

The Civil Rights Project at UCLA

Invites You to Attend a Federal Policy Briefing

Informing the Debate: Bringing Civil Rights Research to Bear on the Reauthorization of the ESEA

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2011* 10:00 am – 12:00 am

LOCATION: Rm. 209, Senate Visitors Center (north side-Capitol Visitors Center)

Presenters:

Gary Orfield and Patricia Gándara, Co-Directors, The Civil Rights Project

Christopher Swanson, Research Director, Editorial Projects in Education

Daniel Losen, Director, The Center for Civil Rights Remedies at The Civil Rights Project

Erica Frankenberg, Assoc. Professor, Pennsylvania State Univ. & CRP Senior Researcher

Respondents:

Bethany Little, Senior Education Advisor, Senate HELP Committee, Sen. Tom Harkin
Republican Staffer TBD

Damon Hewitt, Director of the Education Practice, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Additional civil rights organization representative TBD

At this event, leading scholars present research findings on the civil rights implications of education policies and discuss them in terms of the reauthorization of the ESEA. Civil rights advocates and Congressional staffers open the discussion to explore what lessons can be learned on the following:

- **Improving graduation rates and reducing suspension rates:** School accountability and the need to address early warning indicators of dropping out; special attention to issues of school climate and use of disciplinary exclusion.
- **School accountability:** effective turnarounds and the need for an entirely separate response to ensure robust yet reasonable accountability for low-performing subgroups.
- **Meeting the needs of English learners:** accountability, appropriate test use and inadequate support of ELs
- **Promoting diversity:** mechanisms of school choice, inter-district transfers, magnet schools; the promise/pitfalls of increasing the numbers of charter schools

Seating is limited. Please RSVP to crp@ucla.edu and put “DC BRIEF” as the subject

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