

The Michigan Department of Education Presents a Four-Part Virtual Conference Series:

# “The Role of Diversity within the Literature that We Teach”

## FEATURING CELEBRATED AUTHORS AS KEYNOTE SPEAKERS!

Each session will feature a one-hour keynote address from a celebrated author renowned for their work around diversity in literature. Keynote speakers will discuss the history, through their own lens, and purpose of diverse literacy materials in schools.

**Shonda Buchanan**  
January 27, 2022  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. EST

Session 2: Tips for Selecting Diverse Materials for the Classroom

Daughter of Mixed bloods, author of five books, including the award-winning memoir, *Black Indian*, Shonda Buchanan is an award-winning poet, fiction, nonfiction writer and educator.



Session 3: Implementing Diverse Classroom Materials

**Derrick Slack**  
April 28, 2022  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. EST

**Guest Speaker TBD**  
July 28, 2022  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. EST

Session 4: Layering Diverse Classroom Materials Within Curricula

### **COST: Free to Michigan Educators and Administrators**

Participants may attend one or all conference sessions. SCECHs are available for each conference date attended. [Register online](#) for remaining conference sessions.

**Please Note:** Previously registered participants do not need to register again.

### **ATTENDEES CHOOSE ONE BREAKOUT SESSION:**

- Pre-K Educators
- Kindergarten – 5th Grade Educators
- 6th – 8th Grade Educators
- 9th – 12th Grade Educators
- District Administrators

