

The 2023 MTA Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee Conference

# Cultivating Cultural Pride

## Nurturing Cultural Identity and Heritage

Friday, Dec. 1 - Saturday, Dec. 2 | Sheraton Hotel, Framingham, MA



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Dr. Bettina L. Love

Friday evening's program will feature the keynote speaker, **Dr. Bettina L. Love**. Dr. Love is the William F. Russell professor at Teachers College, Columbia University and the best-selling author of *We Want To Do More Than Survive*. Dr. Love's keynote is titled: *Punished for Dreaming: The Case for Abolitionist Teaching & Educational Reparations*. Dr. Love tells the story of her generation, the Hip-Hop generation – children of the '80s and '90s – who came of age when mass incarceration and educational policies put unmistakable, identical targets on the backs of Black children. Crime reform and education reform merged to label Black children as crack babies, Super Predators, and thugs, and told the nation they were nothing more than an achievement gap. Dr. Love's presentation vividly explains how the last four decades of educational reform laid the foundation for each book ban, CRT ban, and the never-ending goal of reformers to extract from Black education for their own gain. Her talk will end with a road map for repair, arguing for educational reparations with transformation for all children at its core.

The conference also features:



### **THE WAMPANOAG NATION SINGERS AND DANCERS**

- a group of musicians, educators, and artisans from the tribal communities of Mashpee on Cape Cod, Aquinnah on Martha's Vineyard, and Herring Pond in Bourne.



### **EMMANUEL "MANNY" ESCOBAR**

is a highly skilled musician and educator specializing in Jazz, R&B, and Afro-Latin creative traditions.



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