



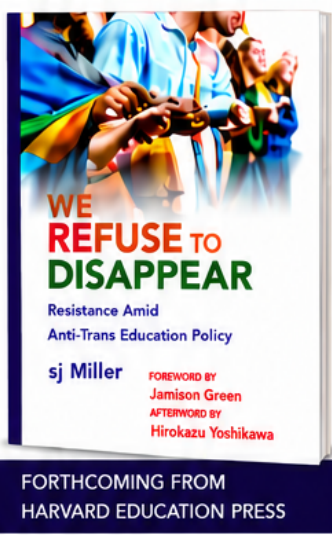
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FORTHCOMING FROM HARVARD EDUCATION PRESS

ABOUT DR. sj MILLER

Dr. sj Miller is an internationally recognized scholar, professor, keynote speaker, and public intellectual whose work centers gender identity, LGBTQIA+ youth, education policy, civil liberties, and democratic schooling.

As anti-trans legislation reshapes schools and public institutions across the United States, Miller's scholarship examines how educators, families, students, and communities respond through advocacy, pedagogy, and collective resistance.

Their forthcoming book, *We Refuse to Disappear: Resistance Amid Anti-Trans Education Policy*, offers one of the most comprehensive analyses to date of anti-trans educational legislation and its impact across K-12 and higher education.

The book introduces the concept of the *Pedagogy of Refusal*, a framework that explores how educators preserve humanity, dignity, and intellectual freedom within increasingly restrictive political environments.

Miller has published extensively on gender identity, literacy, critical pedagogy, and educational justice.

Published author of 9 books more than 50 scholarly articles and book chapters, co-editor of *Social Justice Across Contexts in Education* and serves as Senior Associate Editor of the *International Journal of LGBTQ+ Youth Studies*.

Through scholarship, public engagement, and professional learning, they continue to shape global conversations on gender identity, culture, history, ethnicity, language and democracy.

WHY THIS WORK MATTERS NOW



Across the United States, anti-trans legislation has intensified rapidly, affecting schools, healthcare systems, libraries, athletics, curriculum, and public life. Educators and families increasingly face censorship, political targeting, and restrictions surrounding discussions of gender identity, race, history, ethnicity, language and democracy.

- Anti-trans education legislation and policy
- Book bans and curricular censorship
- Civil liberties and democratic education
- LGBTQIA+ youth wellbeing and school climate
- Intersectional coalition building
- What schools, parents, faith communities, librarians, health care, cultural workers, community orgs, legal advocates can do to resist
- The intersection of education and authoritarianism
- Educator advocacy within restrictive policy environments
- The future of public education and inclusive democracy
- Trans joy and futures



TOP INTERVIEW & SPEAKING TOPICS

- The real impact of anti-trans legislation on students and educators
- How censorship movements are reshaping American education
- The "Pedagogy of Refusal" as a framework for resistance
- Why attacks on trans rights affect broader civil liberties and democracy
- The mental health and educational impact on LGBTQIA+ youth
- Intersectional coalition building
- What schools, parents, faith communities, librarians, health care, cultural workers, community orgs, legal advocates can do to resist
- Book bans, curriculum restrictions, and public education
- Gender identity, schools, and contemporary politics
- Strategies for creating affirming educational spaces amid hostility
- Trans youth do not need permission to exist. They need communities willing to defend their humanity.



REACH & IMPACT

30+

YEARS IN EDUCATION, RESEARCH, & ADVOCACY

50+

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS PUBLISHED

100+

KEYNOTES, PANELS, WORKSHOPS, NATIONWIDE & INTERNATIONALLY



RECOGNITION

US Representative to UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)



GLOBAL VOICE

Shaping conversations on gender identity, culture, history, ethnicity, language and democracy worldwide.



AS SEEN & HEARD

CBS News • Newsmax • BBC Radio • TEDMED • SXSW

PBS LearningMedia • Education Talk Radio • KSFR

Teaching While Queer • Human Restoration Project • Proud to Lead

FEATURED IN DOCUMENTARY: "Gender: The Space Between," CBS



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2019 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Distinguished Contributions to Gender Identity in Education Research Award
- 2018 Choice Magazine, awarded Teaching, Affirming and Recognizing Trans and Gender Creative Youth: A Queer Literacy Framework, Outstanding Academic Titles, Top 5 of All Titles, Spring
- 2018 Michigan Council Teachers of English awarded Teaching, Affirming and Recognizing Trans and Gender Creative Youth: A Queer Literacy Framework, Outstanding Book
- 2017 American Educational Research Association, Division K Teaching of English in Secondary, Exemplary Research Award Teaching, Affirming and Recognizing Trans and Gender Creative Youth: A Queer Literacy Framework, Spring
- 2015 Joanne Arnold Courage and Commitment Award, Spring
- 2014 Generation Blue 2012 Joanne de' Generation Aditi™ Professionals Who Serve Teens™ from Voices of Youth Advocacy Magazine



PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Full Professor, Center for Professional Learning, Santa Fe Community College
- Former faculty & leadership appointments at NYU, UW-Madison, UW-Madison, CU Boulder, UMKC, IUP, IUPUI
- Published author of 9 books, more than 50 scholarly articles and book chapters
- Co-editor of *Social Justice Across Contexts in Education*
- International keynote speaker and presenter
- Journal presenter keynote
- Contributor and reviewer with UNESCO MGIEP (Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development)

CURRENT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES



- National keynote presentations
- Professional learning & educator trainings
- Trans educator and student resource toolkits
- Research on anti-trans legislation and educational policy
- Curriculum equity and democratic education policy
- Public scholarship on gender identity and education policy
- Collaboration with schools, community organizations, libraries and museums



MEDIA & SPEAKING



Television interviews



Podcast appearances



Radio commentary



Documentary participation



Conference keynotes



University lectures



Pride Month programming & educator trainings



Policy & education panels

LET'S CONNECT

Available for

INTERVIEWS, MEDIA COMMENTARY, PODCASTS, PANELS, KEYNOTES, EDUCATOR TRAININGS & PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS on gender identity, education policy, civil liberties, and LGBTQIA+ youth

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“ The fight for gender identity justice is the fight for democracy itself. The more communities we protect, the more communities we all keep. ”