



# Maryland Multicultural Coalition



## MMC

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State Chapter of NAME

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### President's Message

**Happy New Year! Jim Rohn said, "All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to a level we could only imagine." As I write this message, I am saddened to share the news of the passing of someone who epitomized the very essence of that quote, Dr. Rita L. Robinson. Rita was as a member of MMC's Executive Board for over 25 years. Her commitment and dedication to MMC was clear. Words can sometimes be inadequate so in this moment, all I can say is that she will be deeply missed by all of us.**

**Remembering Rita reminds me of the significant impact we make on those we serve every day. Each of us in our various roles, institutions, and organizations have both a tremendous opportunity and undeniable responsibility to create the systems that demand equitable access for all. We are uniquely positioned to do so and there is no time like the present.**

**In this issue, you will find information on our conference, the Jack Epstein Award and a special piece on Dr. Rita Robinson along with other articles.**

**We are gearing up for our upcoming conference to be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019. This year's conference, "Working Together to Build a Legacy of Equity and Excellence" is being hosted by Carroll County Public Schools and we look forward to hearing from the keynote speaker, Dr. Richard Maurice Smith, Associate Professor of Sociology, McDaniel College. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.**

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**With hope,**

**Dr. Tracey L. Durant  
President**

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## Announcements



See page 3 for information on our keynote speaker and a separate document for proposals for the MMC conference will arrive via email. The dateline has been extended to February 15, 2019

### Scholarship Update

Due to our transition on the board, there will not be a scholarship awarded this year in 2019. Please look for information next fall regarding an academic scholarship.

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YOUR CALENDAR  
NOW!

29th Annual Conference  
of the  
National Association for  
Multicultural Education

November 6-10, 2019  
Tucson, Arizona

### Call for Proposals Open for NAME 2019 Conference

The call for proposals is open for the NAME conference in 2019. It will remain open until February 28, 2019. Go to [www.nameorg.org](http://www.nameorg.org) for more information. This conference will be held in Tucson, Arizona.

### 2018-2019 Executive Board

President- Dr. Tracey L. Durant- Baltimore City Public Schools

Vice President- Laurie Namey -Harford County Public Schools

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Secretary- Bonnie Brownell- Howard County Public Schools – Retired

Newsletter- Deborah Misiag- Howard County Public Schools – Retired

Members-at-Large Dr. Pamela Harris- Prince George's Public Schools Retired, Linda Shevitz, MSDE Retired

Nomination form will be coming out shortly for the 2019 elections.





## Keynote Speaker for the Maryland Multicultural Coalition, Spring 2019 Conference in Carroll County

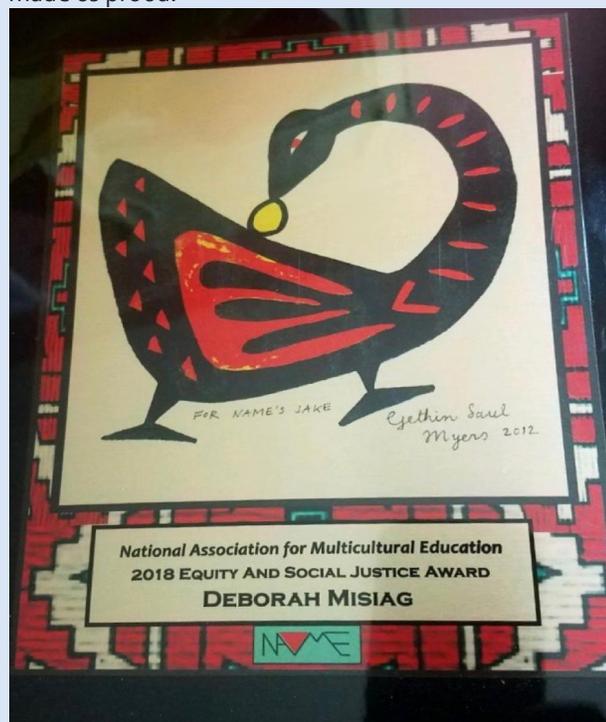
Dr. Richard Maurice Smith is an Associate Professor of Sociology at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. He specializes in the Sociology of race and racism, African American culture and religion. Dr. Smith is a sought-after speaker and consultant on themes and issues of race, African American culture, social justice issues and religion. He has facilitated a multitude of discussions about current racial and cultural issues to help improve people's understanding of racialized perceptions of themselves and others. His knowledge has been beneficial to helping a wide variety of people within organizations including school districts, medical centers, churches, other nonprofit institutions and organizations to not only understand issues of race, but also to inspire them to make positive differences within their specific settings. In the summer of 2018, he was also one of ten scholars in the US featured on a panel to discuss US race relations in Birmingham, Alabama at the 50<sup>th</sup> year commemoration of the passing of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## MMC Marks its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Maryland Multicultural Coalition will mark its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. Founded just over 10 years before the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), in 1991. We later joined as a state chapter. Look for more information about our chapter in the upcoming newsletters as we celebrate and recognize the work we have done in the community, state and for NAME.

