

Civic Spirit & Jack Miller Center Summer Institute

Building a Civic Home: Texts and Skills for American Civic Life

August 2020

Objectives

1. To create a supportive peer community of educators who will together imagine opportunities for realistic and impactful civic learning within their schools and existing assets.
2. To provide inspiration and restoration for the educators after an exhausting 6 months.
3. To introduce and personalize the Civic Spirit methodology and toolkit.

Schedule & Tracking

Civic Belonging	Democratic Fluency	Civic Skills	School Planning
MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd			
10-11AM EST	Session I: Welcome to Civic Spirit	New Cohort of CS Educators	
3-4:30PM EST	Session II: The Life & Work of Frederick Douglass	Roosevelt Montás, PhD <i>Columbia University Center for American Studies</i>	
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th			
9:45-10AM EST	Discussion Question	Civic Spirit Educators	
10:30-11:30AM EST	Session III: The Science of Dialogue	Essential Partners	
3-3:15PM EST	Session IV: Interfaith Text Study	Cohort 2 Educators	
3:15-4PM EST	Session V: Lessons from the Field	Cohort 1 Educators	
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th			
9:45-10AM EST	Discussion Question	Civic Spirit Educators	
10:00-11:30AM EST	Session VI: The Life & Work of Frederick Douglass, Part 2	Roosevelt Montás, PhD <i>Columbia University Center for American Studies</i>	
3-4PM EST	Session VII: Civic Spirit Methodology <i>Personalizing the Shared Aims</i>	Civic Spirit Educators	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th			
9:45-10AM EST	Discussion Question	Civic Spirit Educators	
10-11:30AM EST	Session VIII: Tension and Bridging of our Civic & Religious Traditions	Rivka Press Schwartz, PhD <i>Associate Principal, SAR High School</i>	
2-3:30PM EST	Session IV: The Art of Listening	Essential Partners	
3:30-3:45PM EST	Session V: Close & Next Steps	Civic Spirit Educators	