



# VCU

## School of Education

**2019 Research Colloquium  
Cabell Library Lecture Hall  
March 15, 2019**

### **Program Agenda**

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Light Breakfast

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Keynote Presentation

Dr. Kara Finnigan will provide keynote:

"The Politics of Regional Equity: How to Mobilize Communities toward Change"

Abstract:

Dr. Finnigan will discuss the ways that educational policy over the last decades has focused on technical solutions to urban school "failure" without addressing the underlying social and economic structures that exacerbate educational inequities. She will draw upon themes from her recent book, *Striving in Common: A Regional Equity Framework for Urban Schools* (Harvard Education Press, 2018), which uses case studies and spatial mapping to illustrate these broader social and economic issues. She will highlight the underlying politics that make regional equity approaches so hard to accomplish -as power structures and prior policy decisions maintain the status quo- and steps communities can take to overcome these and mobilize toward change.

11:00 - 12:00 p.m. STEM Ed Ecosystem Panel Discussion: STEM as a mechanism for regional equity development

Panelists:

- Al Byers, Visiting Scholar, STEM Education, VCU (Moderator)
- Andrew Daire, Dean, School of Education, VCU
- Chuck English, STEM Coordinator, Virginia (Governor's office and Science Museum of Virginia)
- Mary-Chris Escobar, Assistant Director for Academic & Experiential Programs, the da Vinci Center, VCU
- Todd Estes, Director, Career Education Programs, Virginia Community College System
- Libbey Kitten, President, Virginia Science Education Leadership Association
- Tina Manglicmot, Director, STEM Education, Virginia Department of Education
- Kurt Stenhagen, Associate Professor, Foundations of Education, VCU

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch and discussion of panel

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Faculty and Student e-poster presentations

Faculty and students will share their research with SOE faculty, staff, students, and visitors in an electronic format. Research includes finished and ongoing projects, as well as beginning project ideas or concepts.

4:00pm - Happy Hour at Postbellum (1323 West Main Street)