Math Strong: Amplifying Equity and Justice in Mathematics Education Research and Practice

In this interactive talk, Dr. Aguirre will challenge math education researchers to amplify equity in research and practice. We will discuss fundamental questions about mathematics education and its role in perpetuating systems of power, privilege and oppression. Through exploration of various empirical, instructional, and organizational tools, we will identify concrete actions as math educators to disrupt the negative effects of these systems and re-align our intent and impact to cultivate a more just and equitable mathematics education experience for our nation’s youth.

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