Diversity and STEM Undergraduate Education

A Transformations Special Event

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9:30am • Stewart Center Room 279

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Sylvia Hurtado is professor and former director of the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She currently directs a national longitudinal study on the preparation of underrepresented students for STEM careers sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Hurtado is an influential leader in developing research based diversity and inclusion policies in higher education. She has informed the U.S. Supreme Court and worked with colleges and universities across the country on creating positive campus climates that benefit teaching and learning for all students.

Under her leadership HERI became a national leader in connecting research to diversity and inclusion and to that end launched four premier institutes for academic administrators, institutional researchers, and scholars: The Retention and Persistence Institute for using data to assist degree attainment goals; the Institute on Faculty Work/Life Issues; the Diversity Research Institute that emphasizes the intentional use of data to facilitate diversity goals; and the STEM Summer Institute, on improving evidence-based teaching and learning practices to increase STEM degree production.

Dr. Hurtado holds degrees from UCLA, Harvard, and Princeton.