## Past President Wins the Equity and Social Justice Award at NAME Conference

On November 29, past MMC President Deborah Misiag received the Equity and Social Justice Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education at the annual International Conference in Memphis. Dr. Pamela Harris accepted the honor in her place. Debbie who had been the President for the Maryland Multicultural Coalition for 11 years, also served as conference chair for a record three times during her tenure in Howard County, created three MDSE CPD courses on Multicultural Education and Cultural Proficiency, including one course for the former, ETMA network co-authored by Cathy Price of Hartford Public Schools. She continues to teach graduate and undergraduate courses for McDaniel College and Washington Adventist University on Cultural Diversity. During her years as President, she led the chapter in creating the Legacy Award, a student scholarship program, digitalizing the newsletter and creating a website for MMC. She had presented at two NAME conferences, and in several school systems in Maryland over the last decade. She has also presented for MAEC and MSEA. We congratulate Debbie for her efforts in the area of Social Justice, Equity and Diversity. She has made us proud.



*The Maryland Multicultural Coalition regrets to announce the passing of our beloved Dr. Rita Robinson*

Rita, service the state of Maryland, Prince Georges' County, the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, Prince Georges' Community College, the National Association for Multicultural Education and the Maryland Multicultural Coalition, just to name a few. The executive board is saddened by her passing last week. Below is a message from Diana M. Bailey, Executive Director of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center.

"I regret to inform you that Dr. Rita Robinson past away this week after battling cancer on and off for many years.

Rita was a lifetime educational equity specialist, member of our MWHC Board of Directors from the first conception of the Center, a Founding Mother, and activist for multicultural education in Maryland and was recognized nationally for her efforts. Rita was honored for her equity work and personal contributions by being inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame in 2018. Rita's family, friends, colleagues, and several MWHC Board members attended the Hall of Fame induction ceremony to wish Rita well and celebrate with her. Please visit: <https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/educ/exhibits/womenshall/html/robinsonr.html>

While Rita was working on Title IX implementation strategies in Prince George's County in the early 70's, she frequently worked with Linda Shevitz and Jill Moss Greenberg, as well as the Maryland State Department of Education working to develop the annual Women's History packets, Women's History Trail and other initiatives. Not surprisingly, Rita was part of the original team working to support the opening of MWHC's physical site in 2010. I remember seeing Rita with a paint brush in her hand preparing for the opening of the Center. In Rita's educational work as well as her work with MWHC, Rita was hands-on, caring, committed and passionate about shared missions.

During the last few years, Rita worked hard to "keep on keepin' on" with few complaints and her goals never wavered, to support the successes and challenges of diverse women and girls. Rita was an amazing writer and is nationally recognized for her unique book, "Daughters and Dads".

(available on Amazon of course)

I was also lucky to have worked with Rita through years of educational equity, as well as her many years and contributions to MWHC as a Board member, Founding Mother, docent, program committee member and frequent speaker at events representing the MWHC.

Personally and professionally, we are losing another educational equity and MWHC pioneer. I am just so grateful that Rita could attend her induction into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and receive the honor she so richly deserved. And, in true Rita fashion, she took it all in, in her quiet, humble, dignified way..... yet, I know she was truly smiling inside that her peers valued her and her work so highly. Thank you, Dr. Rita Robinson!"

