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# Working Together to Center Justice in Science Education

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## Rochester

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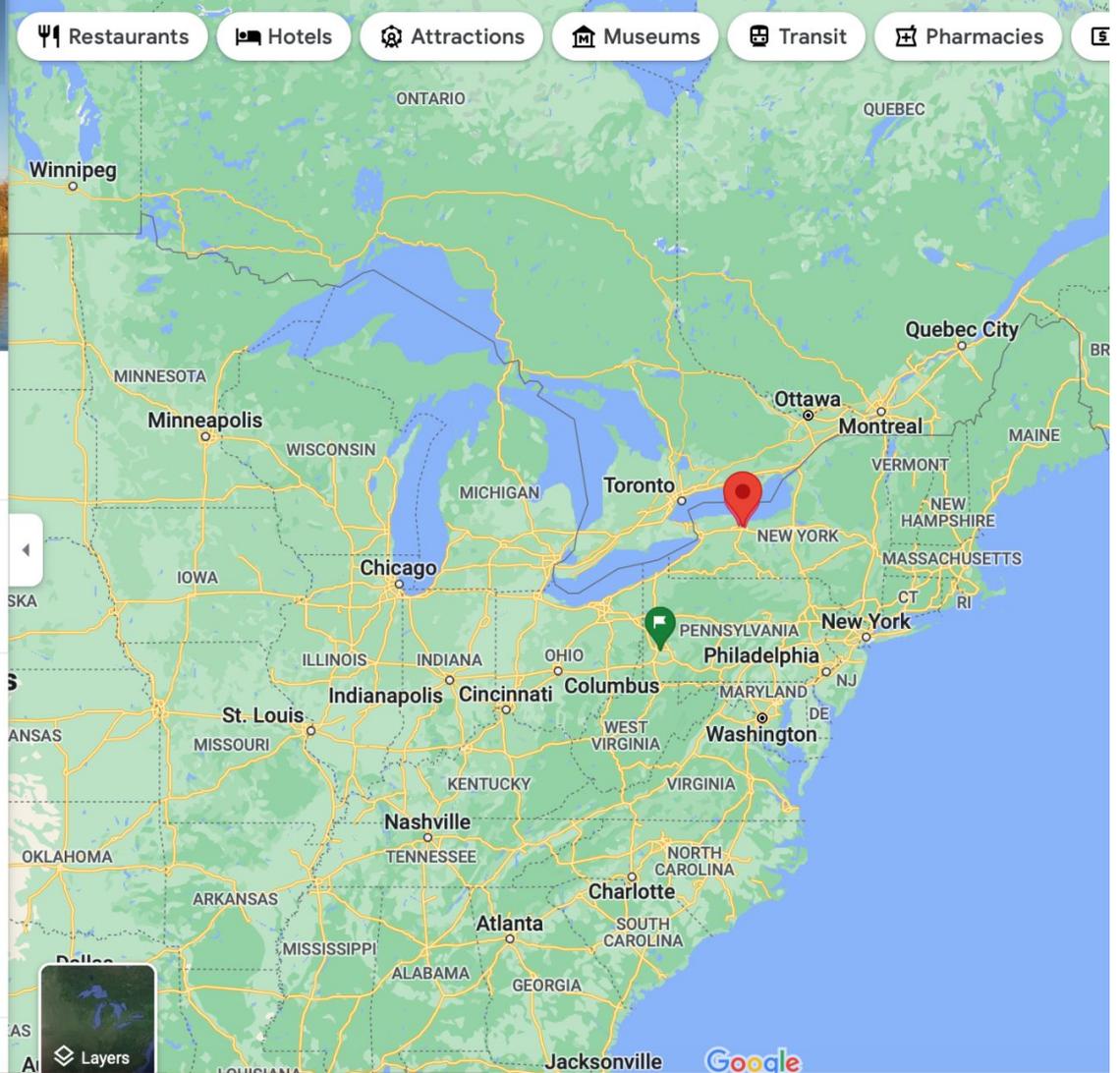


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### Quick facts

Rochester is a city on Lake Ontario, in New York State. Old industrial buildings cluster near the Genesee River's High Falls. A vast collection of toys and dolls forms the core of the Strong National Museum of Play. The George Eastman Museum, on the early-1900s estate of the Kodak founder, has photography exhibits, film archives and gardens. Rochester Museum & Science Center has hands-on displays and a planetarium.

### Iconic Rochester



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# Get Real! Science 01 Teacher Education

15-month Scaffolded Master's Program: Outside of School learning to teach as precursor to School-based learning to teach.



# What do you want to see?





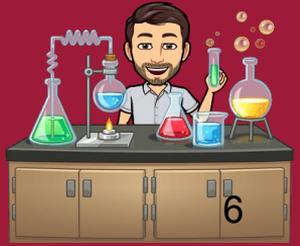
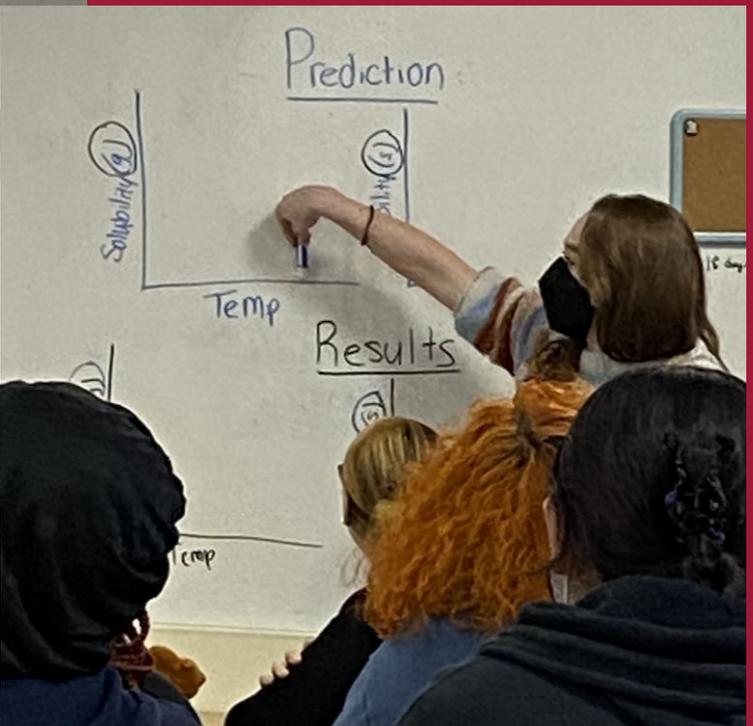
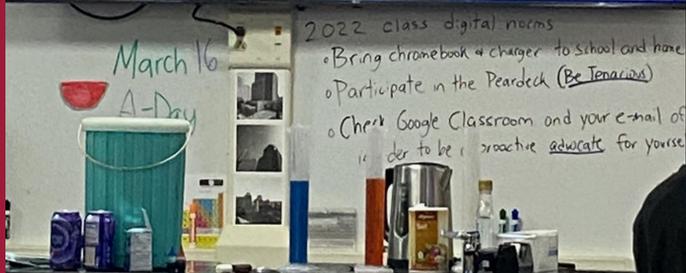
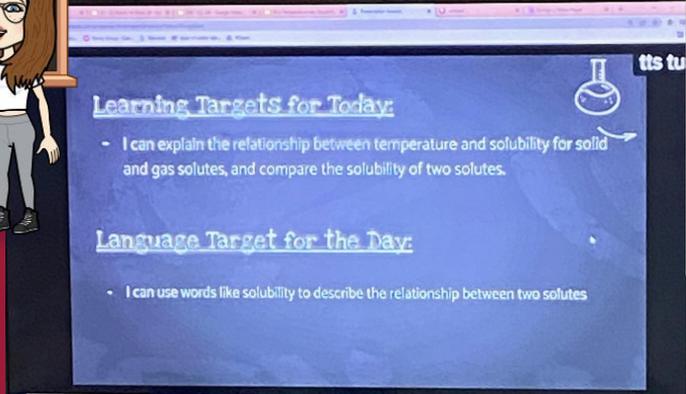
### Learning Targets for Today:

