

Navigating Gender Roles and Gender Stereotypes to Foster Gender Equality
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Fifty years after the women’s right movement and the passage of the landmark federal legislation Title IX, gender inequality persists within every social, political, and economic institution. 2020 introduced more complex challenges to the lives of women and marginalized populations as they navigate the COVID-19 global pandemic. It is clear that the lived experiences of inequality are only exaggerated by the COVID experience. While 2020 also brought many historic “firsts” for women, most notably, the US election of its first black and south Asian, female vice-president, there is still much work to be done. The process of cultivating gender equality must take place within all institutions. Therefore, this is a crucial moment in time to integrate topics about gender equality into classrooms at all levels, PK-16.

This seminar is designed to foster dialogue about the causes of and solutions to gender inequality. It aims to prepare participants to move the needle towards gender equality in their own classrooms: by infusing discussions of gender into their curriculum, by diversifying class content, and by featuring individuals and organizations whose work builds a more equitable society. The seminar will also include discussions of participants’ own experiences navigating gender stereotypes and expectations, equipping teachers to advocate for themselves, and their students, in both their professional and personal lives.

Fellows will examine the data and scholarship on gender in various segments of the social political economy, including in education, work and occupations, family life, religion, and politics. With each exploration of inequality, potential solutions and opportunities for action will be identified and explored. During several sessions, participants will be introduced to local and national organizations whose tools and resources can be adapted directly into curriculum materials. We anticipate multiple guest speakers who will provide fellows with educational resources and pathways to action. Our seminars will explore resources for classroom integration and will propose recommendations for projects and community engagements that work to ameliorate the causes and consequences of gender inequality.

What is Gender?	Gender Role Socialization	Gender Inequality in the United States	Gender Focused Laws and Policies	Gender and the Family
Gender and Work	Gender and Education	Gender and Politics	Gender and Religion	Gender-Based Violence
Navigating Gender Roles during COVID	Change Makers			