



MCCA PRESENTS:

Integrating Anti-bias Education into our Thinking and Practice

With DEBBIE LEEKEENAN and JOHN NIMMO

Saturday, October 16, 2021

This day long zoom workshop will explore steps in creating a more inclusive, welcoming and equitable program for young children and their families. Participants will learn about a framework and goals for an anti-bias education approach and how these address children's development of social identities and understanding of human diversity and bias. The session will include practical and integrated strategies for responding to children's questions and having honest and brave conversations about challenging topics, creating responsive environments and curriculum experiences, engaging families in anti-bias education, and managing conflict.

Debbie and John's recent new film, *Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years* will be used as a provocation for dialogue and discussion. Break out groups will examine real life scenarios and provide opportunities for reflection and application to your own setting.





Meet Our Presenters


DEBBIE LEEKEENAN



Debbie LeeKeenan is lecturer, consultant and author. She has been in the field of early education for over 50 years. She is a former preschool, special education, and elementary school teacher. She was director of the Eliot-Pearson Children's School at Tufts University from 1996 to 2013. She has been a member of the early childhood faculty at Tufts University, Lesley University and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Debbie is a co-producer of the new award winning film, *Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years*, released in April 2021. Her co-authored books include: *From Survive to Thrive: A Director's Guide for Leading an Early Childhood Program* and *Leading Anti-bias Early Childhood Programs: A Guide for Change*. She is a Chinese -American of immigrant parents, and part of a multi-racial family. Her work has been published in numerous journals and books, including *Young Children* and *Child Care Exchange*.

John Nimmo, EdD is Associate Professor, Early Childhood Education, in the College of Education at Portland State University, Oregon. From 2003 to 2013 he was Executive Director of the Child Study and Development Center and Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of New Hampshire where he was recipient of the Social Justice Award and the Excellence through Diversity Award. In addition to presenting nationally and internationally for 30 years, he has been a visiting scholar in Ghana and Australia. Formerly John was core faculty in teacher education and human development at Pacific Oaks College Northwest in Seattle. His publications include *Loris Malaguzzi and the Teachers* (with Carolyn Edwards & Lella Gandini), *Leading Anti-Bias Early Childhood Programs*, *Emergent Curriculum* (with Elizabeth Jones), chapters in *The Hundred Languages of Children*, as well as many articles. John's research includes collaborative learning in Reggio Emilia, Italy, young children's participation in their community, and the role of cultural navigators in refugee communities. John is a co-producer of an international video documentary on children's rights and also a 2021 film on anti-bias early education. He holds a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and was previously an early childhood and elementary teacher in his first home of Australia and in the United States.

JOHN NIMMO



Date: October 16, 2021

Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Workshop Delivery: Zoom

Cost: \$65.00 MCCA Members

\$130.00 Non-members

Register 4 people and get a 5th person FREE!

Deadline to register is October 14, 2021

**Registration Form for Integrating Anti-bias Education into our
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October 16, 2021**

Registrant's Name: _____ MCCA #: _____

Centre or Organization: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

Work email: _____ Personal Email: _____

(The receipt will be sent to this email)

(This is the email the zoom link will be sent to)

Registration Instructions:

- Only one registration form is required (for a 1-5 people)
- If you register 4 people you can send a 5th person for free (all must be from the same centre/organization and all must be Individual members of MCCA)
- Ensure all names and emails are listed below
- There are no refunds, substitutes only

Registration Fees:

1 person 1 X \$65.00 (MCCA Member) \$130.00 (Non-Member)

Name	Email (for zoom link to be sent)
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Payment:

Individual Fees	_____ X _____				\$ _____
	# of people	\$65.00/\$130.00			Total

Method of payment:

Cheque enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Visa or Mastercard: go to www.mccahouse.org and register online.

Date processed: _____ Cheque # _____ Amount: _____