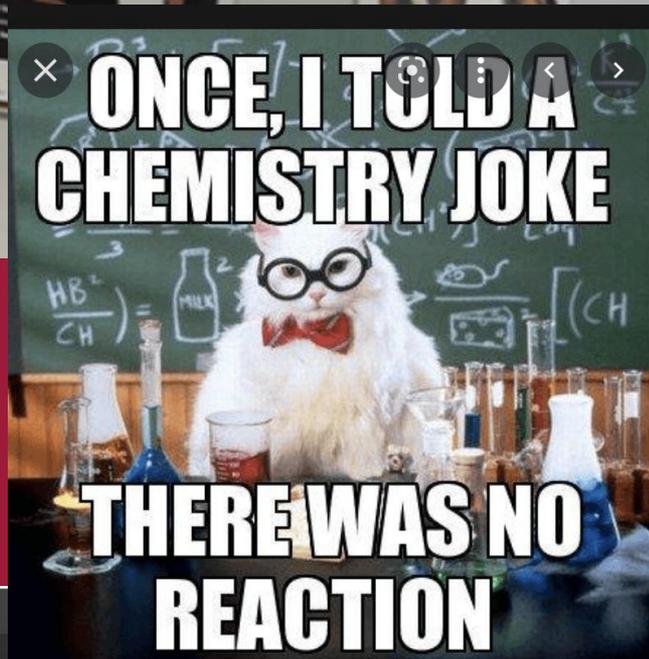
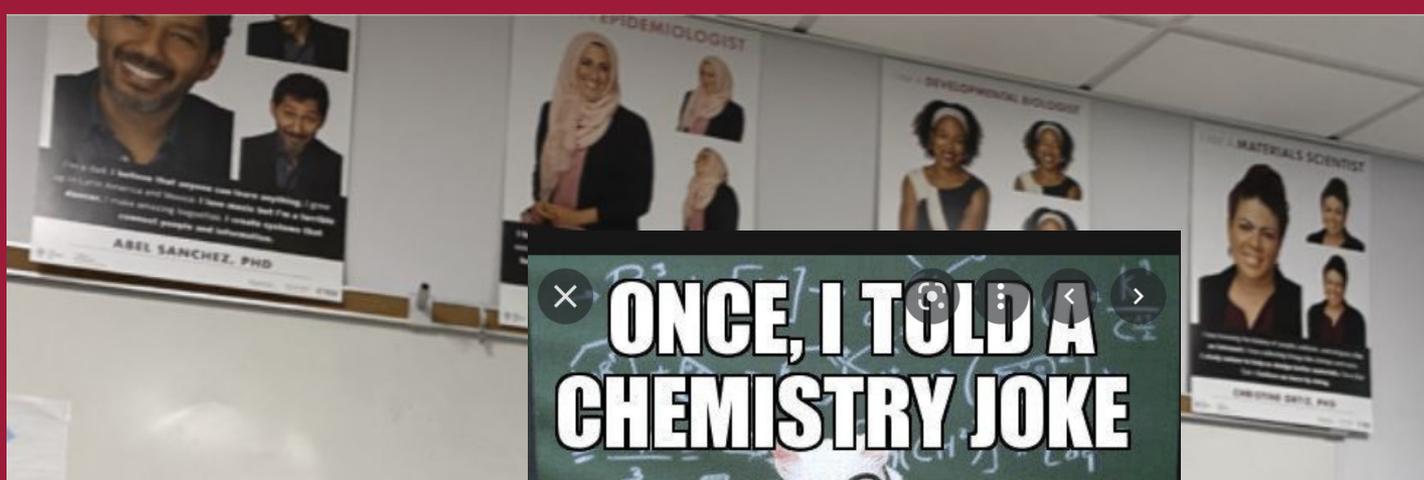
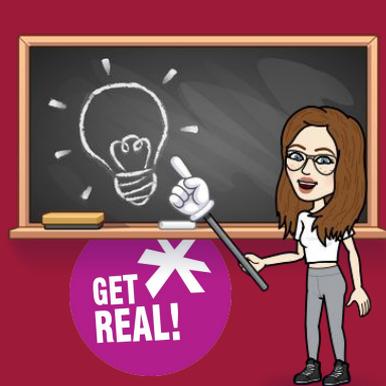
- I can explain the relationship between temperature and solubility for solid and gas solutes, and compare the solubility of two solutes.

### Language Target for the Day:

- I can use words like solubility to describe the relationship between two solutes

Start with student ideas



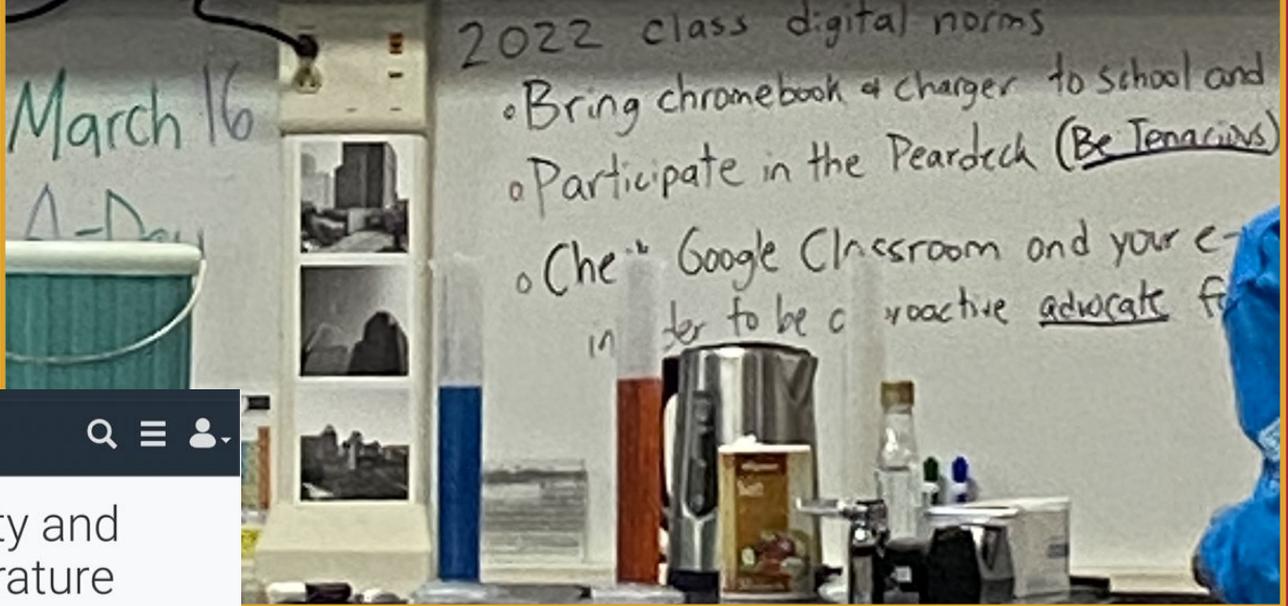


*Sense of belonging; laughter*



Students choose an option

- This is a Pear Deck Multiple Choice Slide. Your current options are: A: Wow Ms. Gnage you're so cool and funny! I'd hire you as a chem teacher!!!, B: This meme was ok, you can do better though, C: Lame and boring,
- To edit the type of question or choices, go back to the "Ask Students a Question" in the Pear Deck sidebar.



So much is happening!

GET REAL!

Gizmos

## Solubility and Temperature

Temp: 20.0 °C

Potassium nitrate

100 mL of water

35 g

Bar Chart: Potassium nitrate, T = 20 °C

Amount	At bottom	Added
35.00 g	4.35 g	35.00 g

35 g

100 mL of water

You have 200 grams of potassium nitrate available for use.

