

The American Studies Department

at Macalester College is honored to host the eleventh annual American Studies Conference, **“Freedom to Learn: Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline.”** The conference is held every February during Black History Month, and each year a different theme is selected. The conference brings internationally renowned scholars to campus to present their work and engage with faculty, staff, students and Twin Cities residents. The conference seeks to highlight the links between scholarship, activism and civic engagement.

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FEBRUARY 25-26, 2010

**Freedom to Learn:
Dismantling the School
to Prison Pipeline**



Art by Ricardo Levins Morales

FEATURING

Pedro Noguera

New York University

Thursday, February 25 6–7:30 p.m.

Alexander G. Hill Ballroom, Kagin Commons

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Freedom to Learn: Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline

**Keynote Speaker:
Professor
Pedro Noguera**
New York University

“Challenging Racial Inequality in Our Schools”

As a leading urban sociologist, Noguera examines how public schools are influenced by social and economic conditions in the urban environment. What challenges do schools face in providing safe, academically rewarding environments? What is the state of race relations and racial inequality? What is the role of diversity? What is the impact of violence, parents, and school vouchers? What factors promote student achievement? Which detract from it? What is the impact of immigration and migration?

A realistic and hopeful speaker, Noguera will discuss the hurdles society faces in providing equal education to all, and then unveil the solutions that are already working to overcome them.

Pedro Noguera, an urban sociologist and one of America’s most important voices for public education, is an expert on school reform, diversity, and the achievement gap. He’s a professor in the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development at New York University. Noguera’s scholarship and research focuses on the ways in which schools are influenced by social and economic conditions in the urban environment.

Noguera is the author or editor of several books, including the seminal *City Schools and the American Dream: Reclaiming The Promise of Public Education*, *Unfinished Business: Closing the Racial Achievement Gap in Our Schools* and *The Trouble with Black Boys*.

He is also a part-time high school teacher, a regular guest on CNN, and a dynamic speaker who translates social theory into concise language with emotional impact and intellectual rigor. Noguera has been a professor at the graduate schools at Harvard and the University of California, Berkeley. He has also engaged in collaborative research with large urban school districts.



2010 Conference Schedule:

Thursday, February 25

4:30–5:30 p.m.
Keynote Reception
Alexander G. Hill Ballroom,
Kagin Commons
Macalester College

6–7:30 p.m.
Keynote Address
Book signing to follow
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Friday, February 26

Noon–1:30 p.m.
**Lunch and Panel
Discussion on
Dismantling the Schools
to Prison Pipeline**
Weyerhaeuser
Boardroom and Lounge
Macalester College