

Invitation to Guest lecture and discussion by
The Harvard Graduate School of Education,
Doctor of Education Leadership Program participants



Effective Community Engagement and Fostering Community Partnership

VENUE: Helsinki University Main Library at Kaisa House, Fabianinkatu 30, 7th floor

DATE: Thursday, January 17, 2013

TIME: 16:15 -17:30

KEY SPEAKERS:

Jeremiah Newell



A native of Mobile, Ala., Jeremiah Newell has helped lead collaborative action to increase high school graduation rates in his home county. His work at the Mobile Area Education Foundation included **developing data systems to identify off-track youth, evaluating community and school district policies that may force youth to drop out of school, and developing high-quality school models that prepare all students for college and work.** Jeremiah also served as Mobile's representative to the Mayor's Education Policy Advisor's Network for the National League of Cities and served on the state's executive committee of the Governor's Commission for Quality Teaching and Select Commission on High School Graduation and Dropouts. Moving forward, Jeremiah desires to address the challenges of taking successful reforms to scale.

Mari(ama) Grimes



Mari Grimes began her career in education by joining Kevin Johnson's team at St. HOPE Academy to transform Sacramento (Calif.) High School into a high-performing charter school. At St. HOPE she played a **critical role in community engagement, organizational capacity building, and leadership development.** After earning her M.P.A., Mari worked as a policy analyst for the California Legislature and later worked with NewSchools Venture Fund cofounder Kim Smith to launch a fellowship program to support entrepreneurial educators. Mari has also provided charter school advisory services to nonprofit organizations, including, most recently, Saint Louis University. Her purpose in life is clear: to leave a legacy of fervent advocacy for children.

Ansel Sanders



Ansel Sanders is the founding director of A. J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering in Greenville, S.C., the state's first elementary school with a **schoolwide engineering focus.** He **helped develop the school's ambitious vision, foster community partnerships,** and build a program that could be used as a benchmark for transformational change in the city's schools. Most recently, Ansel led the strategic planning for Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School. He began his career as a Teach For America corps member in Baltimore. During this time, Ansel also created Athletes and Authors Summer Academy, a camp focused on teaching positive values through sports and language arts. He seeks to build systems around the principle that all students can achieve through community-wide support, leaders with vision, and high expectations.

There is limited space available for this event, so please reserve your seat as soon as possible with an e-mail to arc@usembassy.fi

