

# SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

## The 2021 Wright Lecture

### “Gender and the Gender Spectrum in the Early Childhood Classroom”

Panelists Marjorie Brickley, Brendan Cheney, Laleña Garcia, Cassandra Santos

Moderated by Jan Drucker, Ph.D.

#### Resources for adults:

##### To watch:

- [New Film – Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years](#) (film)
- [HaymarketBooks.org](#) - Black Lives Matter at School: Early Childhood Edition (webinar)
- [Webinar: Black Lives Matter in the Classroom](#) : Lee and Low
- [Black Lives Matter and Progressive Education in NYC](#)- BLM and Progressive Ed in NYC - scroll down for video
- [Abolitionist Teaching and the Future of Our Schools](#)

##### To read:

- [Talking to kids about police brutality and anti-Black Racism: Resources for adults.pdf](#)
- [Talking to Kids about Racism and Justice - Oakland Library](#)
- Articles:
  - [Teaching young children in a flawed democracy](#)
  - [The Problem with Inclusion: Time to Shift to Belonging](#)
- [Supporting Gender Diversity in Early Childhood Classrooms: A Practical Guide](#), by Encian Pastel, Katie Steele, Julie Nicholson, Cyndi Maurer, Julia Hennock, Jonathan Julian, Tess Unger and Nathanael Flynn
- <https://crd.northwestern.edu/visualizations/gender-identity-expression-map/>
- [X: A Fabulous Child's Story](#)

## To use for “authority” or if questioned about “official” stance:

From the National Association for the Education of Young Children

- [Advancing Equity in Early Childhood Education Position Statement](#)
- [Understanding Anti-Bias Education: Bringing the Four Core Goals to Every Facet of Your Curriculum](#)
- [Black Boys Matter: Cultivating Their Identity, Agency, and Voice](#)
- ["What About People Like Me?" Teaching Preschoolers about Segregation and "Peace Heroes"](#)
- [Focus On Ethics: Gender Expression and Identity](#)

## To find resources:

- [Abolitionist Teaching Network](#)
- [Teach and Transform: Social Justice](#)
- [Year of Purpose - BLM AT SCHOOL](#)  
[Learning for Justice | Education Resources](#)
- [Rethinking Schools: Home](#)
- [Zinn Education Project](#)
- [Teacher's Guide - What We Believe](#) → free, downloadable [teachers guide](#) that includes a list of books by principle, as well as lots of other resources, tips, and strategies

## To engage:

- [More in-depth coursework with Laleña](#)
- [PDI](#): Gender and Sexuality Workshops for Early Childhood
- [Brooklyn Public Library Early Childhood Symposium](#)
- [Rethinking Police as Community Helpers - Ijumaa Jordan and Megan Madison](#)

## Web resources:

<https://www.rootedkids.org/>

<https://www.earlychildhoodny.org/pdi/workshop-GSF.php>

<https://www.flamingorampant.com/>

<https://littlefeminist.com/>

<https://welcomingschools.org/>

## Laleña's Slides:

[Sarah Lawrence - gender in early childhood - 11 18 21.pdf](#)

## **Publications by Marjorie Brickley:**

Families Chapter. (2010). In L. Derman-Sparks & J. Edwards (Eds.), *Anti-Bias Education for Young Children and Ourselves*. Washington, DC: NAEYC.

*Technical Assistance Manual for the New Jersey Infant/Toddler Credential*. (2009). New Jersey: Coalition of Infant Toddler Educators.

*Brain Power! Idea cards*, (2001). Baltimore, MD: Friends of the Family.

*Brain Power! Activity cards*, (2001). Baltimore, MD: Friends of the Family.

*Talking to Children about our Families*, (2000). Family Net Website, Human Rights Campaign, Washington, DC

*Opening Doors*, (1999). Washington, DC: Family Pride Coalition.

*Help for a Fledgling Field: A Coalition of Infant/Toddler Educators*. Day Care and Early Education, 18(4), 37-38.

## **Resources for children:**

- [Woke Kindergarten: Home](#) - includes videos of Akiea Gross engaging in anti-racist work. You can see them talk about pronouns, explain the art of critical conversations with young children, and do read alouds of amazing books
- [LGBTQ+ vids for kids!](#)
- [Our Skin: A First Conversation about Race](#)
- [Being You: A First Conversation About Gender by Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli](#)
- [Reflection Press: Home](#)

## **Children's Literature:**

[Being You: A First Conversation About Gender](#) by Megan Madison and Jessica Ralli

[It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity](#) by Theresa Thorn

[We Are Little Feminist Families](#) by Archa Shrivastav

[When Aidan Became a Brother](#) by Kyle Lukoff

[Harriet Gets Carried Away](#) by Jessie Sims

[Except When They Don't](#) by Laura Gehl

[It Feels Good to be Yourself](#) by Theresa Thorne

[Red: A Crayon's Story](#) by Michael Hall

[Pink is for Boys](#) by R. Pearlman

Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love

When Aiden Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff

I love My Purse by Belle DuMont

They, She, He Easy as ABC by Maya and Matthew Smith-Gonzalez

Clive and His Babies by Jessica Spanyol

Rosa Loves Cars by Jessica Spanyol

From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea by Kai Cheng Thom

Not All Princesses Dress in Pink by Jane Yolen

The Princess Knight by Cornelia Funke

The Boy and the Bindi by Vivek Shraya