7th Annual
Civic Learning Conference

Our Sputnik Moment: Revitalizing our Civic Learning and Community Engagement throughout our Civic Spaces

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Agenda

7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.  Registration / Breakfast / Exhibitors

8:30 a.m.—8:40 a.m.  Welcome
Mrs. Tammy Waller, Arizona Department of Education

8:40 a.m.—8:50 a.m.  Special Guest Speaker
Mr. Claudio Coria, Chief of Staff, Arizona Department of Education

8:50 a.m.—9:20 a.m.  Keynote Speaker
Dr. Neal Lester, Arizona State University

9:20 a.m.—10:05 a.m.  Naturalization Ceremony

10:05 a.m.—10:20 a.m.  Naturalization Question and Answer Session

10:20 a.m.—11:00 a.m.  Exhibitors and Community Partners

11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.  Breakout Session #1

12:15 a.m.—1:15 p.m.  Lunch / Network / Exhibitors

1:15 p.m.—2:15 p.m.  Breakout Session #2

2:15 p.m.—2:30 p.m.  Afternoon Break

2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.  Breakout Session #3

3:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.  Wrap Up / Adjourn
Dear Educator:

I would like to personally welcome you to the 7th Annual Civic Learning Conference. The importance of civics education for all our students cannot be understated. It is important that we prepare our students for college or to enter the workforce, but it is equally important that we teach them about our democracy and the rights and responsibilities with which we are entrusted.

Civics education provides valuable knowledge about what we as individuals can do to protect and support our democracy. That is why you are all especially important. The work you do to prepare our students to be active and engaged members of our society pays untold dividends.

Thank you again everything you do for the students and families of Arizona.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hoffman, MS, CCC-SLP
Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction
Dr. Neal Lester

Dr. Neal A. Lester is Foundation Professor of English and Founding Director of the award-winning Project Humanities initiative at Arizona State University. A scholar of African American literature and cultural studies, Dr. Lester is a national expert on American race relations via his extensive lectures, keynotes and workshops on privilege and bias, the Nword, and cultural appropriation. His eighth book is a new edited volume on global social justice theory and praxis, to be published by the Modern Language Association in 2021. Dr. Lester is a popular speaker and the recipient of diversity and inclusion awards from Arizona LGBTQ communities, as well as from the City of Tempe, the City of Phoenix, and the Town of Paradise Valley.