

Keynote Bio

Professor Ann Lopez

Professor Lopez is a professor in the department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education in the Educational Leadership and Policy Program. Prof. Lopez is a scholar with wide public education experience as a former secondary school teacher and administrator in one of Canada's largest school boards located in the Greater Toronto Area. Her scholarship focuses on antiracist education, culturally responsive leadership, decolonizing education, equity and diversity, and school leadership. Her most recent publications include *Anti-Black racism in Education: A school leader's journey of resistance and hope*, in *Handbook on Promoting Social Justice in Education, Language, Diversity and Culturally Responsive Education* in *Migration and Language Education, Dialogue and Praxis: Re-Conceptualizing Multicultural Education as a decolonizing Effort* in *Multicultural Perspectives*, and co-authored with Dr. Rugano *Educational Leadership in Post-Colonial Kenya: What can we Learn From the Experiences of Three Female Principals in Kenyan Secondary Schools?* in *Education Science*. She is the co-editor of *Transformative Pedagogies for Teacher Education* and the author of *Culturally Responsive and Socially Just Leadership: From Theory to Action*. Professor Lopez has written several book chapters, journal articles and presented her research locally and Globally. She is the co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of School Leadership* and co-Series Editor, *Studies in Educational Administration* Dr. Lopez is the Director of the Centre for Leadership and Diversity at the University of Toronto and Provostial Advisor on Access Programs since 2017. Prof. Lopez was the Academic Director of Initial Teacher Education and the Concurrent Teacher Education Program from 2013 – 2016. She was the President of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) from 2018-2020 and the 2015 recipient of the NAME Multicultural Educator of the Year Award. Dr. Lopez is the 2020 recipient of the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto.