

self-evident education

Dear Northampton Public School community,

The Power of Truths conference is being organized in Florence, Massachusetts on June 10 and 11 of 2022. Part educational conference, part arts festival, part homage to the long and powerful history of social and anti-racist activism of Western Massachusetts, the Power of Truths seeks to bring together people from a variety of contexts in community together to begin to envision pathways to a just future, in part using understandings of the past to shape these paths. Friday, June 10 from 7-10 pm will be a launch party featuring DJs and live music from the Lox & Keyes Theory, a multi-genre band from Hartford, Connecticut and a performance from Boston independent Hiphop legend and UMass Boston professor, Jared Bridgeman, aka Akrobatik. Saturday, June 11 from 9 am-5 pm will be an all-day conference featuring sessions throughout the day (see session topics and descriptions here).

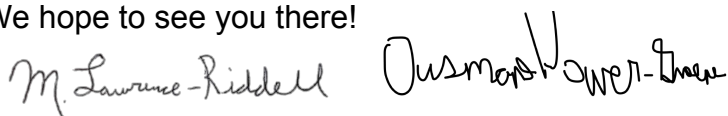
Through this conference we will cultivate a learning experience that empowers educators and community members to envision an equitable and just future that we can begin building now. We have chosen Florence, Massachusetts as the location for this inaugural event due to the history of abolitionist and feminist activism as represented by David Ruggles and Sojourner Truth among others.

[Self-Evident Education](#)'s Michael Lawrence-Riddell and Dr. Ousmane Power-Greene, in conjunction with the Northampton Arts Council, are organizing this arts and education festival/conference for all members of the "teaching public", which we define VERY broadly as anyone who is interested in helping others to learn. The idea is for this to be the first in an ongoing series of experiential, educational, and artistic conferences to push our public use of education to create a just future.

Thanks to a generous commitment from Superintendent Provost and the Northampton Public Schools, we are able to offer free registration for up to 100 members of the Northampton Public School community. These free registrations are available to all NPS employees (teachers, Educational Support Professionals, administrators, custodial staff, etc.), all NPS students (most sessions would probably be most engaging for middle and high school students), and all caretakers of NPS students. To register, please go to <https://bombyx.live/events/power-of-truths/> and enter coupon code "NPS" at check out.

We know that Northampton is a community that prides itself on envisioning and working towards justice. Come be an active part of that work and legacy at the Power of Truths.

We hope to see you there!



Michael Lawrence-Riddell and Ousmane Power-Greene