Cards and Condolence messages may be sent to: **Robinson Family, 10900 New England Drive, Clinton, MD 20735.**



Dr. Rita Robinson

Rita was a member of the Executive Board of the Maryland Multicultural Coalition for over 20 years. She served as the NAME District 3 Director for a number of years as well as Parliamentarian and Member at Large on the MMC Board. At our last executive board meeting we shared words that described our dear friend and colleague.

Inspirational      Compassion  
Encourager  
A Warrior  
Role Model      Intelligent  
Visionary  
Loving      Strength  
Generous  
Principled  
Our Dear Friend and Colleague





### **NAME urges honoring Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline Guidelines**

The National Association for Multicultural Education urges the Federal Commission on School Safety chaired by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to abandon its recommendation that the Department of Education rescind a 2014 Obama administration policy addressing racial disparities in school discipline. Racial discrimination is an undisputed fact of life in the United States, and it overflows into America's public, private and charter schools. It feeds America's **school to prison pipeline** with students of color, enduring harsher discipline in schools than their white peers, facing a disproportionate amount of suspensions and expulsions as well as school related arrests and referrals to law enforcement. The Obama administration's "**Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline**" points that out and offers school officials guidance to try to ensure that discipline when needed is meted out fairly and equitably.

For the remainder of the article, please go to [www.nameorg.org](http://www.nameorg.org)

Recipients of the Jack Epstein Award

2001 Woodrow Grant, MSDE, and Jill Christianson, NEA

2002 Cheryl Pasteur, Baltimore County Public Schools

2003 Linda Shevitz, MSDE

2004 Joyce Bransford Byrd, Harford County, Hosanna School Museum

2005 Dina Shein, Carroll County Public Schools

2006 Mary Louise Jones, Allegany County

2007 No spring conference/hosted NAME conference

2008 Robert Barnes, Coalition Opposed to Violence and Extremism (COVE)

2009 Joyce Harris, retired, Frederick County Public Schools; Executive Director, NAME

2010 Margaret (Peg) Kulow, Carroll County Public Schools

2011 Michael Martinaro, St. Mary's County Public Schools

2012 Tim Johnson, Coalition Opposed to Violence and Extremism (COVE)

2013 Cathy Price, retired Harford County Public Schools

2014 Maria Whittemore, Frederick County Public Schools

2015 Debra Nixon, MSEA

2016 No recipient

2017 Joan Scornaienchi, HC Drug Free

2018 No Conference

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act

Last spring, the State of Maryland Commission on Civil Rights held its gala event to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in Baltimore. The keynote speaker was CNN political commentator, attorney and former state legislator from South Carolina, Bakari Sellers. Dr. Ben Carson also provided greetings at this event.

## Women in History

Jamestown Settlement in Jamestown, Virginia will be opening a new exhibit sharing the stories of the women that settled in Jamestown, called *Tenacity: Women in Jamestown and Early Virginia*. The exhibit will feature Powhatan, English and African women and their impact on the struggling society in the early 1600s. Visitors will be able to meet 11 women. The exhibit opened in November 2018 and runs through the 2019.

<https://www.historyisfun.org/tenacity/>

Note: 201 marks the arrival of African slaves and women to Jamestown and the British Colonies.

## For Freedom

### Editorial

By Debbie Misiag, editor of Voices

In a time, when it seems like our basic freedoms are being attacked, it is important to remember that we as citizens of this wonderful country were given these rights under our Constitution. As a history major in college, there is one thing I learned; if we don't know history, we are bound to repeat it. Understanding that we are a nation built on the rule of law and that as a member of this society, we need to be responsible for ensuring these rights are protected. In this time of less time spent on the teaching of history and social studies, we are in jeopardy of repeating the history of the past. One only needs to watch the evening news to be reminded. When it seems like Watergate and the Supreme Court hearing of Judge Thomas, is happening again... well it is. But what about those that were too young and don't even know what these events were? In a speech by FDR in 1941 to Congress, he said there are four basic freedoms that should be experienced by all in every country: freedom of Speech, freedom of worship, freedom from fear and freedom from want. So, I ask you, what will you do to ensure that are basic rights are protected from those that would eliminate them or restrict them?



