



American Academy of Arts and Sciences Honors Three NEPC Fellows



Three NEPC Fellows will be inducted in October into the [American Academy of Arts and Sciences](#).

- [Michael W. Apple](#) is the John Bascom Professor of Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he is a professor emeritus. A former elementary and secondary school teacher and past-president of a teacher union, he focuses on the politics of educational reform, the relationship between culture and power, and on education for social justice.
- [Bryan McKinley Jones Brayboy](#) is Carlos Montezuma Professor and dean of Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy. An anthropologist, he is the creator of Tribal Critical Race Theory, or TribalCrit, a framework that examines the intersection of race, power and Indigenous tribal sovereignty.

- [William R. Penuel](#) is a Professor of Learning Sciences and Human Development at the University of Colorado Boulder. He designs and studies curriculum materials, assessments, and professional learning experiences for science teachers, explores ways that contemplative practices and critical inquiry can enhance learning environments, and examines long-term research-practice partnerships and their impact on equity.

The Academy was chartered in 1780. Early members included George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Alexander Hamilton.

Apple, Brayboy, and Penuel were among 252 people recognized this year for their accomplishments in academia, the arts, industry, journalism, philanthropy, policy, research, and science. Other honorees included actor and filmmaker Jodie Foster, author Barbara Kingsolver, and performer Rita Moreno. This year's inductees join six other NEPC Fellows who have been elected to the Academy's education section in prior years: [Alfredo J. Artiles](#) of Stanford University, [Prudence Carter](#) of Brown University, [Patricia Gándara](#) of UCLA, [Kris Gutiérrez](#) of the University of California, Berkeley, [Gloria Ladson-Billings](#) of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and [William F. Tate IV](#) of Rutgers University.

In addition to Apple, Brayboy and Penuel, four other education scholars will be inducted this year: UCLA's Eva Baker, Harvard's Andrew Ho, UC Berkeley's P. David Pearson, and Kent McGuire, who was, from 2017 to 2025, Program Director of Education at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

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