

HILLTOP EDUCATOR INSTITUTE

EDUCATOR DISCUSSION SERIES

Finding a Place for the Religious & Spiritual Lives of Young Children and their Families in Early Childhood Programs: An Anti-Bias Approach

Saturday, February 8th | 8:25a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Registration \$150.00
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CORE COMPETENCIES

Child Growth & Development
Curriculum & Learning Environment
Families & Community Partnerships
Interactions

No matter how we feel, children bring questions about spirituality and religion into the classroom, and we have to decide how to respond...

Why do we view children's questions about spirituality & religion with trepidation? Why is our field reluctant to embrace religion in our anti-bias & equity efforts? How are we supposed to create meaningful relationships with children & families if we are ignoring an aspect of their identities that can be central to whom they are in the world?

Similar to anti-bias efforts across other social identities, we need to be ready for the ambiguity & wonder of human behavior. In the face of the recent rise of Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, & in the targeting of places of worship across religions, we must recognize the urgency for change & then be proactive about it.

This culturally sustaining workshop seeks to help you understand why spirituality and religion are an important part of anti-bias education, how religion & culture are inexplicably tied together, and how religion intersects with other social identities.

Join us on Feb 8th and walk away with the tools to:

- Develop your religious literacy
- Encourage children's curiosity
- Allow for conflicting views and ways to embrace complexity
- Integrate cultural wealth and multiple funds of knowledge
- Become a more intentional educator
- Create curriculum with mirrors and windows
- Engage families more authentically to honor children's spiritual lives
- Stand against injustice

Have a question? Email Mike Browne at institute@hilltopcc.org
Scholarships Available

Presenters:



**Debbie
LeeKeenan**
she / her



**John
Nimmo**
he / him

6 STARS Hours included!

Workshop Held At:

The Bertschi School
2227 10th Ave E
Seattle, WA 98102



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