

ANTIRACISM MISCONCEPTIONS: Insights from Teacher Candidates

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An increasing number of studies have shown that teachers acknowledge the need to discuss race and racism in classrooms but the majority feel unprepared to lead these discussions. As we reflect on historical and contemporary happenings, how might we think about and interrogate racism in our teachings and more so in teacher education? How might we confront denial, discomfort and guilt to foster meaningful discussions and learnings within ourselves and with our students? In this presentation, Dr. Opini will be reflecting on preliminary qualitative findings from a TLEF-funded project on antiracism in teacher education to address these questions. Some recommendations will be provided.

Dr. Opini is is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Education, UBC. She trained as a high school teacher and has worked in the K-12 system in Canada and internationally. Her interests are in critical race and antiracist education, disability studies, teaching and practice, and teacher education. She is currently leading a project on antiracism in teacher education funded by the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund, UBC.

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