

# Mirrors of Me: Children Seeing Themselves in Their Literature

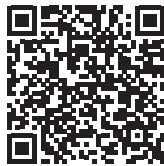
A conference to explore the power of multicultural literature in the development of grade-level reading among our children.



**Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Western Michigan University  
Bernhard Center  
1903 W. Michigan Ave  
Kalamazoo, MI



Registration Fee: \$20

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Featuring Plenary Presenter:

**Dr. Alfred Tatum**

Alfred Tatum is Dean of the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also serves as the Director of the UIC Reading Clinic, and is the author of *Teaching Reading to Black Adolescent Males: Closing the Achievement Gap*, *Reading For Their Life: (Re)building the Textual Lineages of African American Adolescent Males*, and *Fearless Voices: Engaging the Next Generation of African American Male Writers*. His expertise has made him a highly sought presenter, researcher, and teacher.

Also Featuring:

**Mr. Alvin Irby**

Alvin Irby is Founder and Chief Reading Inspirer at Barbershop Books, a community-based literacy program that creates child-friendly reading spaces in barbershops and winner of the National Book Foundation's 2017 Innovations in Reading Prize. Irby is a passionate educator committed to transformative teaching and leadership. His work with Barbershop Books has inspired a national movement to put children's books in barbershops across America. Irby will be sharing the impact and implications of Barbershop Books.