Welcome to our August newsletter! As Director of CGEST, I am privileged to travel and meet with community leaders, policy makers, educators, and industry leaders to talk about the issue closest to my heart: why it's important to transform STEM fields. In the coming months, I will feature a brief discussion of how the philosophies, values, and educational commitments of intersectionality, culturally responsive education, and a commitment to social justice guide our work. This month I talk about the importance of Contextualizing Standpoints.

**Women of Color in STEM Entrepreneurship Conference**

Click on the flyer above to navigate to our website to sign up for more information! More exciting information can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

**CGEST Welcomes...**

CGEST welcomes Dr. Monica L. Stigler who joined us as an independent consultant in July 2019. An ASU alum, Dr. Stigler earned her Doctorate of Philosophy in Education Policy and Evaluation from Arizona State University. At CGEST, she will be co-leading strategic efforts to translate the Women of Color in Computing Collaborative's research for broader consumption and policy influence. Please take a moment to read her exciting bio!

**Sophia Casten, Summer Research Intern**

On June 24th-25th, 2019 CGEST hosted four soon-to-be, CompuPower teachers for a Mentor-Teacher Training which was led by, CompuPower Executive Coordinator, Matt Ruf, Education Outreach Specialist, Gabrielle Swindle, and Curriculum Designer, Dr. Kristin Elwood. Over those two days, the teachers were fully immersed in the CompuPower curriculum and took a step inside their students' shoes as they too will be embarking on a brand-new, culturally responsive classroom experience.

**New Associate Director**

Dr. Jessica Solyom, CGEST welcomes Dr. Jessica Solyom, Associate Director for the Center. Please take a moment to watch this interview where she explains her motivations for joining CGEST as well as her ambitions and goals whilst here at the Center.

**Upcoming Opportunities**

Women of Color Summit, March 18-20th 2020 - This will be held on March 18-20th 2020, in Hawai'i! Please check out the save the date flyer above - NEXT STEPS are to book your hotel by using this link!

STEM Equity Exchange, September 18th 2019 - The Center for Gender Equity in Science and Technology (CGEST) at Arizona State University (ASU) presents the STEM Equity Exchange. Researchers in CGEST seek to transform society by studying both the underrepresentation of women and girls of color in STEM and culturally responsive techniques for addressing the disparities.

Thank you for Reading!

Our center is committed to exploring, identifying, and creating innovative scholarship about under-represented girls and women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The CGEST E-Newsletter provides updates on each of our areas of work and share upcoming opportunities for involvement and support and was created by Oliver Dean, Media Relations & Communications Coordinator for CGEST. We hope you enjoy the material and would love to hear from you regarding any feedback you may have. We invite you to follow us on our various social media platforms to stay up to date!