

# EDUCATIONAL DISPARITY AND MINORITY YOUTH

Friday, September 16, 2011 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TD Bank Sports Center, York Hill Campus, Quinnipiac University

Co-sponsors: Quinnipiac University School of Law & Yale Law School

This symposium gathers prominent scholars, authors, elected officials and other professionals to discuss educational disparity and issues that affect urban minority youth, along with efforts to reverse negative trends and help prepare them to be productive and successful adults. Panelists include:

**Karin Buchholz**, vice president, community relations, MSG Sports Teams—NY Knicks, Rangers & Liberty

**James Comer**, professor of child psychology, Yale School of Medicine, and founder of the Comer School Development Program

**James Forman**, clinical professor of law, Yale Law School, and professor of law, Georgetown Law School; co-founder of Maya Angelou Public Charter School

**Robin Golden**, clinical lecturer, Yale Law School

**Carlotta Walls LaNier**, motivational speaker and the youngest member of the Little Rock Nine

**Gloria Ladson-Billings**, Kellner Family Chair in Urban Education and professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Edward Lewis**, founder, publisher and CEO of Essence Communications, CEO, Latina Media Venture, and chairman, Harlem Village Academy

**Pedro Noguera**, professor of education, New York University, co-director, Institute for the Study of Globalization and Education in Metropolitan Settings

**Elsa Nunez**, President of Eastern Connecticut State University

**Susan L. Taylor**, author, journalist, mentor and founder of National CARES Mentoring Movement, an initiative and mentoring project that brings youth and adults together

**Terrie Williams**, author, public relations expert, clinical social worker and co-founder of Stay Strong Foundation

**Nadia Ward**, assistant professor of psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine, and director of urban education and prevention research, Yale Consultation Center

In addition, the symposium will feature testimonials from youth advocates **Maurice Clarett and Kemba Smith; Jason Davis**, gang violence consultant and athlete **Marion Jones**—young people who have taken steps to change their lives. Representatives from **First Wave, Bill Strickland and the Manchester Bidwell Corp.** and **The Village Nation** will discuss their programs.

Free and open to the public. Contact Marilyn Ford, 203-582-3258, [marilyn.ford@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:marilyn.ford@quinnipiac.edu)