Add varying amounts of a chemical to a beaker of water to create a solution, observe that the chemical dissolves in the water at first, and then measure the concentration of the solution at the saturation point. Either potassium

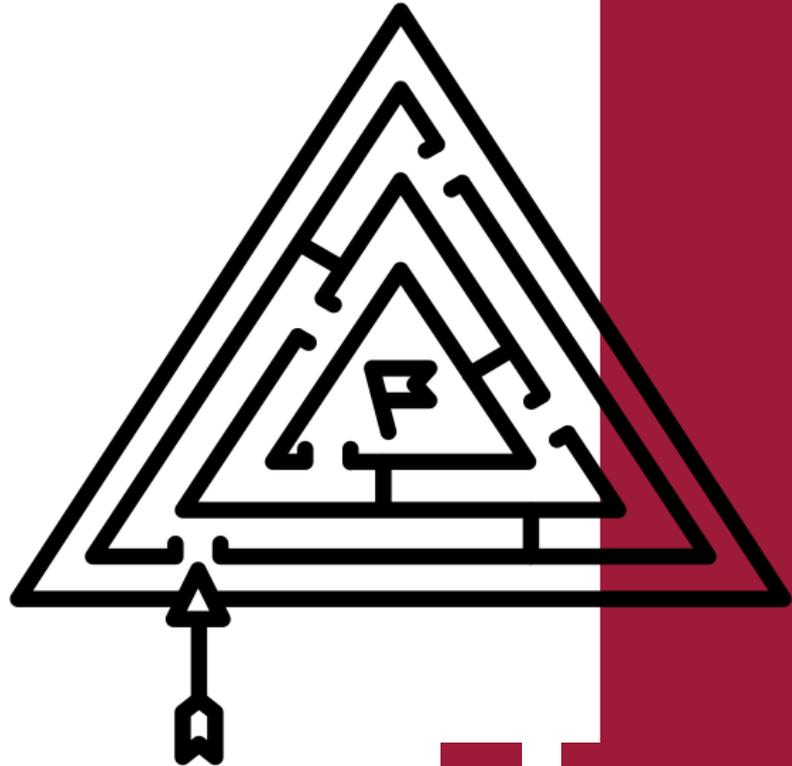
Station 1:

Solubility = ability to dissolve

Key:  
 O = salt  
 A = water

Control	Solvent	Solute	Solution
Same amount	Hot H <sub>2</sub> O (l)	NaCl(s)	NaCl(aq)
	Cold H <sub>2</sub> O (l)	NaCl(s)	NaCl(l)

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# Challenges

- ❑ “Apprenticeship of observation” (Lortie, 1978)
- ❑ Institutional inertia
- ❑ Challenges of enactment and complexity
- ❑ Inequity - students bring diverse sensemaking repertoires; those not aligned with dominant culture are often ignored and erased.



“Teaching well depends on having a flexible repertoire of high-leverage strategies and techniques that can be deployed quickly with good judgment.”

*What counts  
and how do we  
decide?*

**Matsumoto-Rovo &  
Ramirez-Montova (2021)**

## Identity Development As a Lens to Science Teacher Preparation

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**ABSTRACT:** Concepts and findings from research on identity development are employed to better understand why current science teacher preparation programs are failing to prepare teachers who are able and choose to implement the vision for science education articulated in professional standards. Identity theory is used as a theoretical lens to make sense of and better address some of the unique challenges of becoming a reform-minded science teacher, a professional identity that does not reflect the common norm in the profession; these challenges include the emotional risk and possible need for “repair work,” lack of familiarity with and buy-in into complex practices of inquiry, and the need for opportunities to participate in competent practice and have this participation acknowledged. Two basic design principles for science teacher preparation are identified as a result of this analysis: (a) the need to create safe places and scaffolded ways for beginning science teachers to try on and develop their identities as reform-minded science teachers, which may include capitalizing on the unique opportunities of practice teaching in out-of-school contexts; and (b) the need to offer opportunities to be recognized, by self and others, as reform-minded teachers through ongoing, structured, and supported reflection. © 2007 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. *Sci Ed* 91:822–839, 2007

### INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

A number of influential documents (e.g., American Association of Advancement of Science, 1993; National Research Council [NRC], 1996, 2000) advocate for a new vision for school science, comprising principles, standards, and practices that are grounded on research in the learning sciences. However, this vision is still far from becoming a reality, as there are very few “reform-minded” science teachers currently implementing this type of practice (Anderson, 2002; Tobin, Tippins, & Gallard, 1994; Wells, 1995). Even more troublesome is the realization that today’s teacher preparation programs are usually not well equipped to prepare a new generation of reform-minded science teachers, able and willing to engage in the practices identified as most promising to improve science learning for all students (Windschitl, 2002b). Why is this the case, and what can we do about it?

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# Teacher Learning as Identity Development

More than knowing & doing, it’s  
about *becoming* a certain kind  
of teacher

*Luehmann, A. L. (2007). Identity development as a lens to science teacher preparation. Science education, 91(5), 822-839.*



# Participation

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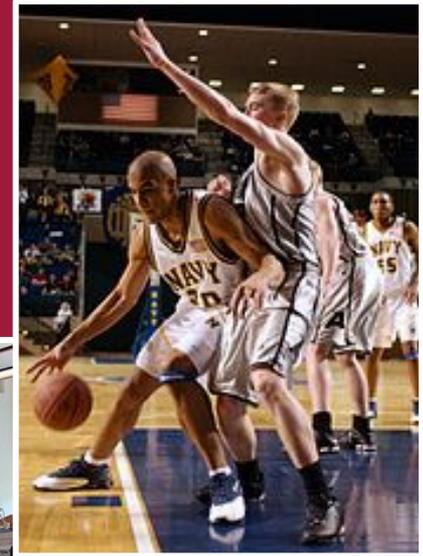
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# Recognition

# Not All Opportunities are Equal

- Positioning (activity, agency, accountability)
- Support (expertise, feedback, recognition)



Luehmann, 2008; Nasir & Hand, 2002

# Identity Work

## Participation that is Authentic

- Messy, complex, unpredictable, non-linear, long-term
- Use of authentic tools: cognitive as well as physical & social
- Collaborative & creative
- Prioritizes relationships



### Challenges

- Novices engaging in the complexity of experts
- “Institutional inertia” over time and across participants

# Identity Work

## Recognition that is Meaningful

- Identity = the stories that are told
- Most impactful are the stories one tells about oneself
- Role of “significant narrators”

*Sfard & Prusak, 2005*



## Challenges

- Opportunities to construct “stories”
- Feedback & assessments that align with ambitious practice

# Nurturing Damaged or New Identities

- Multiple opportunities to try & fail
- Reasons to invest a lot of effort
- Likelihood of experiencing meaningful success

*Gee, 2003*



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# GRS PARTICIPATION WORK

- **Phase 1: Summer A - Conceptual - Place-based core practices as learners (rural)**



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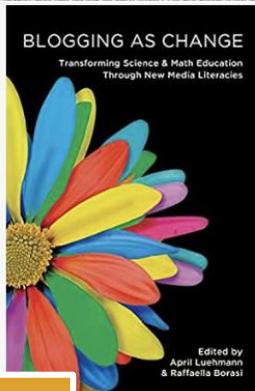


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- **Phase 4: Spring - Conceptual, pedagogical, cultural & political: Core practices as teachers in school (edu 448, spring)**

