



# 3RD ANNUAL Social Justice AND EQUITY Symposium

8:45 a.m. – Noon  
Registration: 8:15 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

CREC Two Rivers Magnet  
Middle School  
337 E. River Drive  
East Hartford, CT  
Cost: \$100

The 3rd Annual Social Justice and Equity Symposium will focus on developing, implementing, and maintaining an infrastructure to support school, parental, and family engagement.

**Keynote speaker, Dr. Hua-Yu Sebastian Cherng**, utilizes a social justice lens to share research and information that supports educators' approaches to family participation in their children's education.

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## ABOUT DR. HUA-YU SEBASTIAN CHERNG

Dr. Cherng is an assistant professor at New York University.

His research and activism center on how social relationships in the lives of students of color and immigrant youth, including relationships with parents and teachers, can shape educational inequalities. Dr. Cherng's work has been published in the American Educational Research Journal, Educational Researcher, Social Forces, and Teachers College Record. In addition, his work has appeared in more than 20 mainstream media outlets, including CNN, NPR, TIME, Business Insider, Huffington Post, Metro, and Essence. To learn more about Dr. Cherng, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) to read an article authored by Dr. Cherng titled, *Study Finds Students of All Races Prefer Teachers of Color*.

### SPEAKER

**Jill Wnuk** is the principal at CREC Two Rivers Magnet Middle School. She will share her school's transformative journey to address racial equity, social justice, and cultural responsiveness in the school's community by using a systemic approach. This illustrates the importance of thoughtfully addressing parental engagement, while being mindful of individual and group identities.

### SPEAKER

**Tamika Thurston** is a youth and family program service specialist at CREC. She will provide guidance and information on deliberate steps to relationship building as they apply to parental engagement and how to maintain meaningful relationships.



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