Norman Rockwell's For Freedom painting of 1943 names Freedom of Speech.



THE SHIP OF STATE

## Worth Watching

By Debbie Misiag, editor

*On the Basis of Sex* is a wonderful movie, depicting the struggles that Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg faced during the era of discrimination and unfair practices towards women. It follows her through law school and her early days as a professor of law as she spearheads a case of reverse discrimination towards a man. This case becomes one of the first cases she takes. This movie will make you cheer for her and cry. The film ends with Justice Ginsberg herself walking up the steps of the Supreme Court. As a middle, high school and college student during the 1970s, it made me realize how far we have come and how far we still need to go. This is definitely a must see.



Above Allisoin Loeffler  
Far right Nelcy Avila  
Right Sa'Diyah Marsh

## NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT HONORS JILL MOSS GREENBERG

Jill Moss Greenberg, a long-time activist and leader in women's, multicultural, and equity issues, was recently honored in March by the National Women's History Project. She was one of the individuals presented at a special ceremony with the 2018 *Nevertheless She Persisted Award: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and Girls*.

The History Project noted that:

*Jill is a lifelong crusader for fairness and the rights of underrepresented groups. She has been a trail blazer in addressing the intersection of women's rights and history with issues of race, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, and socioeconomic status.*

Jill's activism and organization involvement included leadership in areas of Title IX, the federal regulation prohibiting gender discrimination in education, serving as the Race Equity Specialist at the Maryland State Department of Education, serving on the Maryland Commission for Women, and initiating the Maryland Women's Heritage Center. She was the first National Executive Director of NAME (the National Association for Multicultural Education), a founder of the Maryland Women's Political Caucus, and a leader for the passage of the Maryland Equal Rights Amendment. Jill has received many honors for her work and was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame in 1995.

## MMC Announces the 2018 Scholarship Winners

In July, our latest scholarship winners were identified. They are Nelcy Avila, of Salisbury University who is majoring in Spanish K-12 Education. She has a 3.9 GPA. Our high school recipients are Sa'Diyah Marsh from Northwest High School who is attending Towson University. Her GPA is 3.71 and Allison Loeffler from Cambridge South Dorchester High School. She is attending the University of Maryland College Park. Her GPA in high school was 4.28. Congratulations to our 2018 winners and best wishes for a successful semester.





### MMC Executive Board Members 2018

(Back row) Dr. Tracey L. Durant Baltimore City, current MMC President, Dr. Jermaine Ellerbe, Baltimore County, former Member-at-Large, Bonnie Brownell, retired Howard County, current Secretary, Linda Shevitz, retired MSDE, currently Member-at Large, Laurie Namey, Harford County, current Vice President MMC, Dr. Pamela Harris, retired Prince Georges, MAEC, currently Member-at-Large, Cathy Price, retired Hartford County, currently MMC Treasurer

(Front Row) Tom Owens, retired Hartford County, former Treasurer of MMC, Debbie Misiag, retired Howard County, former MMC President and current editor of Voices, Dr. Rita Robinson, retired Prince Georges County, former Member-at –Large and MMC Parliamentarian and beloved colleague.

*The picture was taken on the occasion of celebrating Debbie's retirement and her 11 years at MMC President.*

## The Jack Epstein Award

The Maryland Multicultural Coalition/Chapter of NAME (MMC/NAME) presents an award each spring at its annual statewide conference. This year the conference will be held at Winters Mill High School in Carroll County on April 6, 2019.

The award will recognize exemplary commitment to Education that is Multicultural in Maryland. Nominees may be educators or others who are dedicated to creating educational environments in which all people are valued equally and where all are inspired to work together in schools and communities. Outstanding examples of multicultural activities, programs or multiculturalism in an educational setting may also be nominated for recognition.

### **NAME CRITERIA**

Nominees may include (but need not be limited to) teachers, support personnel, volunteers, counselors, administrators, specialists, coordinators, directors, and community activists. Nominees may work in public or private organizations and must live or work in Maryland. Members of the MMC/NAME Executive Board may not be nominated.