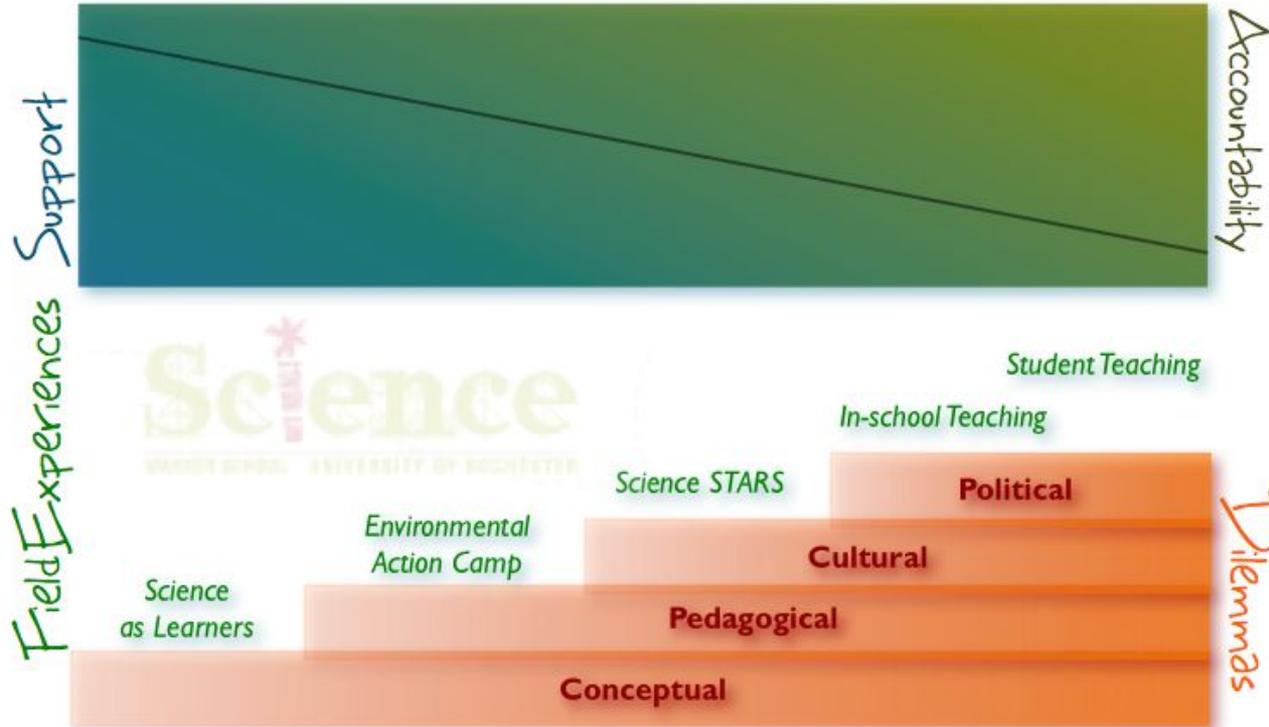


# GRS RECOGNITION WORK



Luehmann & Borasi, 2011

# Get Real! Science Program Timeline



Learn from students and communities from non-dominant cultures

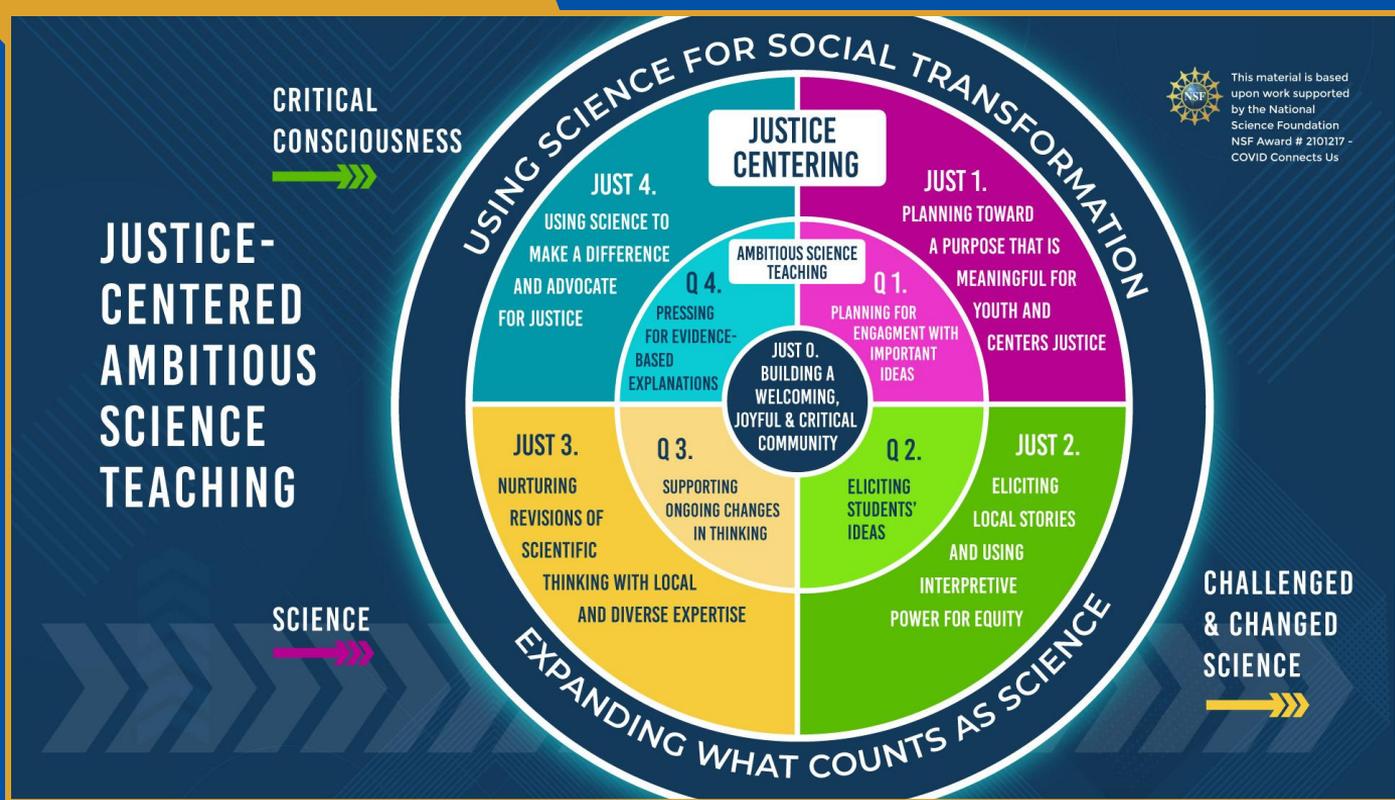


# Identity Work

Opportunities to Try; Reason to Invest; Meaningful Success



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# 02

## The JuST FRAMEWORK

Our Sacrificial Text and Anchor



# What is Justice-Centered Ambitious Science Teaching (JuST)?

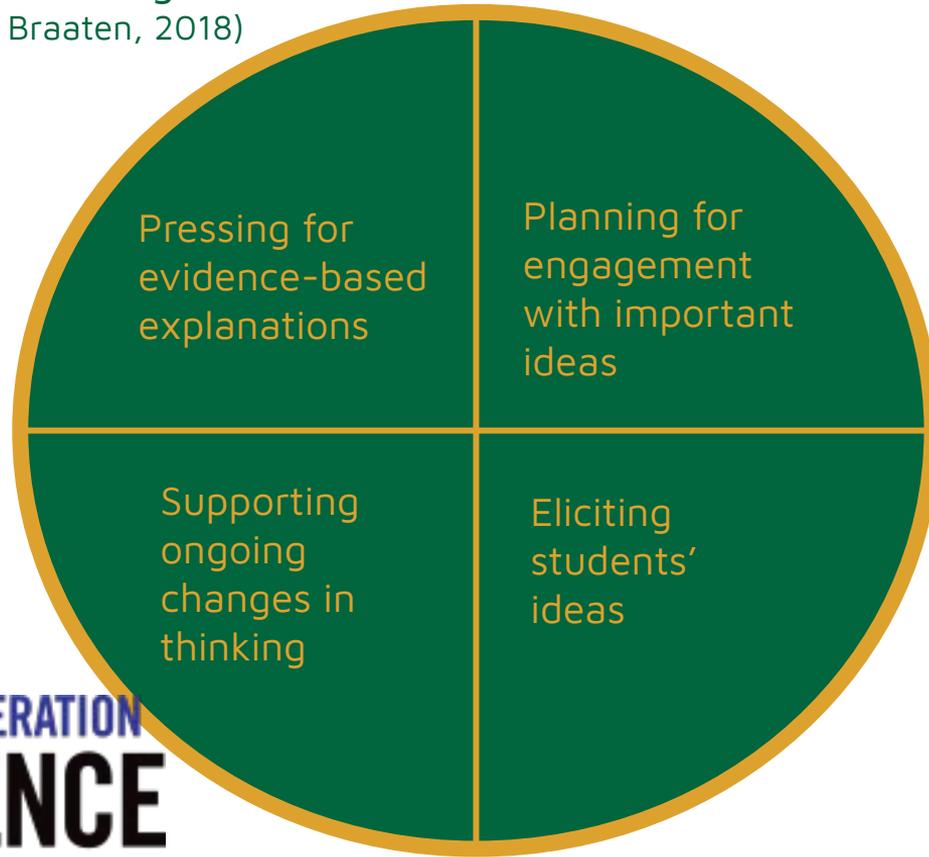
Sets of high leverage practices that synthesize Ambitious Science Teaching (Windschitl, et al., 2018) with those of justice-centering (e.g. Morales-Doyle, 2017)

- Grounded in critical consciousness
- Responsive to and sustains students' cultures and communities
- Dependent on teachers' interpretive power to invite, recognize and build on students' expansive sensemaking repertoires
- Committed to naming and disrupting oppression and injustice in society.

