

Masters in Community and Teacher Leaders Program  
Educational Inquiry & Curriculum Studies Department  
Northeastern Illinois University

MACTL News & Notes

ALUMNI NEWS

**Berhane Hailemichael** (MACTL Cohort 2) has established the first community-based organization for Eritreans in the Midwest: Eritrean Assistance Organization Chicago (EAOC) (<https://www.eaoc.info>). Located in Uptown, EAOC has a focus on supporting new migrants who face housing and other challenges. EAOC also supports language programs for young people and a marathon club!



*Berhane with his wife and mother at the MACTL hooding ceremony.*



**Brittany Pines** (MACTL Cohort 1) began her doctoral studies at Antioch University in the Leadership and Change Interdisciplinary Program. Her goal is to explore how equity and power impact students of color in the achievement and participation of STEM programs.

***We are looking for candidates to join the FIFTH MACTL COHORT!***

*Please contact, Mr. Santiago Tapia at [s-tapia@neiu.edu](mailto:s-tapia@neiu.edu), with the name and contact information of any individual who you think would be interested in joining our vibrant, thought-provoking, social-justice oriented MACTL community.*



**Jenn Johnson** (MACTL Cohort 1), who is Chief of Staff for Chicago Teachers Union, was on the frontlines of the Chicago Teachers Union action during the recent 15 day teachers' strike.

Got an update?  
Please email us at  
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We will be sending out a periodic  
MACTL News & Notes and we  
would love to share your news



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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



**Dr. Durene I. Wheeler**, MACTL faculty, has just been appointed Director of the Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs at Northeastern Illinois University. We are thrilled for her new position, and glad she will still be an important part of the MACTL community as we go forward.



MACTL faculty **Dr. Erica R. Meiners** recently co-authored an Op-Ed in the *Chicago Tribune* about the Chicago teacher's strike <https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/commentary/ct-opinion-ctu-cps-teachers-chicago-schools-20191009-r14k3advrfhi5piltic6iekzca-story.html> She will be a Visiting Distinguished Research Faculty at the Graduate School, City University of New York, for the spring 2020 term, but she will be back at NEIU in fall 2020.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

On Tuesday, October 15, Dr. David O. Stovall, a member of the MACTL advisory board, spoke at a MACTL event at Northeastern Illinois University at the Angelina Pedroso Center entitled, "Education vs. Schooling and the School to Prison Nexus."



On October 15 newly elected 33rd ward alderperson **Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez** <https://www.rossanafor33.org/> visited Dr. Erica Meiners's MACTL class, EDFN 410: *Power, Communities and Change* and talked about her pathway to leadership and the challenges and possibilities of change through an elected local office.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Thursday, November 7 from 5:30- 7:30 pm**  
 join the MACTL community on the NEIU North campus, in ROOM SU 003 for a panel entitled  
**"WHAT I WISH MY TEACHERS KNEW: AN INTRODUCTION TO ADULTISM IN THE CLASSROOM"**  
 featuring students from the Chicago Freedom School

**Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.**  
 On the North campus in Alumni Hall South, NEIU in collaboration with the Hispanic Information & Telecommunications Network will host *jTu Cuentas!*  
*This event will feature MACTL Alumna, Jessie Fuentes on the panel of speakers.*

**On Tuesday, November 19 from 4:30 -7:30 pm**  
 On the North Campus  
 In the Golden Eagles Presentation Room  
 Support MACTL Cohort Three as they present their capstone research projects.

