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By law and custom, everyone in Canada attends school. Some two-thirds of Canadians have been to college or university, among the highest participation rates in the world. Yet the achievement of full and equal access to schooling is an ongoing and unfinished project.

How has the pursuit of wider educational opportunity evolved historically? How do educational experiences vary by race, gender, neighbourhoods, and disabilities? What kinds of teaching and learning will best serve individuals and communities in the years ahead? How is the COVID-19 affecting access to schools and the experiences of students, teachers, and families?

These and other questions will be taken up in a four-part ZOOM series, sponsored by the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Foundation, which begins in November 2020 and will continue in January 2021. The sessions feature presentations and panel discussions on a range of important educational themes. The series, free of charge, and accessible online, is designed for a broad audience interested in the past, present and future of Canadian education.

Speakers include academics, teachers, and community leaders whose work, writing, and public engagement have enhanced our understanding of the schooling world.

The first session (November 17) explores **The Promise of Equity: Race, Multiculturalism, and First Nations Education**, and features panelists: **Carl James**, Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community and Diaspora at York University; **Natasha Henry**, President of the Ontario Black History Society; University of Toronto's, **Rob Vipond**, author of *Making a Global City: How One School Embraced Diversity*; and Ryerson University historian, **Ian Mosby**, a specialist in the study of indigenous health and the politics of settler colonialism. The session will be chaired by University of Toronto historian, **Funké Aledejebi**, author of the forthcoming book, *Schooling the System: A History of Black Women Teachers*.

Session Two (November 24) asks **Are We Moving Closer to Gender Equity in Education?** Former Premier and Minister of Education, **Kathleen Wynne**, will be joined on the panel by University of Waterloo Professor **Kristina Llewellyn**, author of *Democracy's Angels: The Work of Women Teachers*; Toronto teacher **Sachin Maharaj**, a *Toronto Star* contributing columnist; and **Jane Gaskell**, former Dean of OISE-University of Toronto, and author of numerous publications on gender and education.

The third Session (January 12, 2021) is entitled: **Doing the Right Thing: Disability, Autism and Special Education**. Panelists include University of British Columbia Professor, **Jason Ellis**, author of *A Class By Themselves: The Origins of Special Education in Toronto and Beyond*; **Gillian Parekh**, Canada Research Chair: Inclusion, Disability and Education at York University; and **Margaret Spoelstra**, President of Autism Ontario. **Sue Winton** of York's Faculty of Education will chair the session.

The final session (January 19) turns to higher education, and asks “**Does Liberal Education Matter in the 21st Century?**” **Lorna Marsden**, former President of York University, is joined on the panel by **Paul Gooch**, past president of Victoria University in the University of Toronto and author of *Course Correction: A Map for the Distracted University*; the University of Waterloo's **Ian Milligan**, author of *History in the Age of Abundance? How the Web is Transforming Historical Research*; and **Qiang Zha**, York University professor, and co-editor of *International Status Anxiety and Higher Education: The Soviet Legacy in China and Russia*. The session will be chaired by **Paul Axelrod**, former dean of York's Faculty of Education.

Through provocative questions and informed discussion, the series will probe the achievements, limitations and prospects of schooling and higher education in disquieting times.

Series Co-ordinators: Paul Axelrod, Professor Emeritus, York University
Jason Ellis, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia

All sessions begin at 7 P.M.

This series is free!

Registration for the first two sessions is open! Register now and let others know.

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