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Nearly 1,000 educators from throughout the country and the world will gather Nov. 1-5 in Salt Lake City for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual [international conference](#) of the National Association for Multicultural Education. NAME members will meet with local educators at [the Hilton Salt Lake City Center](#), visit [Salt Lake City area schools](#) and share teaching innovations under the theme “Re-Imaging Multicultural Education in Changing Times.”

[Keynote speakers](#) include Gloria Ladson-Billings with the University of Wisconsin, Marcia Sells with Harvard University Law School, Marilyn Cochran-Smith, Boston College, Donna Deyhle from the University of Utah, and Wayne Au with the University of Washington & Rethinking Schools.

[The NAME Multicultural Film Festival](#) this year will open Nov. 1 with the documentary “Cuba-in NAME of Social Justice,” capturing NAME’s work in Cuba. Cuban educator Henry Heredia, PBS filmmaker Mary Parks and NAME Executive Director Bette Tate-Beaver will discuss the documentary and NAME’s professional and cultural exchanges in Cuba since U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro agreed in December 2014 to normalize relations between the two countries.

On Nov. 3 conference attendees will be treated to an [Intercultural Social Powwow](#). On Nov. 4, the NAME conference will include a [global panel](#), addressing controversial social justice and equity issues facing educators worldwide. Conference attendees and Utah teachers and administrators will get to pick from more than [300 breakout sessions](#), where researchers will share the latest innovations geared to improve education from preschool through college.

A Nov. 4 banquet will include awards honoring the best work in multicultural education. Utah award recipients include: Dr. Forrest C. Crawford, Pastor France A. Davis, Utah Valley University Strategic Inclusive Initiative, Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Disproportionate Minority Contact Best Practices Committee and the Utah NAME Chapter.

NAME is a nonprofit organization founded in 1990 by Dr. Rose Duhon-Sells to advance and advocate for equity and social justice through multicultural education. NAME reframes public debate in ways that advances social, political, economic and educational equity through advocacy, position papers, policy statements and other strategies.

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