

# **Sabrina Brinson**

**Professor, Childhood Education and Family Studies at Missouri State University**

Springfield, MO, US

Dr. Brinson specializes in diversity and social justice, with an emphasis in African American studies and culturally responsive practices.

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## **Biography**

Dr. Sabrina Brinson, Diversity Fellow and Professor of Childhood Education and Family Studies at Missouri State University, holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education and a cognate in reading. Her primary lines of research include diversity, multiculturalism and social justice, with an emphasis in African American studies; culturally responsive literature; and social, emotional, and moral development.

Dr. Brinson publishes results in international and national journals like Contemporary Education, Multicultural Perspectives and The Dragon Lode-Journal of the International Literacy Association.

Likewise, she presents papers at international and national conferences like the Hawaii International Conference on Education, Annual Conference for the International Literacy Association and the Annual Conference for the National Association for Multicultural Education.

Currently, she serves as coordinator of the University-based Mentoring, Support and Partnership Program; creator and advisor of the student-led Diversity Task Force; creator and coordinator of the We Heart Our Veterans Initiative; creator and coordinator of the Real Men Consortium; chair of the Student Day Planning Committee for the 2016 Statewide Collaborative Diversity Conference; co-Chair of the Diversity Coordination Task Force; and member and former chair of the African American Studies Committee.

Dr. Brinson is the founder and national director of two award-winning national, community-based, literacy programs: Boys Booked on Barbershops (B-BOB) and Girls Booked on Beautyshops (G-BOB). The programs are designed for youth (ages 1-18) to increase their reading interests, reading practices and literacy development. Reading nooks with literacy tips for parents and a variety of high-interest, culturally responsive books are set up in barbershops and beautyshops (and other community sites) across the United States. The programs are in partnership with 22 organizations to date. Picture it, boys and girls reading and/or being read to while waiting for their turn in the barber's or beautician's chair!

She is also a member of several professional organizations including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the National Council of Teachers of English and the International Literacy Association.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research, Writing and Editing

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## **Areas of Expertise**

## **Affiliations**

National Association for Multicultural Education, National Black Child Development Institute, National Council of Teachers of English, National Association for the Education of Young Children, Midwest Association for the Education of Young Children, Ozarks Association for the Education of Young Children, International Literacy Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Women in the NAACP Standing Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Education Standing Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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## **Event Appearances**

### **Equity literacy required for a fair and balanced curricula**

1st Annual Conference for Academic Research in Education (2017)

### **Culturally responsive literature recollected and present for practitioner accountability**

International Conference for National Association for Multicultural Education (2016)

### **The audacity of accountability**

Annual Convention for the National Council of Teachers of English (2016)

### **Using culturally responsive books as a bridge over troubled waters**

Annual Conference for National Association for the Education of Young Children (2016)

### **Eradicating diversity, equity, and inclusion as an afterthought, a fleeting thought, and a superficial thought**

Hawaii International Conference on Education (2016)

### **Eyes wide shut: Awakening society to the perils of human trafficking**

4th Annual Statewide Collaborative Diversity Conference (2016)

### **Forgotten but not gone: Integrating African-American literature into curricula**

60th Annual Conference for the International Literacy Association (2015)

### **Using multicultural literature as positive portals of curriculum to civic and social understandings**

59th Annual Conference for the International Reading Association (2014)

### **School daze: Using language and literature to eliminate our own "isms"**

2nd Annual Statewide Collaborative Diversity Conference (2013)

### **Literacy for boys and girls: The barber-beauty shop connection**

102st Annual Convention for the National Council of Teachers of English (2012)

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## **Education**

**University of South Florida**  
Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction

**University of South Florida**  
M.A. Special Education

**University of South Florida**  
B.A. Psychology

**University of South Florida**  
B.A. English Literature

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## **Accomplishments**

**Selected as the Higher Education Policy Analyst for Missouri for the Policy Analysis Initiative**  
2017  
Sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English

**Recipient of the Drum Major Award from the Springfield Branch of the NAACP**  
2015  
For the development and advancement of difficult conversations

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