Luehmann, et al., under review

# Ambitious Science Teaching

(Windschitl, Thompson & Braaten, 2018)

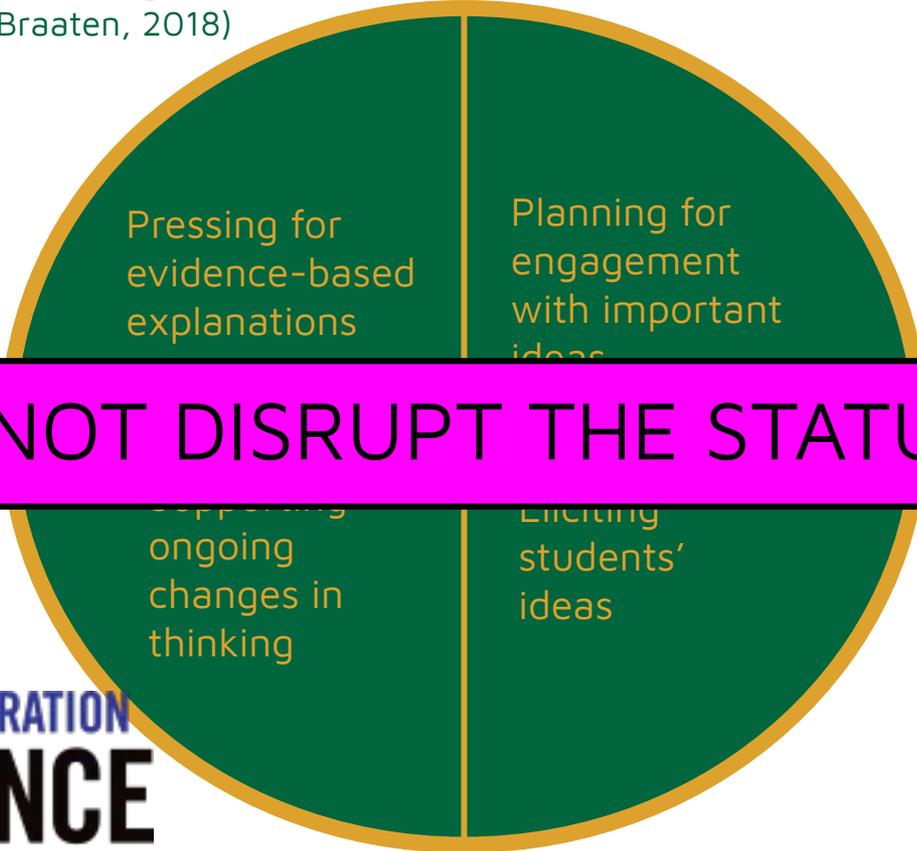


Access to the “Culture of Power” (Delpit, 1988; Ladson-Billings, 1995)

Nurturing Positive Identities with Science through Authentic Engagement (Brown, 2005; Chapman & Feldman, 2017)



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(Windschitl, Thompson & Braaten, 2018)



Access to the "Culture of Power" (Delpit, 1988; 1995)

Identities with Science through Authentic Engagement (Brown, 2005; Chapman & Feldman, 2017)

DOES NOT DISRUPT THE STATUS QUO



Access to the "Culture of Power"

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Science through Authentic  
Engagement

## EQUITY DISCOURSES

1. RIGOR
2. IDENTITY
- 
3. EXPAND WHAT COUNTS
4. USE FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

**Philip & Azevedo, 2017**

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Pressing for  
evidence-based  
explanations

Planning for  
engagement  
with important  
ideas

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# JuST 1



Luehmann, A. (2022). Justice-centered community–university partnering: Core tenets of partnering for justice epistemology. *Science Education*, 106(6), 1346-1353.

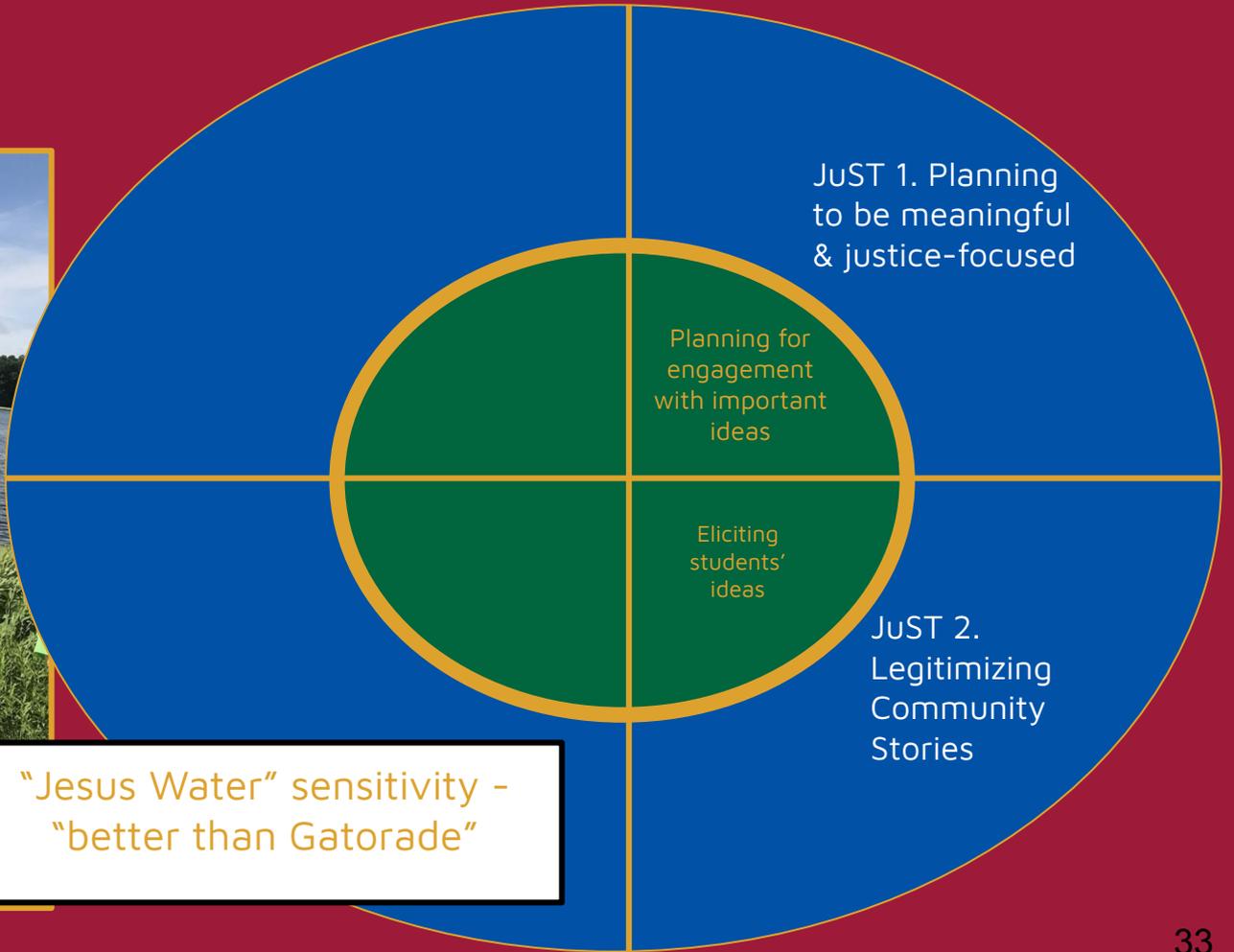
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Planning for engagement with important ideas

# JuST 2



“Jesus Water” sensitivity -  
“better than Gatorade”



# JuST 3



# JuST 4



**Practice Brief 67 :**  
**Focusing Science and Engineering Learning on Justice-Centered Phenomena in K12**

# Using Science for Social Transformation

JuST 4. Use Science Learning for Positive Change

JuST 1. Planning to be meaningful & justice-focused

Pressing for evidence-based explanations

Planning for engagement with important ideas

**TEAM: Teens Engaged in Action that Matters**

**Teachers must first be learners - of youth and local culture.**



**EQUITY DISCOURSES**

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Philip & Azevedo, 2017

- Kang, 2022;
- Morales-Doyle, 2017
- Philip & Azevedo, 2016
- Paris & Alim, 2017
- Steele & Jeong, 2023

The students who presented at family science night were positioned as **producers of scientific knowledge**. Through this experience, students' commitments to their communities and cultures of origin were strengthened as **they recognized the value of their cultural competence**. Meanwhile they also reflected upon their **agency to impact issues in their community and in the broader world**.

