

Catherine Wong



Catherine Wong, Director, Urban Outreach Initiatives, Lynch School of Education, Boston College, oversees the Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars' Program, an intensive one year M.Ed. cohort-based program in teacher preparation, the College Bound-STEM Program, a pre collegiate youth centered out of school time program that uses scientific inquiry to address social and environmental justice issues, as well as facilitates a series of cross university, school and community collaborations. In her work, Catherine leads teams of faculty, college students, community activists, K-12th grade students and their families to build innovative partnerships that address the most prevalent urban issues in their schools and communities. Her approach involves schools and community stakeholders working courageously together at the boundaries of their disciplines. By integrating multiple perspectives and knowledge that arise from their own lives, cultural identity and educational underpinnings, these teams effect change agency for themselves and for succeeding generations. Catherine is also a cross-cultural consultant who brings together interdisciplinary teams to enhance their capacity to lead and learn from a culturally competent, social justice and equity stance. Highlighted consultancies have included; the Domestic Violence Unit-Massachusetts Department of Social Services, WGBH-PBS Television, the Human and Civil Rights Division-National Education Association, the Iverson Bell Regional Diversity Summit for Veterinary Medicine, the U.S-Middle East Partnership Initiative, and the School of Education-Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Catherine is a former school counselor and director, School Counseling Program at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Catherine earned her graduate degree in Counseling Psychology with a specialization in Cross Cultural Counseling from Boston University. Catherine was raised on the island of Oah'u, Hawai'i and grew up with the dramatic storytelling of her great grandmothers and extended family. Their stories of bringing disparate groups together despite prejudice and stereotypes instilled in her the desire to become a cultural bridge builder. Catherine honors her ancestors' legacy, as she continues to grow and refine her craft as a consultant and educator.