

PURPOSE

Our purpose in conducting the Helen C. and Walter Cooper Institute on Urban Education is to contribute to the development of academic equity and excellence. Preparing our students to teach all children requires increasing the knowledge base of our students and guiding them to develop the capacity to change school practices that fail to equitably engage all students, families, and communities.



This Institute is designed to engage students and faculty, RCSD Board members, teachers, and parents in rethinking and reformulating the curriculum and instruction needed to effectively prepare our

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Mrs. Helen C. Cooper

was a member of the Nazareth College Board of Trustees from 1990 until 2003. She received a B.S. in chemistry from Howard University in 1951, then continued on to complete an M.S. in Analytical Chemistry in 1953. Mrs. Cooper began her career at Eastman Kodak as a research chemist in 1954. In 1975 she made the move away from research by accepting a position in the Equal Opportunity Programs Office at Kodak. Mrs. Cooper held successively higher positions throughout Kodak's Personnel Department until becoming Director of Professional Recruitment in 1989.



Dr. Walter Cooper

has been a Nazareth College trustee since 2005. He was a scientist at the Eastman Kodak Research Laboratories until his retirement in 1986. Among his many national, state, and local activities, Dr. Cooper was Chairman of the NAACP from 1959 to 1965, a Founding Member of the Rochester Urban League in 1965, and a Regent of the State of New York from 1988 to 1997.



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Closing the Gap: Privilege, Power and the Implications of Poverty

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FORUM, SHULTS CENTER

OCTOBER 15-16, 2009

Thursday, October 15

6:00pm

Keynote Speaker: Marc H. Morial

Thursday, October 15

7:00pm

Panel Discussion

Friday, October 16

10:00am

Sharon Flake



Entrepreneur. Lawyer. Professor. Legislator. Mayor, U.S. Conference of Mayors President. CEO of the National Urban League. Marc Morial is one of the most accomplished servant-leaders in the nation.

Morial served on the adjunct faculty of Xavier University in Louisiana, where he taught Constitutional Law, and Business Law.

As a Louisiana State Senator, Morial was named Legislative Rookie of the Year, Education Senator of the Year, and Environmental Senator of the Year, while authoring laws on a wide range of important subjects.

As Mayor of New Orleans, Morial was a popular chief executive with a broad multi-racial coalition who led New Orleans' 1990's renaissance.

President of the National Urban League since 2003, he has been the primary catalyst for an era of change -- a transformation for the nearly 100 year old civil rights organization.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Economics and African American Studies, he also holds a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., as well as honorary degrees from Xavier University, Wilberforce University, and the University of South Carolina Upstate.

Panel: Jean Howard, Chief of Staff
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Cynthia Elliott, RCSD Board of
Education
Lovely Warren, Rochester City
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Dr. Shawgi Tell, Associate Professor of
Education, Nazareth College

**Facilitator - Brian W. Bailey, Nazareth College
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Books by Sharon Flake

- *The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street* (2007).
- *Bang!* (2005)
- *Who Am I Without Him? Short Stories About Boys and the Girls in Their Lives* (2004)
- *Begging for Change* (2003)
- *Money Hungry* (2002)
- *The Skin I'm In* (1998)



With almost a million books in print, Sharon G. Flake is considered one of the most authentic voices in young adult fiction. From elementary school through college, young people, educators and school districts across the nation clamor for her work. Flake is a multiple Coretta Scott King Honor award winner. She has a reputation for engaging both reluctant and voracious readers, while demonstrating to educators and parents the valuable role novels play in helping young people become more critical thinkers and disciplined readers. She has six novels in print. Her next seventh novel ; *You Don't Even Know Me: Short Stories and Poems About Boys* is arrives in bookstores in February 2010.

Sharon G. Flake lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with her teenage daughter Brittney and writes full-time.