

## Conference Registration

To register for the conference, visit:

<http://www.disabilitystudiesineducation.org/2009conference.html>.

On site reservation for the conference will also be available.

## Hotel and Travel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center. Reservations can be made on-line at <http://www.disabilitystudiesineducation.org/2009conference.html> or by phone at (800) 395-2105 or (315) 475-3000. Request the Syracuse University School of Education block to receive the conference rate.

If coming by car, Syracuse University is most easily reached from Interstate 81. New York State Thruway travelers should exit at Interstate 81 (Thruway Exit 36) and proceed south. Both northbound and southbound travelers on Interstate 81 should exit at Adams Street (Exit 18.) Continue up the Adams Street hill to the third traffic light. Cross University Avenue and turn left into the University Avenue Garage. The entrance to main campus is one block up from the University Avenue Garage.

Hancock International Airport is only a few miles north of downtown Syracuse and car rental from all major agencies is available there. Taxi service from the airport to campus is available and costs approximately \$20 one way. The Sheraton also offers free shuttle service to and from the airport—please contact the Sheraton for more information.

**For detailed travel information, visit:**

<http://www.syr.edu/visiting/campusviews/directions.html>.

**For more information about the 2009 DSE Conference, please email conference organizers Christine Ashby, Beth A. Ferri, Alan Foley and Arlene Kanter at [conference@disabilitystudiesineducation.org](mailto:conference@disabilitystudiesineducation.org) or visit:**

<http://www.disabilitystudiesineducation.org>

## 9th Annual Second City Conference on Disability Studies in Education

Righting Educational Wrongs:

Disability Studies in Education, Policy and Law

Co-sponsored by Disability Studies in Education, the Syracuse University Center on Human Policy, Law, and Disability Studies, the SU College of Law Disability Law and Policy Program, and the SU School of Education, this year's conference brings together scholars in disability studies in education and disability law to explore both the history of disability advocacy and continued struggles for disability rights in educational contexts.

Speakers will share their research, expertise, and activism with an emphasis on histories of exclusion and activism, discourses and practices that shift the conversation from inclusion to belonging, critical and theoretical perspectives on disability studies, law and policy, and global perspectives on disability studies in education and law.

About Syracuse University

Syracuse University is home to one of the nation's first graduate programs in Disability Studies and the first joint degree program in Law and Disability Studies. SU's School of Education has been a pioneer in the inclusion and deinstitutionalization movements in the United States, which have paved the way for all learners to participate fully in schools and in the community.

About Disability Studies in Education

Disability Studies in Education (DSE) seeks to cultivate interdisciplinary approaches to understanding the phenomenon of disability through scholarship that engages in research, policy, and action that contextualizes disability within political and social spheres; privileges the interest, agendas, and voices of people labeled with disability/disabled people; promotes social justice, equitable and inclusive educational opportunities, and full and meaningful access to all aspects of society for people labeled with disability/disabled people; and rejects deficit models of disability.

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...Placing law and disability studies in education in conversation provides a rich context from which to question issues of power and privilege, and to consider how differences are defined within the education and legal systems.



## Featured Presentations

### Universal Design in Education: Remaking All the Difference



**Martha L. Minow, Keynote Speaker**  
**Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Professor of Law**  
*Harvard Law School*

Martha Minow, the Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Professor of Law, has taught at Harvard since 1981. Her subjects include constitutional law, civil procedure, human rights, and education law. She writes about human rights and advocacy for members of racial and religious minorities and for women, children, and persons with disabilities. Her books include *Making all the Difference: Inclusion, Exclusion and American Law* (1990) and *Just Schools: Pursuing Equality in Societies of Difference* (with R. Shweder and H. Marcus, co-editors) (2008).

