advocacy in Chicago](#): Cassie Creswell, Wendy Katten, Jennie Biggs, and Erica Clark

[Resisting the Juggernaut; Strategies, Tactics, and Story-Sharing](#): Deborah Meier and Marjorie Larner

[Student Panel](#): Tanaisa Brown, Kristin Towkaniuk, Amina Henderson, and Devonta Boston

[Speak Up & Speak Out; A Guide to Building & Growing Alliances](#): Phyllis Bush, Dan Greenberg, Stephanie Keiles, and Donna Roof

10:35 – 11:50 **Saturday Session 2**

[We're Not Alone; The International Effort to Form Coalitions Against The Attacks on Public Education](#): Deb Meier, Bob George, and Frank Adamson

[Playing Chess with Charters, Vouchers, & Policies](#): April Jeffries, Larry Proffitt, Lu Howard, Lee Ann Pepper Nolan, Neshelda Johnson, Jennifer Navarre, and Mary Holden

[Ethnic Studies](#): Adelita Grijalva, Andrew Walanski, and Robin Hiller

[How To Effectively Debunk Myths In An Era Of Education Misinformation](#): Jeff Bryant moderating, Hilary Tone, and Diallo Brooks

[High School Advocacy; Engaging Students, Teachers and Parents](#): Terri Harris, Lucianna Sanson, Julia Harris, and Tanaisa Brown

[Perils of Ed Tech; Student Privacy and Corruption](#): Leonie Haimson, Cynthia Liu, Rachael Stickland, and Nathan Ringo

[Teachers of Conscience](#): Susan DuFresne and Jia Lee



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12:00 - 1:15

Saturday Lunch

Join us for a special lunch featuring the ever popular and always clever EduShyster, Jennifer Berkshire, interviewing Peter Greene of Curmudgucation. ([paid lunch \\$60; register here](#))

1:30 – 2:30

Afternoon Keynote

Yong Zhao, author of *Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Dragon?* will deliver a speech titled "Fatal Attraction: America's Suicidal Quest for Educational Excellence."

2:45 – 4:00

Saturday Session 3

[Supporting High Quality Early Education Support Systems for Children and Families Through State Policies](#): Elaine Weiss, Kevin Lindsey, and Joe Bishop

[A New Diverse Majority; Resourcing Our Schools to Serve All Students](#): Katherine Dunn, Bud Ferrillo, and Earl Watkins
[Testing Resistance 1](#): Monty Neill, Tim Sleskar, Bianca Tanis, Adell Cothorne, and Robin Hiller

[On Writing and Publishing *A Chronicle of Echoes*](#): Mercedes Schneider

[Emerging From the Invisible Cage; Safeguarding Authentic Teacher Voice](#): Amanda Koonlaba, Nancy Kunsman, Petra Schmid-Riggins, Ed.D., Joy Peters, and Anthony Cody

[Educating Our Kids While We Fight Back](#): Mike Klonsky moderating, Fred Klonsky, Carlos Rosa, and Larry Miller

[The Battle Between Public School Districts and Private Business Enterprises](#): Mark B. Miller, Hon. Steve McCarter, Shanthi Gonzales, and Nathan G Mains

[How Pennsylvania Teachers are Using People Power to Win](#): Lucy Harlow and Michael Lehmeir

4:10 – 5:25

Saturday Session 4

[Power of Ed Blogging](#): Jennifer Berkshire and Ruth Conniff moderating, Jose Vilson, Cynthia Lieu, and Susan DuFresne

[Testing Resistance 2](#): Monty Neill, Sarah Chambers, and Doug Selwyn

[The Schoolhouse That Jeb Built; Breaking Down His Overhyped Education Reforms](#): Dr. Kevin Welner, Sen. Dwight Bullard Jr., Franco Ripple, and Colleen Wood

[Community Schools](#): Gloria Johnson, Jitu Brown, Joann M. Weeks, and Bob Kronick

[BATS and Social Justice](#): Kristin Vogel, Dr. Denisha Jones, and Aixa Rodriguez

[Latino Caucus for Family Involvement In Opting Out Of The Test](#): Ruth Rodriguez and Gus Morales

[Teacher Evaluation Begins with Valuing Teachers](#): Nancy Flanagan, Deb Meier, and Russ Walsh



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Documentary Films for Social Change; Using Documentaries to Engage Communities and Inspire Informed Advocacy: Jim and Dawn O'Keeffe, and Shannon Puckett

5:25 - ???

Saturday Evening

Dinner on your own, but meet in the lobby/bar to catch up with other attendees.

7:30 to 9:30

Movie Night at NPE!

Conference participants will have a chance to catch free previews of five documentaries focused on Education reform -- and meet the filmmakers in person!

Vincent Precht -	HOP: A Film About Reform And My Kid
Dawn O'Keeffe -	Go Public
Bill Baykan -	Public School Wars
Brian Malone -	Education, Inc.
Shannon Puckett -	Defies Measurement



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Sunday, April 26th

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9:00am-10:15 **Sunday Session 5**

[Schools of Opportunity](#): Carol Burris and Dr. Kevin Welner

[A Trip To The Jersey C.O.A.S.T; Community Organizing Around Standardized Test](#): Michael Kaminski, Jim Boice, Alex DeVicaris, Patrick Manahan, and Susan Cauldwell

[The Impact of Race and Poverty on Education; What Parents Need To Know](#): Nathan Harris, Dora Taylor, and Julie Woestehoff

[Social Justice Unionism](#): The What, Who and Why: Michelle Gunderson, Xian Franzinger Barrett, and UCORE activists

[More Than a Score: Black Student Lives Matter](#): Jesse Hagopian

[Knocking Down Barriers Together](#): College Access for All: Nicole Hurd moderating, Veniese Bradley-Mitchell, Claire Dennison, and Julie Pagliuco

[How to Have Conversations with Teach for America Supporters](#): Dr. Julian Vasquez Heilig, Katie Osgood, Jameson Brewer, Annie Tan, Chad Sommer, and Dr. Terica Butler

10:25 – 11:30 **Morning Keynote**

Diane Ravitch in Conversation with AFT's Randi Weingarten and NEA's Lily Eskelsen García



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11:40 – 12:55

Sunday Session 6

[Designing and Delivering Persuasive Assessment Reform Messages](#): Bob Schaeffer, Bianca Tanis, and Steve Baker

[Imagineering Our Edu-Nation](#): Katie Lapham

[BATS Pushing Back Against the Dismantling Of Special Education](#): Marla Kilfoyle, Terry Kalb, Melissa Tomlinson, and Lorri Gumanow

[Teacher Education; Doing What Is Right When Everything Is Wrong](#): Tim Slekar, Jed Hopkins, Sheila Hopkins, Donna Vukelich-Selva, and Alexandra Miletta

[Teach Writing Like A Writer](#): Peter Greene

[Getting Your Book Published](#): Anthony Cody, John Kuhn, Jose Vilson, and Denny Taylor

[The Battle for Adult Education in California; “Workforce Preparation” vs. Community is Immunity](#): Kristen Pursley, Cynthia Eagleton, and Bruce Neuberger

1:05 – 1:45

Sunday Closing Keynote and Call to Action

Chicago’s Very Own, Karen Lewis

Visit NetworkforPublicEducation.org for more details and updates to the schedule.

Inspired by a workshop and ready to take action now? We will have space throughout the conference for you to brainstorm with other advocates and develop action plans to take back to your communities.