Morales-Doyle, 2017, p. 1054-1055





Pressing for evidence-based explanations

Supporting ongoing changes in thinking

Eliciting students' ideas

Farm Worker as Scientist; good vs. great strawberry fields

"Jesus Water" sensitivity - "better than Gatorade"

JuST 3. Revising Thinking with Community & Diverse Expertise

JuST 2. Legitimizing Community Stories

Expanding What Counts as Science

**Practice Brief 57: How place-based science education strategies can support equity for students, teachers and communities**

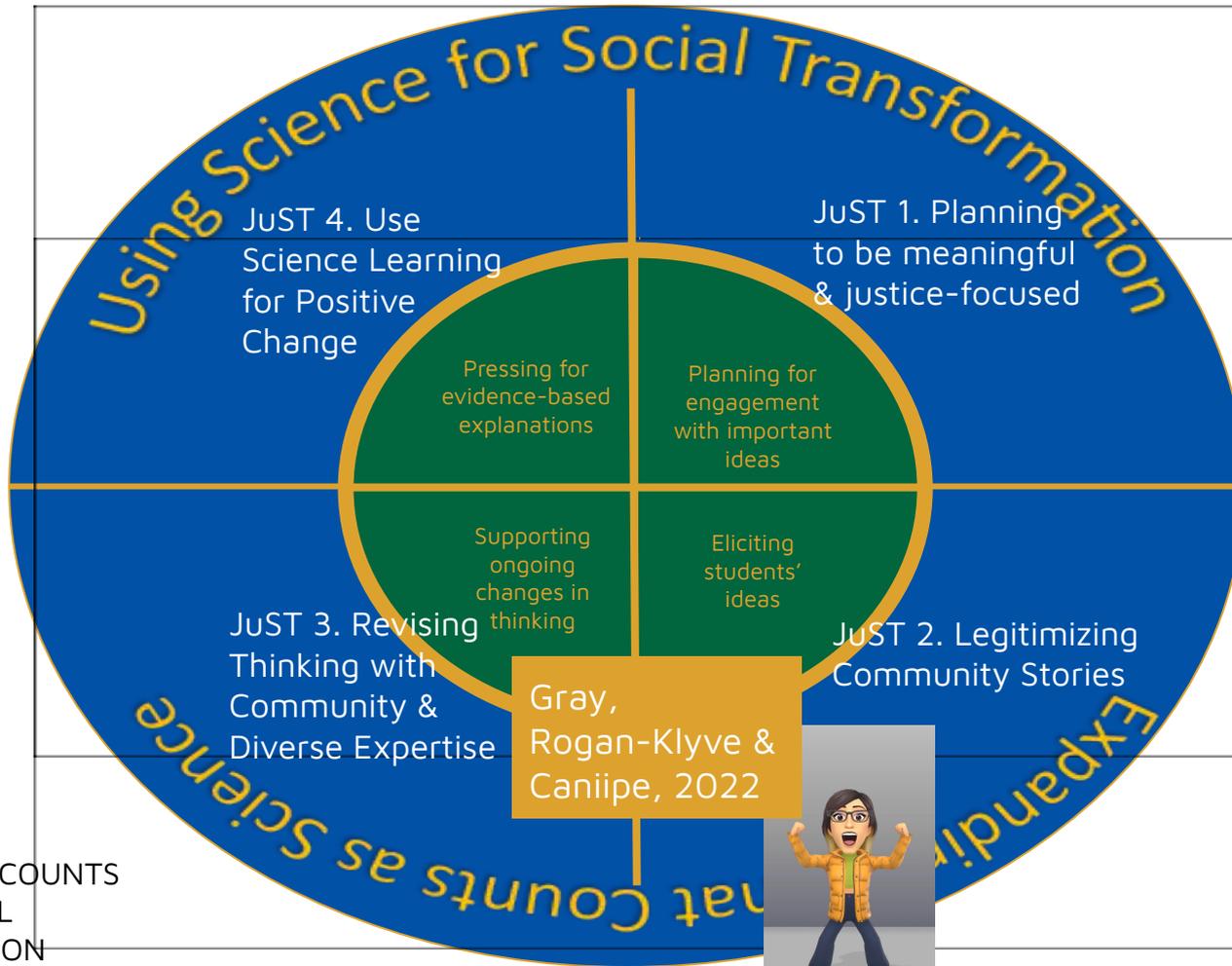
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“One insight relevant to teaching is that instruction should be organized to invite diversity in pathways of participation in learning activities and bring multiple knowledges to bear on learning academic content. ***If we know that learning, at best, engages a multiplicity of cultural repertoires of practice (Gutiérrez & Rogoff, 2003) and involves multiple representations and ways of knowing,*** then it is imperative that teaching start from a place of respecting the range of knowledge and epistemologies learners bring to the learning setting and have the capacity to connect learning and provide a range of entryways into core academic content.”

—NASIR, LEE, PEA & MCKINNEY DE ROYSTON, 2021



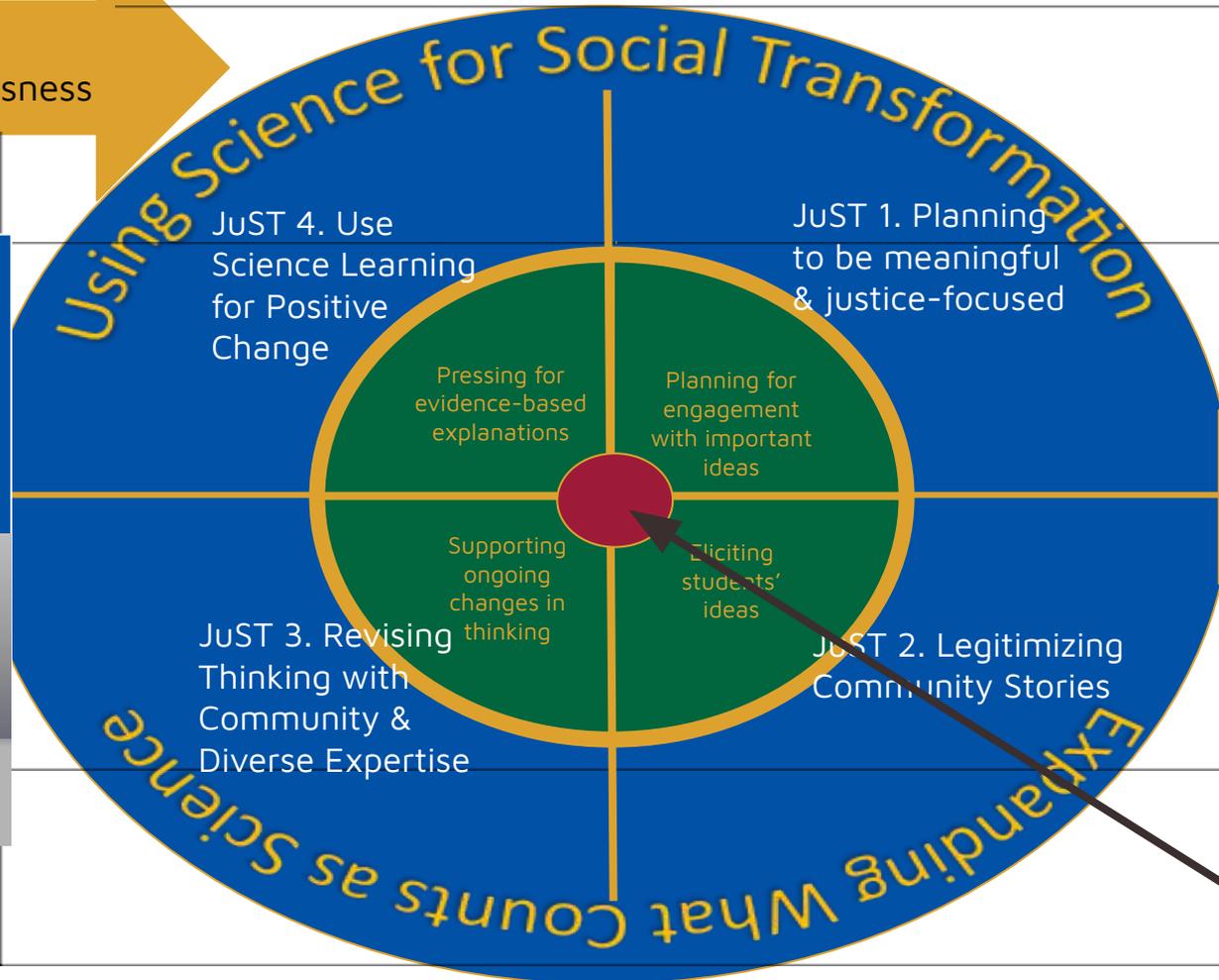
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Critical  
Consciousness

