

Call for Proposals
New York State Foundations of Education Association (NYSFEA)

2026 Annual Meeting at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education - 10 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ

March 27-30, 2026

Conference theme: *The Beautiful Struggle: Recommitting to Democracy (or something else) in Education*

NYSFEA, in partnership with the Rutgers Graduate School of Education, is pleased to announce the **2026 Annual Meeting of the New York State Foundations of Education Association**. The 52nd meeting of NYSFEA will provide an opportunity to participate in dialogue with professors, teachers, students, and other education professionals on current research in education.

NYSFEA's traditional open call is complemented this year by welcoming individual papers and panel presentations addressing our conference theme: "The Beautiful Struggle: Recommitting to Democracy (or something else) in Education." We also welcome proposals that speak to John Dewey's body of work to celebrate 110 years since the publication of *Democracy and Education*. This year's theme asks for your insights and ideas, predictions, or portents on recommitting to democracy (or something else) in education.

Potential topics addressing this theme might include:

- Democratic Education (or something else)
- Social Foundations of Education
- Neoliberalism and Privatization
- Democratic Education and AI
- Decolonial Futures
- Aesthetic Education
- Dis/ability Justice and Inclusive Education
- Climate Change and Civic Education
- Participatory Action Research and YPAR
- Pedagogical Futures
- Racial Justice and Equity
- Teacher Education

Proposals are welcome from all areas of educational endeavor (practice to theory, academics to administration, Pre-K to Post-Doc) and all areas of study (Arts/Music, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Studies, Psychological/Social Sciences, Social Studies, Childhood/Youth Studies, STEM, etc.). Proposals may address critical contemporary/historical issues, topics, problems, and developments in the sphere of education. We encourage proposals from a wide range of perspectives that highlight current and novel work.

The deadline for submitting proposals is January 25th, 2026. Post-review notifications will be sent no later than February 18th, 2026.

Proposal format: A proposal for an individual paper or panel session should be between 500-750 words in length. A proposal should: 1) state the title; 2) describe the purpose of the work; 3) identify its theoretical/contextual framework; 4) discuss the significance of the presentation to the field of education; 5) provide a brief biographical statement for each presenter; and 6) either **in person** (March 27-28) or **remote** (March 29-30).

To submit a proposal: Click [here](#) or visit <https://nysfeajournal.org> and click on the "Conference Submission Form 2026" blue button.

Conference proceedings will be published in *Educational Abundance*, NYSFEA's open-access journal indexed with the Library of Congress. All conference presenters are invited to submit a paper for publication; editing support will be provided. View the 2025 issue at <https://nysfeajournal.org/projects>.

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