



National Network for Educational Renewal

NNER Summer Institute
Co-Hosted by: CUNY (Brooklyn College/CUNY Graduate Center)
& Montclair State University
July 15th - 18th, 2019

We rely on the support of many people in our settings to bring about the sweeping changes that characterize simultaneous renewal of our schools and programs that prepare educators. Thus, the NNER Summer Institute is designed to be an intensive professional development experience. The tone will be serious—we address particular texts and engage in ongoing inquiry—and yet informal. The Summer Institute combines the here-and-now of school-university partnership work and the larger framework and long-range/historical perspective of the National Network for Educational Renewal. The Institute furthers the network of professional connections and friendships across NNER with the intention of deepening our partnership among each other as well as our local settings. As such, the Summer Institute will take place over four full days, and **attendees must commit to being present starting 8:30 am, Monday, July 15th through 3:00pm, Thursday, July 18th.**

Foundations of Summer Institute:

Behind all of John Goodlad's scholarship, we find there are two requirements in educational renewal:

1. Preparing and supporting people to carry on serious, educational conversations and
2. A compelling agenda.

Since its inception in 1987, NNER has defined and promoted a compelling agenda, known as the Agenda of Education in a Democracy (AED). There has been widespread interest among educators in higher education and Prek-12 schools in formally joining the serious, educational conversation about this work. Through affiliation with the National Network for Educational Renewal, member school-university partnerships pursue and promote the Agenda.

The Agenda for Education in a Democracy includes the following major elements:

1. The NNER four-part mission:
 - a. Foster the skills, disposition, and knowledge necessary for effective participation of our nation's youth in a political democracy;
 - b. Ensure that our youth have access to those understandings and skills required for satisfying and responsible lives;
 - c. Develop educators who nurture the learning and well-being of every student; and
 - d. Ensure educators' competence in and commitment to serving as stewards of schools.

2. The overarching strategy of simultaneously renewing both schools and the education of educators by involving the faculty in the P-12 schools, faculty in the arts and sciences, and faculty in the school or college of education in this work; and
3. Postulates or guiding conditions for both colleges of education and partner schools.

The NNER Summer Institute is designed to provide NNER school-university member settings with the groundwork necessary to move the Agenda forward. NNER Summer Institute participants are expected to:

1. Renew and deepen their understanding of the NNER moral dimensions of teaching in a democracy,
2. Collaborate with PreK-12 educators, education professors, and arts and sciences professors to bring about the simultaneous renewal of schools and programs for the education of educators,
3. Acting as local change agents in a diverse social and political democratic community, develop strategies as effective leaders for renewal, including reaching out to those in their local settings who are viewed as “opponents,”
4. Identify plans for engaging others in their local settings in the definition and problems in dialogue, discussion, decision-making, action, and evaluation processes related to finding solutions that advance the Agenda, including how to invest in tripartite collaboration,
5. Contribute to the Agenda through ongoing inquiry and serve as presenters, advisors, facilitators, and friendly critics to the 13 settings of the NNER, and
6. Attend the Summer Institute in its entirety.

NNER Summer Institute participants are identified leaders across the Network who are deeply committed to the Agenda for Education in a Democracy who work to carry out the vision of simultaneously renewing America’s schools and the education of educators.

As part of the Institute, participants are asked to bring the following:

1. A problem or major issue in your local setting related to simultaneous renewal/school-university partnership efforts. This should be an issue of **vital and immediate importance**, meaning this will be work settings can undertake during the 2019-2020 school year.
 - a. Participants will have time to work with local colleagues and colleagues across the Network to engage in inquiry and subsequent action planning. This inquiry is intended to benefit the work of the local settings as well as the work of NNER.
2. A recent success or progress regarding your school-university partnership and how it relates to your tripartite structure.
3. If applicable, participants are asked to bring unpublished manuscripts or ideas for publication regarding school-university partnerships and/or education in a democracy. Participants are encouraged to bring ideas or work in action research as well as identified needs for writing/articulating the work within local settings.

Institute Format:

25-30 participants will engage in small and whole group presentations/discussions, which will include opportunities for work with colleagues from local settings as well as across the nation. The Institute will take place primarily at Brooklyn College, but will also convene in various spaces throughout Brooklyn.

Throughout the Institute, participants will also have the opportunity to develop or refine current manuscripts related to school-university partnerships and/or education in a democracy. The Institute will bring together colleagues familiar with and leading opportunities for publication. These writing sessions include opportunities for participants who might not be seeking publications to develop action research projects or dedicate time toward articulating existing work within the local partnership.

Cost and Accommodations:

The cost per participant is \$600 and includes all materials and transportation costs associated with the Institute. Please [complete this application](#) to confirm participants. For invoices, please email catherine@nnerpartnerships.org or send checks to the following address:

133 Oak Knoll Dr.
Oakwood, OH 45419

NNER has secured a room block at the Nu Hotel for \$199/night. The rate includes the following:

- Continental breakfast (6-10am, Monday – Friday)
- Premium Wi-Fi access for all devices
- All day La Colombe coffee, tea and Vivreau filtered and carbonated water in the lobby
- Usage of bespoke NU bicycles by Republic Bike
- 24-hour fitness center equipped for cardio, Pilates, boxing and yoga
- Wall Street Journal newspapers in the lobby
- Local and toll-free phone calls
- 24-hour business workstation with Apple computer and complimentary printing
- Exclusive 10% off discount at Misdemeanor Bar & Lounge

To book your room, [use this link](#). Or, any guests that would like to book their rooms via phone must provide the following information:

- *Group name:* NNER Group
- *Dates:* July 14th-19th, 2019
- *Telephone:* 855-752-2010 (Dial 3)