Only one nominator is required for each nomination. Anyone may make a nomination, whether the nominator is a NAME member or not. All nomination forms must bear the signature of the person making the nomination along with his/her home address, day and evening phone numbers, and email address.

Completed nomination forms and supporting documents are to be mailed to MMC/NAME, P O Box 738, Columbia, MD 21045. **Nominations must be postmarked or delivered no later than March 6, 2019.**

Each nomination must include as supporting documents:

One letter of support. (Additional letters of support may be included.)

A brief biographical sketch of the individual or overview of the program.

Materials from projects, newspaper clippings and other support material may be submitted. Support material should relate to the reasons the nominee is being nominated. The MMC/NAME Executive Board may solicit additional information if it is deemed necessary. The nomination form and support materials will become the property of MMC/NAME.

The final decision on awards to be presented will be made by the MMC/NAME Executive Board. The Executive Board may appoint a sub-committee to review nominations and make recommendations to the Board for a final decision.

The award will be in the form of a certificate from MMC/NAME, recognition at the MMC/NAME Annual Conference and in the pages of the MMC/NAME newsletter.

Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_

Maryland Multicultural Coalition/State Chapter of NAME  
**2019 JACK EPSTEIN AWARD**  
 FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION  
 NOMINATION FORM

*This application and all support materials will become the property of Maryland Multicultural Coalition/NAME.  
To be considered, this application must be postmarked or delivered by March 6, 2019.*

Please type or print clearly.

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**PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS NOMINATION:**

- A letter of support explaining how the nominee meets the criteria (see attachment) for the award. (Additional letters of support may be included.)
- A brief biographical sketch of the individual or overview of the program.

Materials from projects, newspaper clippings and other support material may be submitted. Support material should relate to the reasons the nominee is being nominated. Final decision on awards to be presented will be made by the MMC/NAME Executive Board. The Executive Board may solicit additional information if it is deemed necessary. The nomination form and support materials will become the property of MMC/NAME.

Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_

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# HCPSS Named a 2019 Best Employer for Diversity by Forbes

January 15th, 2019

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) was named one of America's Best Employers for Diversity for 2019 by Forbes magazine. HCPSS is the top ranked school system and No. 60 overall on the national list of 500 employers.

"This recognition is a testament to our ongoing efforts to build a culture of care and compassion, where we value restorative practices and provide an inclusive, safe environment for all," said Superintendent Michael J. Martirano. "One of our major priorities is to diversify our workforce and foster an inclusive environment in our schools and offices. I'm proud of our progress to date, but we also recognize that this work is ongoing and we have much more to do."

HCPSS' Strategic Call to Action, "Learning and Leading with Equity," ensures that equity is at the core of all HCPSS efforts and initiatives. HCPSS has expanded efforts to create inclusive school climates for all students and staff. Priorities include: building a program to foster inclusive learning and work environments; institutionalizing our diversity and inclusion work into the curriculum and culture; leveraging partners such as county government and community organizations; and providing staff with professional development on cultural proficiency. Seven superintendent advisory committees have provided additional opportunities for staff voice and collaboration with students and community members.

"Congratulations to Dr. Martirano and all of our nearly 12,000 staff on this national recognition of our efforts to build a diverse and inclusive school community," said Mavis Ellis, Chair of the Howard County Board of Education. "This recognition does not mean our work is done but it is an affirmation that we are moving in the right direction."

Howard County is working to employ a staff that reflects the diversity of its community and providing competitive salaries to attract a talented and diverse workforce. At the same time, the system has put a strong emphasis on celebrating staff, and this year launched a robust staff recognition program. Looking ahead, the proposed FY19-20 Operating Budget includes additional positions and resources to accelerate the system's work around diversity, equity and inclusion within every school.

"I want to congratulate the Howard County Public School System for being named one of America's Best Employers for Diversity for 2019 by Forbes Magazine," said Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. "We appreciate all the dedicated educators who work tirelessly in helping our children grow. We are thankful for you!"

The Forbes' list is a ranking of 500 employers across all industries in the United States, based on surveying more than 50,000 employees and examining employer diversity policies, as well as diversity in executive suites and on boards. The full rankings are available [online](#).