### Rights, Capabilities, and Disability Needs Politics: Institutional Barriers to Social Justice in School and Society



**Tom Skrtic, Senior Scholar & Plenary Speaker**  
**Professor of Special Education**  
*University of Kansas*

Tom Skrtic is a professor of special education at the University of Kansas. His academic interests are American pragmatism, organization theory, qualitative research, and democratic social reform, which inform several of his published works, including *Behind Special Education: A Critical Analysis of Professional Culture and School Organization* (1991) and *Disability and Democracy: Reconstructing (Special) Education for Postmodernity* (1995), and more recently his contributions to *Challenging Orthodoxy in Special Education: Dissenting Voices* (Gallagher et al., 2004).

## Featured Events

### Performance by Disability Rights Activist & Hip Hop Artist, Keith Jones



Keith Jones is a Disability Rights Activist, Composer, Producer, and Hip Hop Artist. He was featured on the documentary *Including Samuel*. Jones ran for US Senate in 2008 campaigning on the platform, *Fulfilling America's Promise: A Vision For A Brighter Tomorrow*.

### Autism World Tour Panel Discussion



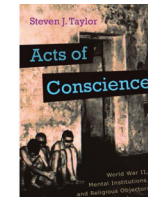
Two men from Vermont, Larry Bissonnette and Tracy Thresher, are on a road trip around the world, with Syracuse and the DSE conference as one of their stops along the way. Their travels, which are being chronicled on film, are taking them to Colombo (Sri Lanka), Tokyo, and Helsinki as well as to Syracuse, where Academy Award winning documentary film director Gerardine Wurzburg will be on hand to capture the session. Douglas Biklen, Dean of the School of Education, and producer (with Wurzburg) of this new road trip film, will moderate the panel, which, like the film, aims to project a new face of autism.



## Selected Presentation Topics

- Deafness & Disability Studies: Shall the Twain Ever Meet
- Rethinking Reform: Race & Disability
- Teaching the Teacher: Lessons in Belonging
- UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Widening the Horizons: Inclusion in Post-Secondary Education
- Promising Practices: Ensuring that All Students Belong
- Inclusion without Exception: Attending to the Margins
- Acting Up: Student Perspectives
- When I Leave School: Exploring Agency in Transition
- Shifting Political Landscapes & the Right to Belong

### Reception for *Acts of Conscience* by Steven Taylor



Syracuse University Press will host a reception on Friday at 5:30 pm for the launch of *Acts of Conscience: World War II, Mental Institutions, and Religious Objectors*, a new book by Steve Taylor, Centennial Professor in Disability Studies and co-director of SU's Center on Disability Studies, Law, and Human Policy, at the Sheraton. The reception is open to all conference attendees. Taylor's book is the first book in the Critical Perspectives in Disability Series.

### Senior and Emerging Scholar Awards

This year's conference again will honor a Senior and an Emerging Scholar at a dinner reception on Saturday night. This year's honorees are Tom Skrtic (University of Kansas) and Phil Smith (Eastern Michigan University).

## Conference Schedule

### Friday May 1

12:00 - 1:00	Conference Registration
1:00 - 2:15	Concurrent Session 1
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 3:45	Welcome by Chancellor Nancy Cantor and Opening Plenary: Tom Skrtic
3:45 - 4:00	Break
4:00 - 5:30	Welcome and Opening Plenary: Tom Skrtic
5:30 - 7:30	SU Press Book Launch & Reception
7:30 - 10:00	BCCC Event: Keith Jones

### Saturday May 2

8:00 - 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30	Keynote: Martha Minnow
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:00	Concurrent Session 3
12:00 - 1:30	Box Lunch and Interest Group Meetings
1:30 - 2:45	Concurrent Session 4
2:45 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:15	Concurrent Session 5
4:15 - 4:30	Break
4:30 - 5:45	Concurrent Session 6
5:45 - 6:30	Break
6:30 - 8:30	Dinner and Awards

### Sunday May 3

8:00 - 9:00	Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15	Concurrent Session 7
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:45	Concurrent Session 8
11:45 - 12:00	Break
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch and Town Hall Meeting