

## Sonia Nieto

A member of the National Academy of Education, Dr. Sonia Nieto is Professor Emerita of Language, Culture and Teaching, in the College of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has devoted her professional life to questions of diversity, equity, and social justice in education. Her teaching has spanned early elementary through graduate education and her research has focused on multicultural education, teacher education, and the education of students of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds with a particular focus on Latinx students. The author or editor of 11 books and dozens of book chapters and journal articles, she is also the author of a memoir, *Brooklyn Dreams: My Life in Public Education*. Her classic text, *Affirming Diversity: The Sociopolitical Context of Multicultural Education* is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> edition (the 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> editions co-authored by her friend and colleague Patty Bode). The first edition (1992) was selected for the Museum of Education Readers' Guide as one of the 100 books that helped define the field of education in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Dr. Nieto has received numerous awards for her scholarly work, activism, and advocacy, including 9 honorary doctorates. She received the 1998 Educator of the Year Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education; the 2017 James R. Squire Award and the 2005 Outstanding Educator in the Language Arts Award, both from the National Council of Teachers of English; and the Distinguished Service Medal from Teachers College, Columbia University, the highest award granted by that institution (2013), and the 2008 Social Justice in Education Award from the American Educational Research Association (AERA), among many others. She is a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and a Laureate of Kappa Delta Pi.