

Gutiérrez, López, Finnigan Honored



Three NEPC Fellows have been honored in recent months for accomplishments related to their research.

At its annual meeting held earlier this month, the [American Educational Research Association](#) (AERA) awarded [Kris D. Gutiérrez](#) the 2024 Distinguished Contributions to Research in Education Award. The award is the organization's premier acknowledgment of outstanding achievement and success in education research. Gutiérrez is Professor of Language, Literacy and Culture at the University of California Berkeley. Her areas of expertise include literacy, learning sciences, and interpretive and design-based approaches to inquiry.

At the same meeting, AERA awarded [Francesca López](#) the 2024 Scholars of Color in Education Mid-Career Contribution Award. The award is presented to a mid-career scholar who has made significant contributions to the understanding of issues that affect minority populations, and to minority scholars who have made a contribution to education research and development. López is the Waterbury Chair in Equity Pedagogy in Penn State University's College of Education. She studies ways in which educational settings impact outcomes for youth who have been marginalized.

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ity education research to inform policy and practice. Members are researchers and leaders who are selected for their career-long contributions to the field.

In March, NEPC Fellow [Kara Finnigan](#) was selected for this honor by existing Academy members. Finnigan is a professor of education at the University of Michigan's School of Education. Her areas of expertise include connections between housing and education, high-stakes accountability, district reform, principal leadership and school choice.

Finnigan's election brings to 26 the number of NEPC Fellows who are Academy members.

Other Fellows who are members of the Academy, in addition to Finnigan and Kris Gutiérrez, are [Alfredo J. Artiles](#) of Stanford University, [W. Steven Barnett](#) of the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University, [David Berliner](#) of Arizona State University, [Bryan McKinley Jones Brayboy](#) of Northwestern University, [Prudence Carter](#) of Brown University, [Marilyn Cochran-Smith](#) of Boston College, [Ruben Donato](#) of the University of Colorado Boulder, [Margaret Eisenhart](#) of the University of Colorado Boulder, [Patricia Gándara](#) of the University of California, Los Angeles, [Shaun Harper](#) of the University of Southern California, [Michal Kurlaender](#) of the University of California, Davis, [Gloria Ladson-Billings](#) of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, [Roslyn Arlin Mickelson](#) of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, [H. Richard Milner IV](#) of Vanderbilt University, [Elizabeth Birr Moje](#) of the University of Michigan, [Jeannie Oakes](#) of the University of California Los Angeles, [William Penuel](#) of the University of Colorado Boulder, [Lorrie Shepard](#) of the University of Colorado Boulder, [Christine Sleeter](#) of California State University Monterey Bay, [William Tate](#) and Louisiana State University, [Karolyn Tyson](#) of Georgetown University, [Angela Valenzuela](#) of the University of Texas Austin, [Amy Stuart Wells](#) of the Bank Street College of Education, and [Ken Zeichner](#) of the University of Washington Seattle.

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