



*The Dean's Council on  
Diversity presents*

“Beyond the  
Anthropocentric  
Priorities of Social  
Justice in Education:  
Why EcoJustice  
Matters to Everyone”

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Why have schools of education failed to recognize the titanic mindset perpetuated in many facets of social justice reform?

This reform endorses human-centered priorities and middle class lifestyle values. Social justice movements in education, with few exceptions, have deemphasized or ignored nonhumans, and do not consider the ways in which teachers implicitly reinforce destructive behaviors towards Earth. The values and conventions, which serve as the basis for social justice reform are short-sighted, when we consider how cultural diversity is inseparable from and embedded in the Earth's diverse ecosystems.

Ecojustice differs as an emerging holistic philosophy which guides curricula theory, development, and educational research, focused on renewing and revitalizing shared aspects of ecosociocultural diversity. Together, we will engage in a dialogue about the doors that ecojustice open up for the world of education.