Luehmann, A., Zhang, Y.,  
Boyle, H., Tulbert, E.,  
Medias, G., Sullivan, K.,  
[2023]. *Shaping Ambitious  
Science Teaching to be  
Culturally Sustaining and  
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Challenged &  
changed  
science

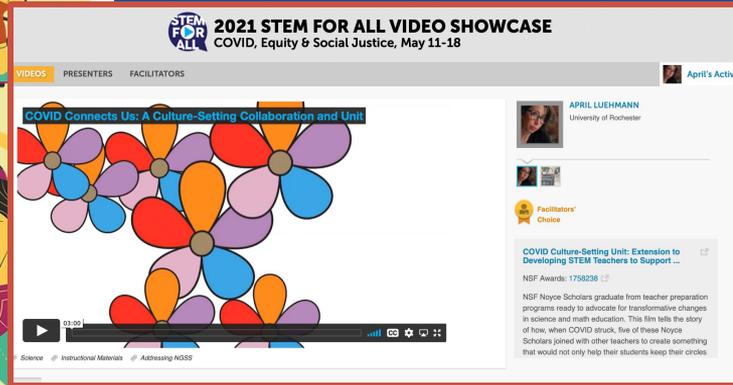
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Nurturing a  
critical,  
welcoming &  
joy-filled  
community

The Justice-centered Ambitious Science Teaching (JuST) Framework.

# 03



Using science to empower youth collaboration and anti-COVID action in their communities



# The PROJECT, The Team, The Work

COVID X US

Home Student's Corner Teacher's Corner Meet Our Mentors Science STARS About us More

<p><b>LESSON 1</b> Identity &amp; Covid Download &gt;</p>	<p><b>LESSON 2</b> Introduction to the Phenomenon Download &gt;</p>	<p><b>LESSON 3</b> Droplet vs. Aerosol Download &gt;</p>	<p><b>LESSON 4</b> Expert Debate Download &gt;</p>
<p><b>LESSON 5</b> Contact Tracing Download &gt;</p>	<p><b>LESSON 6</b> Science is changing! Download &gt;</p>	<p><b>LESSON 7</b> Model Revision and PSA Download &gt;</p>	<p><b>LESSON 8</b> PSA Download &gt;</p>



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# 2021 STEM FOR ALL VIDEO SHOWCASE

COVID, Equity & Social Justice, May 11-18

VIDEOS

PRESENTERS

FACILITATORS

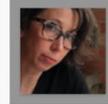


April's Activity

## COVID Connects Us: A Culture-Setting Collaboration and Unit



Science Instructional Materials Addressing NGSS



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Facilitators'  
Choice

### COVID Culture-Setting Unit: Extension to Developing STEM Teachers to Support ...

NSF Awards: 1758238

NSF Noyce Scholars graduate from teacher preparation programs ready to advocate for transformative changes in science and math education. This film tells the story of how, when COVID struck, five of these Noyce Scholars joined with other teachers to create something that would not only help their students keep their circles

GET  
REAL!

# A Culture-Setting Unit

What is it conceptually?

- First unit of the year
- Model for kinds of engagement
- Adapted to local contexts
- Pre-assessment
- The power of the preview... “Remember when we...”
- Groundwork for critical, caring & joy-filled community

# A Culture-Setting Unit

What is it practically?

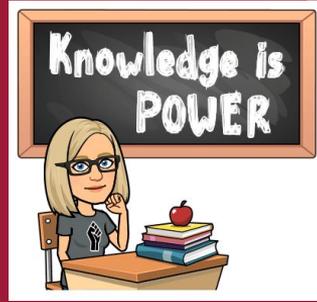
COVID Connects Us A Culture Setting Unit	
Class Activity	Purpose
1 <b>Identity mapping</b>	Build a welcoming community
2 <b>Local zip code data analysis;</b> Initial modeling of local phenomenon	<b>Why are People of Color disproportionately impacted?</b> <i>Anchoring Phenomenon Routine</i>
3 Mask investigations	Design an original investigation
4 Debate: Is a mask necessary when 6-ft distance is maintained?	Construct an argument
5 Medical mentor interviews	Connect with local physicians
6 Contact tracing	Analyze personal and local data
7 Model revisions	Draw evidence-based explanations
8 <b>Myth busters for families</b>	Communicate science to help keep circles safe

# Identity Mapping

Who are you?  
*Identity, priorities, culture*

Who are we?  
*Developing classroom identity*

How does who we are impact how we do science?



Ellie Faugh,  
Warner '19  
Rochester, NY

## Lesson 1: Identity Mapping

Learn who is in the room

Hear about experiences with COVID

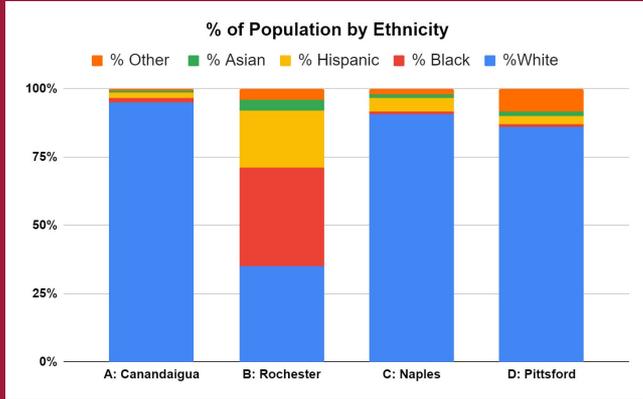
Conversation about where we are now



## Identity Mapping



# Localized & Justice-Centered Anchoring Phenomenon



Ellen Ellison,  
Warner '19  
Naples NY

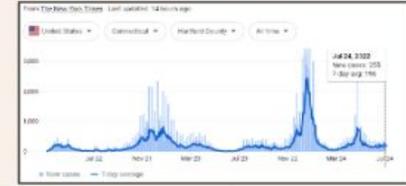


## Lesson 2: Introduce Anchoring Phenomenon



**Anchoring Phenomenon:** The COVID-19 pandemic is being experienced by different communities in different ways and along different timelines.

1. Google "COVID in [INSERT YOUR AREA]".
2. Investigate the data (ex. Check out different sections of the graph, zoom in and out on the map, etc.)
3. What do you notice and wonder about the data?



Local Data  
Zip Code Analysis

	Population (counted in 2010 Census)	% of population with COVID cases	Number of COVID-related deaths
Community A	20,565	0.48%	35 (county)
Community B	210,452	1.04%	295 (county)
Community C	2,502	0.20%	35 (county)
Community D	31,426	0.30%	295 (county)

period 5/6  
**DRY ICE QUESTIONS**

- Why does it produce a lot of smoke when water is added to it?
- Why doesn't the dry ice melt?
- How do you dispose of dry ice?
- Why does dry ice come in styrofoam?
- Where can you get dry ice?
- Is dry ice a natural substance?
- Why did the dry ice wiggle around when it got really small?
- How accessible is dry ice to the average person?

**COLD RUSH ON DRY ICE**

COVID-19 VACCINE

Driving Questions

Lesson 7: How is our thinking changing?



# Modeling Phenomena

# in context



Bre Uckermark,  
Warner '14  
Rochester, NY

Engage in sensemaking activities

Reflect on what we figured out

Add revised thinking to your model



Preventer

Spreader



1. Use your drawings to write an explanation about the differences in behaviors & resulting impacts of a preventer on the spread of COVID-19

2. Use your drawings to write an explanation about the differences in behaviors & resulting impacts of a spreader on the spread of COVID-19

3. Individuals and communities have been impacted differently by COVID-19. **Equity** is when all people are treated fairly and **inequity** is when there are unfair or unjust conditions that negatively impact individuals or communities.

