

NAME OF EVENT: **Educating About Race: A Back-to-School Conversation**

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: August 24, 2021 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET | Online

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

In recent months, a growing number of states have enacted laws prohibiting the teaching in public schools of curricula that posits systemic racism permeates American society as a result of the legacy of slavery and the racial caste system it created. Public debate has focused on the teaching of critical race theory, and objections have been lodged against the use of The New York Times' 1619 Project materials, more specifically, and to diversity, equity and inclusion training, more broadly. What are we to make of this movement and what should be the response? Do state legislatures have the authority to enact such bans? What are the implications for academic autonomy? Join ACS for a discussion with experts about the relevant law and policy questions and answers.

Featuring:

Khiara M. Bridges, Professor of Law, Berkeley Law

Alice O' Brien, General Counsel, National Education Association, ACS National Board of Directors

Moderated by:

Jin Hee Lee, Senior Deputy Director of Litigation & Director of Strategic Initiatives, NAACP LDF

AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

- Introductory Remarks (5 minutes)
- Khiara Bridges speaks (15 minutes)
- Alice O'Brien speaks (15 minutes)
- Question and Answer (20 minutes)
- Closing Remarks (5 minutes)

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

Randi Weingarten, [*You can't keep us from teaching students honest history*](#), CNN (July 27, 2021)

Mark Walsh, [*If Critical Race Theory Is Banned, Are Teachers Protected by the First Amendment?*](#), Education Week (June 10, 2021)

Edward Lempinen, [*Khiara M. Bridges: The hidden agenda in GOP attacks on critical race theory*](#), Berkeley News (July 12, 2021)

Char Adams, Allan Smith and Aadit Tambe, [Map: See which states have passed critical race theory bills](#), NBC News (June 17, 2021)

Rashawn Ray and Alexandra Gibbons, [Why are states banning critical race theory?](#), Brookings Institute (August 2021)

Trip Gabriel and Dana Goldstein, [Disputing Racism's Reach, Republicans Rattle American Schools](#), New York Times (June 1, 2021)

[Joint Statement On Legislative Efforts To Restrict Education About Racism And American History](#), Pen America (June 16, 2021)

Keith Whittington, [The Trouble with Banning Critical Race Theory](#), Areo Magazine (June 16, 2021)

[UC Law Deans response to OMB prohibition on critical race theory training](#), UCI Law (September 11, 2020)

Tri-City Herald Editorial Board, [Here's the truth about critical race theory in WA state schools](#) Tri-City Herald (June 21, 2021).

Jonathan Mattise and Kimberlee Kruesi, [Tennessee gov: Race shouldn't be taught in 'divisive' way](#), AP News (May 7, 2021)

Kimberlé Crenshaw, [Twenty Years of Critical Race Theory: Looking Back To Move Forward](#), Connecticut Law Review (July 2011)