Spotlighting the Issues
Saturday, September 27
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

5 Arts as Public Pedagogy Spotlight
Location: Norton Clapp Theatre

“Why Are the Arts the Last Thing We Should Cut? What Are the Blocks to Arts Education and How Do We Tear them Down?”

MODERATOR: Michael Benitez, Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, University of Puget Sound
KEYNOTE: Antonio Gomez, Community Outreach Coordinator, KCTS, Educator, Musician
PANELISTS:
C. Rosalind Bell, Artist and Educator
Marita Dingus, Artist and Educator
Anne Banks, Arts Program Manager, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Washington
Lisa Jaret, Arts in Education Program Manager, Washington State Arts Commission
Gilda Sheppard, Professor, The Evergreen State College, Tacoma

A distinguished panel of artists, educators, and administrators discuss the importance of the arts in our educational systems. Panelists will speak to the personal, pedagogical, empirical, and experiential reasons that the arts deeply matter to the work of education and justice. Attendees are encouraged to actively participate in a fast-paced, impassioned, and persuasive conversation about the vital role of the arts in teaching and learning.

This session will be preceded by music performed by a choir of students, the Race & Pedagogy Troubadours, from the Grant Center for the Expressive Arts under the direction of Carolyn Proehl.

Arts as Public Pedagogy Conference Strand (Chaired by Elise Richman) includes:

A.5 Presentation Room
Penned In: Exploring the Role of Language as a Barrier, Tool, and Weapon
CHAIR: Linda Williams, Associate Professor, University of Puget Sound
PRESENTER: Carletta Carrington Wilson, Educator and Literary and Visual Artist

B.15 Presentation Room
Teaching for Equity and Hope in the Classroom: Undoing Bias and Oppression
PRESENTERS: Tina LaPadula, Artcorps and Lara Davis, Seattle Office of Arts and Culture

C.8 Gallery Talk Room
They Still Hold Us
CHAIR: Elise Richman, Associate Professor, University of Puget Sound
PRESENTER: Marita Dingus, artist

C.16 Presentation Room
Teaching YOU & ME: Identity, Social Studies, and the Common Core in the New K12 Demographic
CHAIR: PRESENTER: Tony Gomez, educator and musician

D.12 Presentation Room
Book of the Bound: On the Language of History
CHAIR: Siddharth Ramakrishnan, Assistant Professor, University of Puget Sound
PRESENTER: Carletta Carrington Wilson, Artist