

NINTH ANNUAL UC DAVIS EQUITY SUMMIT

# RITUALS OF RESISTANCE

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Office of Research and Policy for Equity



**“ Social justice does not just live in our heads, but also in our hearts—and most definitely in our hands and feet. In other words, it is not merely what is conceived that is revolutionary, but what is achieved. ”**

—Dr. Vajra Watson

## Dearest Colleagues,

I want to welcome you to the Ninth Annual Equity Summit and Social Justice Awards Celebration! It is an honor to have you with us this evening.

Tonight's theme is Rituals of Resistance. This focus touches upon the ways people defy oppressive forces. It was inspired by conversations between Myles Horton and Paulo Freire that to embody a liberatory education we must “make the road by walking.” Building on this sentiment, there are many trailblazers among us—those who pave new paths and swim upstream. However, resistance to the status quo can feel daunting and isolating. Meanwhile, something spectacular and sacred happens when we start gathering together to join forces. Taking a note from nature, we know that uncharted spaces, when walked upon collectively over long periods of time, can start to form their own legacies. Paths—when trotted upon long enough—can turn into causeways of possibility.

When practiced consistently, our Rituals of Resistance develop their own rhythms, cultural nuances and identifiers. These are not merely symbolic of a shift, but reorient our habits and ways of being.

Since change and growth are inevitable, the question is really about our route, role, and direction: Who are we becoming? How are we belonging to ourselves, each other, and the world? Personally, and professionally, I am pondering our legacy. I envision our children's children and wonder about the impact of this moment. Over the past nine years of organizing the Equity Summit, I have witnessed what happens when amazing people from disparate positions not only connect on a practical level, but experience social justice together. We are the literal link—the bridge—between yesterday and tomorrow. What we do in the present carries with it tremendous privilege and responsibility. Our words and our work matter. As the SAYS Poet-Mentor Educator, Dre-T teaches, “courage is contagious, just like fear.” So, may we be bold in our approach and take a quantum leap in our creative imaginations. The future is calling us forward.

I applaud this network of change agents for your beauty and power. There are no strangers here. And if for nothing else, I want tonight to feel like a reprieve from the daily grind. I want us to feel revived in our quest to embody something new. Please enjoy yourself and make connections that seed hope in our lives and grow love for generations.

## In Community,

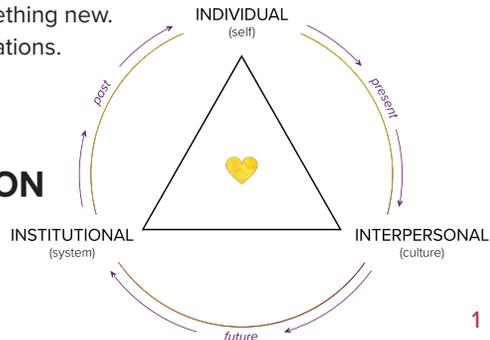


### Dr. Vajra Watson

Director of Research and Policy for Equity  
Founder of Sacramento Area Youth Speaks (SAYS)  
University of California, Davis

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## Three I's of a Framework for SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION



# AGENDA

*“...I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth and in commitment to others, so that we can make of this old world a new world.”*  
—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- 4–4:30 PM **Doors Open**  
Registration and Check-in
- 4:30–5 PM **Mix-and-Mingle**  
Saging, Social Justice Pop-up Bookstore, Appetizers and Cash Bar
- 5–5:10 PM **Opening Ceremony**  
Spiritual and Lyrical Libations
- 5:10–5:20 PM **Welcome**  
Joining Together in Joy and Justice
- 5:20–5:30 PM **Poetic Possibilities**  
Writing and Table Talk Circles
- 5:30–6 PM **Please get your dinner and drink and return to your table**
- 6–6:15 PM **Griot Performance by Sacramento Area Youth Speaks (SAYS) Slam Team**
- 6:15–7 PM **Social Justice Awards**  
Honoring our Heroes and Sheroes
- 7–8 PM **Keynote Address with Dr. Bettina L. Love**  
Associate Professor, Department of Educational Theory and Practice  
in the College of Education at the University of Georgia
- 8–8:30 PM **Closing with/in Hope**  
Community of Commitments
- 8:30–9 PM **Mix-and-Mingle**  
Book-signing with Dr. Bettina L. Love, Social Justice Pop-up Bookstore, Music, Dessert and Cash Bar

## Reminders:

- Complete and submit your Equity Summit survey before you leave.
- The eldest person at the table receives the flowers (with the vase) to take home.
- The youngest person at the table receives the hero/shero justice table card.

