

# Educating for Democracy Conference

Using Developmental Science to Shape K-12 Students Into Justice-Oriented Citizens



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**April 30th 10 AM - 3 PM EST via Zoom**

UVA's Educating for Democracy initiative is hosting a FREE conference that will teach educators how to have developmentally appropriate conversations around race and justice to help K-12 students become justice-oriented citizens; citizens who disrupt inequity, fight for fairness, affirm those who may be different. This conference provides best practices on talking about race and justice in the current climate and explores the importance of history and developmental science in citizenship.

Attendees can expect to:

- Learn how to facilitate difficult conversations around race and justice with K-12 students
- Learn key theories behind developmental science and critical histories and how it relates to justice-orientated citizenship,
- Learn research skills on finding rich historical sources
- Earn 5 PD hours

*Educating for Democracy is a transdisciplinary initiative which explores issues of race and justice in the U.S. and is framed by developmental science, grounded in critical histories and culturally responsive teaching practices. The initiative provides curriculum resources to K-12 teachers and educators to facilitate developmentally appropriate dialogue around issues of race and justice in the U.S. context. For more information on Educating for Democracy, please visit the website below*

<https://educatingfordemocracy.education.virginia.edu/>

To register for this conference, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/3pzvclT>

If you have any questions please email: [educatingfordemocracyuva@gmail.com](mailto:educatingfordemocracyuva@gmail.com)

**10:00 - 11:00 AM EST**

*Using Developmental Science to Guide Conversations Around Race and Justice*

**11:00 - 11:45 AM EST**

*Critical Histories: Why Do They Matter and How Do We Find Them?*

**12:00 - 1:00 PM EST**

*"I Just Don't Want to Say the Wrong Thing" Facilitating Difficult Conversations Around Race and Justice in K-12 Classrooms*

**Keynote**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM EST**

**Where Do We Go From Here?  
Dialogue between  
Developmental Scientist Dr.  
Larry Nucci and Historian Dr.  
Hasan Jeffries**

**2:00 - 2:45 PM EST**

Sample workshop sessions include:

- Supporting Students' Resistance for Liberation
- Critical History and the Stories of Our Past

**2:45 - 3:00 PM EST**

Reflection