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### **NAME Statement on Indigenous Peoples' Day**

On Monday, Oct. 8, banks and government buildings will close for Columbus Day. Since 1937 it has been a federal holiday commemorating [Christopher Columbus'](#) landing in the Americas on Oct. 12, 1492. Teachers have drilled into generations of children how Columbus “discovered” the Americas, and children have sung songs and created artwork to take home to mark the occasion, underscoring conscious or unconscious acceptance of invasion and genocide.

The National Association for Multicultural Education applauds educators who now help students understand that Columbus and his three ships [bankrolled by Spain](#) could not have “discovered” a place that had long been occupied by Indigenous Peoples. NAME scholars have shown that the Italian explorer was hopelessly lost in an attempt to find a [western sea route to Asia](#), seeking riches that increased trade with Europe might offer. What followed in the Americas after Columbus' landing was the enslavement, torture, mutilation and murder of Indigenous Peoples. Europeans intentionally brought disease, warfare and genocidal colonization to the Americas, wiping out Indigenous civilizations which had stood for thousands of years.

For the rest of the Position Statement from NAME, go to [www.nameorg.org](http://www.nameorg.org)

#### Why become a member of NAME?

- Joining NAME automatically makes you a member of your state chapter, if you designate a state.
- You will receive copies of the journal, *Perspectives* from NAME
- Discount to the National Conference held annually in various cities
- MMC will give you a discount on the state conference
- MMC will give you the newsletter, *Voices*
- You are eligible for being nominated for a leadership position in our organization



*National Women's  
History Alliance*

**TRIBUTE TO DR. BERNICE SANDLER  
HONORED AS THE "GODMOTHER" OF TITLE IX**

The National Women's History Alliance, formerly the National Women's History Project, is honored to pay tribute to the inspirational women's history and educational equity leader Bernice "Bunny" Sandler (1928-2019). The National Women's History Project/Alliance (NWHHA) has worked for 39 years as a leader in promoting Women's History and is committed to the goals of education, equality, and inclusion. Bunny was chosen as a 2016 NWHHA Honoree for her pioneering work in ensuring that **Women's Education is Women's Empowerment**.

Bernice Sandler was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2013 for her contributions and leadership related to women's equity in education for more than 40 years. She served on a Congressional Subcommittee on Title IX equity issues and provided leadership on the development and passage of the Federal Title IX of Educational Amendments in 1972. This law has been instrumental in establishing policies and programs related to gender equity and Bernice is recognized as the "Godmother of Title IX."

*"When I applied to college it was openly known  
that women needed higher grades and test scores  
in order to be accepted...No one complained .*

Throughout her career Dr. Sandler continued her activism for gender equity in the classroom as a speaker and an author. She spent years as the Director of the Project on the Status and

Education of Women at the Association of American Colleges. When she became involved with institutions including the Center for Women's Policy Studies in Washington DC, she became a sought-after witness in discrimination and sexual harassment cases, Late in her career she explored what she called the "chilly climate"

for women as well as minorities. Bunny Sandler also gave more than 500 presentations to educators and communities and was called a “Powerhouse.”

As an equity and Title IX Specialist her efforts impacted on the lives of millions of women, and girls, boys and men, LGBT students, college and university attendees, and participants in sports and athletics. She received numerous awards, including twelve honorary degrees. She helped assure that women’s equity in education issues are now institutionalized.

***“When Title IX was passed, I was quite naïve.***

***I thought that the problems of sex discrimination in education would be solved in one or two years at most. When the years passed, I increased my estimate for five years... then later to ten, then to fifty...and then I realized it would take many generations to solve all of the problems. We had only taken the first step of what will be a very long journey.”***

Bernice Bunny Sandler was a high-spirited and effective advocate for women’s equality for more than 50 years.

Her many other accomplishments including producing the highly acclaimed publication “10 Ways Expert Witnesses Can be Used in Sex Discrimination Cases.” Bernice served as an outstanding inspiration for many educators, students, and community members. Her exemplary leadership skills and contributions are widely valued and acclaimed. Sandler left a legacy that holds an important place in the history of women in the United States.

*National Women’s History Alliance*

*Molly MacGregor, Co-Founder and Executive Director*

*Linda Shevitz, Title IX Consultant*