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



## Dr. Bettina L. Love

Dr. Love is an Associate Professor at the University of Georgia and the award-winning author of *Hip Hop's Li'l Sistas Speak: Negotiating Hip Hop Identities and Politics in the New South*. She is the founder of Real Talk: Hip Hop Education for Social Justice, an after school initiative aimed at teaching elementary students the history and elements of Hip Hop for social justice through project-based learning. Her latest book, *We Want to Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom*, draws on personal stories, research, and historical events and offers a vision of educational justice inspired by the rebellious spirit and methods of abolitionists.

### Dr. Love's works include:

#### Books

*Black Feminism in Education: Black Women Speak Back, Up, and Out*

*Hip Hop's Li'l Sistas Speak: Negotiating Hip Hop Identities and Politics in the New South*

*We Want to Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom*

#### Research and Curriculum

*Hip Hop Civics Education*

*Real Talk: Hip Hop Education for Social Justice (Real Talk)*

**“ Education  
can’t save us.  
We have to save  
education.”**

—Dr. Bettina L. Love

# 2019 AWARD WINNERS

## Award for Community-engaged Scholarship and Activism



**Jeanelle K. Hope**  
*Cultural Studies, Ph.D. Candidate*  
UC Davis



**Kaozong Mouavangsou**  
*School of Education, Ph.D. Candidate*  
UC Davis

## Award for Seeding Improvements in Education Policy and Practice



**Dr. Margarita Berta-Avila**  
*Professor of Education*  
Sacramento State University



**Nicole Anderson**  
*Educational Equity Consultant*  
Nicole Anderson Consulting

## Ubuntu Award for Inspiring Social Change



**Sandy Holman**  
*Director*  
Culture C.O.-O.P. and  
United in Unity



**Raquel E. Aldana**  
*Associate Vice Chancellor for  
Academic Diversity*  
*Professor of Law*  
UC Davis

## Brandon Harrison Youth Leader and Youth Organizing Award



**Valentín Sierra**  
*Evaluation Assistant*  
Sacramento Native American  
Health Center, Inc.

## Lifetime Achievement Award for Embodying Equity and Diversity



**Rahim Reed**  
*Associate Executive Vice Chancellor,  
and Interim Lead of the Office of  
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*  
UC Davis

# PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

## 2014-2018

**Ronda Adams**  
*Assistant Superintendent*  
Education Services, Yolo  
County Office of Education

**Rick Ayers**  
*Assistant Professor*  
University of San Francisco

**Marlene Bell**  
*Assistant Executive Director*  
Region 2, The California  
Teachers Association

**Dr. Patrick Camangian**  
*Associate Professor*  
University of San Francisco

**Matt Cervantes**  
*Senior Program Officer*  
Sierra Health Foundation

**Chris Chatmon**  
*Deputy Chief of Equity*  
Oakland Unified School District

**LaShawn R. Chatmon**  
*Executive Director*  
The National Equity Project

**Roger Viet Chung**  
*Asian Prisoner Support*  
Committee

**Larolyn Davis**  
*Editor and Co-Founder*  
*and Director*  
Young Gifted and Black

**Dr. Natalia Deeb-Sossa**  
UC Davis

**Sammy Gensaw Jr.**  
Nature Rights Council and  
Ancestral Guard

**Dr. Malik Henfield**  
University of San Francisco

**Patrice Hill**  
Sacramento Area Youth Speaks  
(SAYS)

**James Kass**  
*Founder and Executive Director*  
Youth Speaks, Inc.

**Herb Kohl**  
*Author, Educator and*  
*Outspoken Progressive*

**Dr. Leilani Kupo**  
*Past Director*  
UC Davis Women's Resources  
and Research Center

**Nicole Matinez**  
*Teacher-Activist and*  
*Community Organizer*

**Dr. Lina Mendez**  
UC Davis

**Daniel Mendoza**  
*Student*  
UC Davis

**Dr. Micia Mosely**  
The Black Teacher Project

**Roneka Muhammad**  
*Graduate Student*  
UC Davis Betty Irene Moore  
School of Nursing

**Sammy Nunez**  
*Executive Director*  
Fathers and Families of  
San Joaquin Valley

**Dr. Jesse Ortiz**  
*Superintendent of Schools*  
Yolo County Office of Education

**Farima Pour-Khorshid**  
*Assistant Professor*  
University of San Francisco

**José Quiñonez**  
*Founder and Chief*  
*Executive Officer*  
Mission Asset Fund

**Sandi Redenbach**  
*Author, Educator and*  
*Life Coach*

**Estella Sanchez**  
*Founder and Executive Director*  
Sol Collective

**Phil Serna**  
*District 1 Supervisor*  
Sacramento County

## Join the Conversation

Tweet, tag and snap your thoughts to extend the discussion.

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*"It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win.  
We must love each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains."  
—Assata Shakur*

# ACTION PLANNING

## PART I: Background

WHY: It is through “naming”, “problematizing” and “action” that we can transform our world. (Freire, 1970)

### NAMING

Giving voice

We have to name the problem and give voice through telling the story of the injustice. (Data and statistics can tell us the severity of the problem.)

### PROBLEMATIZING

Building critical consciousness

By reflecting on the critical aspects of the problem, engaging in courageous dialogue and gaining a critical understanding, we can begin to better understand and see the effects of the problem (dialogue and reflection).

### ACTION

The act of becoming an ally or building alliances to change our reality

We all are members of the “Target Group” or “Non-Target Group,” each somehow impacting and affecting the hurts and mistreatments that keep us from liberating ourselves from the institutionalization of the “isms” that impact oppression. Liberation occurs through deconstruction of inequities by being an ally or gaining allies who take ongoing ACTION, REFLECTION AND ACTION AGAIN.

## PART II: Developing the action plan

### NAMING THE PROBLEM

Giving voice

### Three ways to name it

### Description of the problem:

Describe a problem or issue and “name, give voice” to it by describing the problem:

<b>PROBLEMATIZING</b> Building critical consciousness	<b>Reflection, Analysis and Synthesis</b>	<b>Notes to connect and make sense of your thinking about the problem:</b>
What are the barriers, obstacles and challenges you see and why?	Reflection:	
	Analysis:	
	Synthesis:	
<b>ACTION</b> Building alliance	<b>Alliance/Action</b>	<b>Notes on how I will take action:</b>
As a member of the “Target” or “Non-Target” group, what should be done to deconstruct the problem?	Action:	
	Being an ally:	
	Gaining allies:	

**PART III: Next steps**  
 What next steps do you suggest?

For more information on Paulo Freire, check out his book, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*.  
 Adapted from Dr. Edgar Lampkin’s work at the Yolo County Office of Education.

**THE FIRST ANNUAL CAPITAL REGION EQUITY SUMMIT**

Advancing a Regional Equity Conversation and Creating an Action Agenda for our Schools and Communities

**Saturday, March 30, 2010**  
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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**APRIL 30, 2011**

**THE SECOND ANNUAL CAPITAL REGION EQUITY SUMMIT**

**EQUITY, EDUCATION AND INCARCERATION IN CALIFORNIA'S SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES**

**Saturday, April 30, 2011**  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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**CALIFORNIA'S THIRD ANNUAL EQUITY SUMMIT**

**Equity, Education & Incarceration: What is California's Future?**

**March 24, 2012**  
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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**OCTOBER 19, 2013**

**CALIFORNIA'S FOURTH ANNUAL EQUITY SUMMIT**

**Opportunities for Equity**

**October 19, 2013**  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**EQUITY SUMMIT**

**Radical Healing in Times of Trauma**

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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**SIXTH ANNUAL EQUITY SUMMIT**

**Systems Change for Social Justice**

**March 8, 2016**  
4-9 p.m.

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**SEVENTH ANNUAL UC DAVIS EQUITY SUMMIT**

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**RECLAIMING EDUCATION**

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