



Reimagining Democracy in the Biden–Harris Administration and Beyond: A Tribute to Bernardo P. Gallegos and his Legacy

The 2021 Society of Professors of Education Conference Call for Proposals
Daylong Live Synchronous Virtual Conference
Saturday, April 10, 2021 (8am-5pm EDT)
Proposals Due February 16, 2021: etboyles@vt.edu

Professors of education, students, and practitioners—you are invited to reimagine democracy in the Biden–Harris Administration and beyond. We are keen to think, write, teach, and lead educationally in social movements, civil organizations, and educational institutions. For the 2021 conference, we will gather online as a force for justice against the national swell of anti-Blackness, insurrection, and conspiracy theory. Advocating for a critical, socially, and racially just democracy, we will pay tribute, in memoriam, to our good friend, mentor, and esteemed colleague Professor Bernardo Gallegos and his legacy. A president of the Society of Professors of Education (SPE), he was a scholar of Indigenous narratives and identities, history, and colonial legacies. As engaged scholars, we will honor his larger-than-life presence.

The Society invites proposals for live synchronous presentation at its annual meeting to be held **virtually on April 10, 2021** focused on the conference theme “**Reimagining Democracy in the Biden–Harris Administration and Beyond: A Tribute to Bernardo P. Gallegos and his Legacy.**” We also welcome proposals that address the Society’s primary goal (below). Select papers presented at the conference may be published in SPE’s *Professing Education* journal.

Founded in 1902, the SPE is a professional and academic association open to all persons engaged in teacher preparation, curriculum studies, educational foundations, and related activities. The Society’s primary goal is to provide a forum for consideration of major issues, tasks, problems, and challenges confronting professional educators. SPE is an interdisciplinary organization. Its members include both scholars and practitioners in education.

Presenters are limited to ONE proposal submission. Paying members of the Society are included in the conference program. Membership and fees are managed by SPE Secretary-Treasurer Robert C. Morris: rmorris@westga.edu. The fee for membership is very reasonable—join at your earliest convenience. The 2021-2022 membership form is attached; it is also available at the SPE [webpage](#).

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PROPOSALS

Submission: By **February 16, 2021**, email your Word-formatted proposal to the SPE Program Committee Coordinator Emily Boyles: etboyles@vt.edu. The subject line of your email message must read: “**SPE 2021 Proposal.**”

Cover Sheet: Each proposal should have a separate cover sheet that lists: 1) title of the paper and SPE 2021 proposal; 2) names, affiliations, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and relevant backgrounds of ALL proposal submitters; 3) identify the corresponding presenter handling communications. The cover sheet will not be sent to proposal reviewers. Except for the cover sheet, the proposal must NOT contain information identifying submitters of the proposal.

Length: Proposals should be 350 to 500 words (excluding the cover sheet). The proposal should restate the title of the presentation, describe its contents, and discuss its significance. Keep in mind the conference theme or Society’s goals.

Notification: The proposal review outcome will be emailed to the proposal submitter, along with conference details.

Call for Reviewers: Besides submitting your work, you can volunteer as a proposal reviewer; email: etboyles@vt.edu. Join us—we look forward to seeing you online! Carol A. Mullen, Professor, Virginia Tech, and SPE President