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CRITICAL FAMILY HISTORY, IDENTITY & HISTORICAL MEMORY

THURSDAY, SEPT 25

12:00PM-1:30PM, RM 242

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Many teacher educators recommend that preservice teachers examine their own backgrounds and experiences to identify assumptions, beliefs, and values, as well as **cultural contexts** in which they grew up, which impact on how they understand schooling and students.

Self-examination is particularly important as a part of learning to teach students who are culturally different from oneself, and to address **institutionalized inequities** that permeate students' lives both inside and outside of school. For years, Dr. Sleeter has worked to help teachers (both preservice and inservice) understand themselves as **cultural beings**, and to understand institutional discrimination well enough to recognize and challenge it in schools.

In this seminar, she will share work she is currently doing with her own **family history**, to illustrate the power of this form of **self-examination**.



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