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Pedro Noguera

Expert on the State of Education in America
Challenging Racial Inequality in Our Schools

Pedro Noguera is one of America's most important voices for healthy public education. An expert on school reform, diversity, and the achievement gap, he is currently a professor at the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University and Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education. He is also a part-time high school teacher, the author of several groundbreaking texts, a regular guest on CNN, and a dynamic speaker who translates social theory into concise, hip language with emotional impact and intellectual rigor.

Pedro Noguera has been a professor at the graduate schools of both Harvard and the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author or editor of several books, including the seminal *City Schools* and the *American Dream: Reclaiming The Promise of Public Education* and *Unfinished Business: Closing the Racial Achievement Gap in Our Schools*. He has also engaged in collaborative research with large urban school districts.

Recently, he helped launch A Broader, Bolder Approach to Education, a group of public policy experts in various fields (housing, education, civil rights), and from across the political spectrum, working to break a decades-long cycle of reform efforts that promised much and have achieved far too little. The group works in areas that research shows must be addressed if we are to keep our promises to all of America's children.

Pedro Noguera Speech Topic

Challenging Racial Inequality in Our Schools

As a leading urban sociologist, Noguera examines how schools are influenced by social and economic conditions in the urban environment. What are the challenges they face in providing safe, academically rewarding environments? What is the state of race relations, racial inequality? What is the role of diversity? What is the impact of violence, parents, and school vouchers? What factors promote student achievement? Which detract from it? What is the impact of immigration and migration? A realistic, hopeful speaker, Noguera shows you the hurdles we face in providing equal education to all -- and then unveils the solutions that are already working to overcome them.