- Explain ways that individuals or communities have experienced **equity** or **inequity** during COVID-19
- How might inequity affect the preventer and spreader in your model?

## Science in the context of equity:

Explain ways that individuals or communities have experienced equity or inequity during COVID-19.

How might inequity affect the preventer and spreader in your model?

Gotta Have Checklist



particles...



arrows...



energy...

# Student-led Experiment Design



Katrina Robinson  
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Penfield, NY

Lesson 3: Social Distance Testing

←Is 6 feet correct?→

Design and implement an experimental protocol

How does Covid spread? Do masks work?



Experience



Question



Design



Experiment



Share!

Looking at your notes above, create 3 testable questions about dry ice:

(Testable questions: build on what you already know and can be answered through measurement or experimentation)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Connections:

## Positioning Students as Agents of Change



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Warner '18  
South Bronx, NY

Dr. Uzoamaka  
Odoemena,  
Strong Memorial  
Hospital



### Evaluating Sources with CRAAP

- C** Currency - the timeliness of information  
When was the information published or posted? Has the information been revised or updated? Is the information current or out of date? Are the links functional?
- R** Relevance - the importance of the information for your needs  
Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? Who is the intended audience? Is the information at an appropriate level? Have you looked at a variety of sources?
- A** Authority - the source of the information  
Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor? Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given, and what are they? What are the author's qualifications?
- A** Accuracy - the reliability, truthfulness, & correctness of the content  
Has it been reviewed? Do the language and grammar seem unbiased? Do the sources make their intentions clear? Are they objective, impartial & unbiased?

### Group 5

Focus Question: Is the covid vaccine safe? And is it trustworthy?

#### Myths and/or Misconceptions:

- President Joe Biden announced his latest effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, he will be putting Americans who have chosen to not be vaccinated, into 'quarantine camps' where they will be detained indefinitely until they get their shots. - Osiris Foux, The Stock Market, 2021
- The New York Times will tell you that, as of Feb. 16, over 487,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, but I say it's all hogwash. All these lizard-people will tell you that it's all about the health of "The Public," but I don't know who that is, and I don't care. No one I know personally has died from COVID-19, so it simply can't be real! - Sophia Pan, Spoke News, 2021

#### The Facts and Science:

- "The FDA's approval of this vaccine is a milestone as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. While this and other vaccines have met the FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for emergency use authorization, as the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product." - Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D. This is important because the FDA is the one in charge of the public health on ensuring the safety on food supply, cosmetic, and products that transmit radiation. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/acting-fda-commissioner-janet-woodcock-announces-covid-19-vaccine>
- "To date, the systems in place to monitor the safety of these vaccines have found only two serious types of health problems after vaccination, both of which are rare. These are anaphylaxis and thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) after vaccination with J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine." The pfizer and the moderna vaccine both have a 90% or more of effectiveness against covid, there would be side effects like, redness on the spot you were given the vaccine, tiredness and swelling which would be a normal reaction to the vaccine. [CDC, 2021](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/)

Sep 24, 2021  
So why exactly are these misconceptions dangerous?  
S... make their intentions... ve, impartial & unbiased?

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OK, so you explained why the vaccines are safe. But what exactly makes them trustworthy? Some people might not believe they are safe yet...

Q1: How can we evaluate information to determine its reliability?

Q2: How can we pull in expert opinions to inform our local perspective?

Q3: How can we provide space for collaborative conversations with our stakeholders?

Q4: How can I communicate to and for people I care about keeping safe?

## FAQ: Mask For Covid-19

### Facts About Masks:

- I believe the most effective way to end the global pandemic is wearing masks. In the article [Face Mask Really Do Matter](#), [The Scientific Evidence Is Growing](#), it says, "Face masks are emerging as one of the most powerful weapons to [fight the new coronavirus](#), with growing evidence that facial coverings help prevent transmission—even if an infected wearer is in close contact with others. Face masks are emerging as one of the most powerful weapons to fight the new coronavirus, with growing evidence that facial coverings help prevent transmission—even if an infected wearer is in close contact with others. This evidence shows that face masks really are effective. It shows how wearing a mask can prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus."
- I believe the most effective way to end the global pandemic is by wearing mask. In the article [Wear A Mask To Protect Yourself And Others](#), it states, "Masking is a critical public health tool and it is important to remember that any mask is better than no mask." This evidence proves that masks are a great safety source for protection against the Covid 19 virus.
- I believe the most effective way to end the global pandemic is to wear mask. In the article [Face Mask During The Covid-19 Pandemic](#), it says, "Wearing face masks is recommended as part of personal protective equipment and as a public health measure to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic."

### Common Misconceptions About Masks:

- 1) Shortness of breath and may lead to death**  
Response: This information is false. Masks are very breathable and are made up of breathable fibers. This is how it fails the CRAAP test.
- 2) A way to control people**  
Response: This information is false. Masks are a way to protect people and their own health. This is how it fails the CRAAP test.

Autonomy-supportive institutions support engagement and well-being during reform (Meristo, 2021)



**Sarah & Leslie's**  
*Justice League*



**Edith & Esther's**  
*Environmental Allies*

Middle School Science Teachers

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**Jason's Advocates**  
Community Educators



**Kathy's Atoms Family**  
Chemistry Teachers from many different districts



**Gina's Bio Bosses**  
Sr and Jr Biology Teachers



**Jill's Lifers**  
Biology Teachers



**Brynne's Chem Crew**  
Chemistry Teachers working in Urban Settings



**Paul's Tigers**  
Science teachers in the same school district, 7-12



# The NETWORK

Design-Based Research by Networked PLCs



**Astor's Alpacas**

# The work of each PLC

GET REAL!

## Brynne's Chem Crew

Chemistry Teachers  
working in Urban  
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GET REAL!

## Summer PD

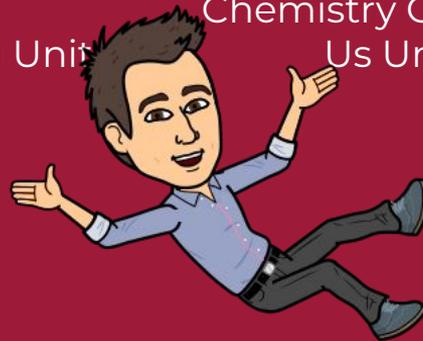
Justice-centered  
Ambitious pedagogy  
Working as a PLC  
COVID Culture Setting Unit



GET REAL!

## Lesson Study

Implement, evaluate  
and revise Covid  
Chemistry Connects  
Us Unit



## JuST Practice

Identify valuable and  
effective  
justice-centered  
ambitious science  
teaching practices





## DESIGN-BASED IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH

PLC Name: Chem Crew Date: Fall 2021

Name of Your DBIR Study: Conceptually-rich questioning

What is your persistent problem of practice? What struggle did you decide you all face that you want to collaboratively work on?

**Students' contributions are not conceptually-rich**

What strategy did you decide to try to address this Persistent Problem of Practice?

**Teach, monitor & share data on higher-order questioning**

Why do you think this strategy will be effective?

**Students ownership in what counts and why**

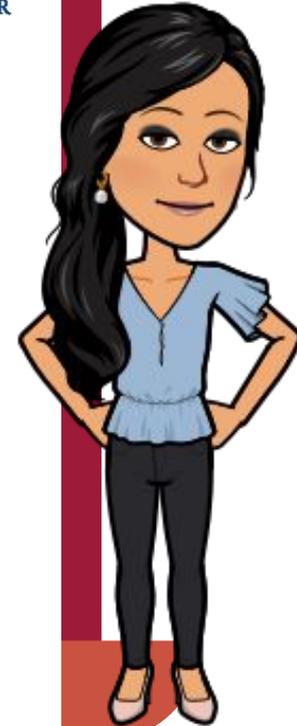
**Recognition**

**See value as students build on each other's ideas**

How will your PLC collaboratively measure and analyze the effectiveness of the strategy?

**Data table: Level 1, 2, 3 questions by class & student over time**

**Student feedback on perceived value of the process**



# JuST Practices by Teachers for Teachers

WHERE ELSE IN YOUR LIFE HAVE YOU SEEN THINGS ACT LIKE A ROCKET LAUNCHING?



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# THANKS!

## DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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