

Statement of Candidacy

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Network:

It is a time of reckoning for gifted education. The nature and role of schooling, and of gifted education within it, is changing, as recognized by NAGC in our statements on championing equity. This is a discussion of assumptions and values, and the Conceptual Foundations network is in a position to serve as a focal point for increasing service to marginalized students for a stronger society, by highlighting research and best practice from those who have already made strides toward a more consistent, inclusive philosophy of advanced academics. Through intentional discourse over philosophies and definitions, history and privilege, and the externalized benefits of an appropriate education, Conceptual Foundations can both honor and interrogate the past to help direct the field to a more effective, defensible future.

