Ethnic & Racial Issues Committee

Mission Statement

The Ethnic and Racial Issues Committee strives toward a developmental science that fully and responsibly incorporates the lived experiences of all children and youth across the globe, attends to the racialized power structures that differentially impact children and youths' livelihoods and well-being, and challenges the historical inequities that these social structures have produced within the field of professionals who conduct developmental science research. The Committee seeks to address ethnic/racial issues within the social context created and maintained by white hegemony.

To carry out this responsibility, the committee's activities are focused on the following three areas:

1. Promoting best practices for research pertaining to race/ethnicity in developmental science, including a broad portfolio of culturally informed quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. Encouraging the society's awareness and appreciation of the function and meaning of race/ethnicity across the globe.
2. Increasing opportunities for scholar-professionals from historically marginalized groups to (a) conduct research, (b) develop professionally, and (c) partake in positions of leadership within and beyond the Society.
3. Providing guidance and recommendations to the Society and its leadership around research and policy issues of diversity, inclusion, and equity in the Society's publications, biennial meetings, and other outlets, and in collaboration with other relevant committees and Caucuses.

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Committee Roster

Mona Abo-Zena, Co-Chair	2023-2027	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Yijie Wang, Co-Chair	2023-2027	Michigan State University
Melissa Delgado	2023-2027	University of Arizona
Mellissa Gordon	2023-2027	University of Delaware
Alan Meca	2023-2027	University of Texas at San Antonio
Jacqueline Nguyen	2023-2027	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Tina Durand	2025-2027	Boston University
Doré LaForett	2025-2029	Child Trends
Jun Wang, SECC Representative	2025-2029	Johns Hopkins University
Esther Calzada, Governing Council Representative	2025-2027	University of Texas at Austin
Roman McNeil, Staff Liaison	2024-	Society for Research in Child Development