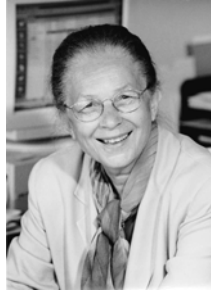


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Panelist Bio

Barbara T. Bowman



Currently Barbara Bowman is a Professor at Erikson Institute and Chief Officer of Early Childhood Education for the Chicago Public Schools. She attended Sarah Lawrence College and the University of Chicago, where she received a MA degree in 1952. She holds honorary degrees from Bank Street College, Roosevelt University, Dominican University, Governor's State University and Wheelock College.

Professor Bowman is one of three faculty members who founded the Erikson Institute in 1966 and is past president of the Institute. She has experience teaching at preschool and primary levels, as well as in colleges and universities. She now teaches at Erikson Institute and administers preschool programs and professional development for prekindergarten and kindergarten in the Chicago Public Schools. She has authored over 50 publications, including articles, book chapters, and edited volumes. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and at universities in the United States and abroad. Her specialty areas are early education, cultural diversity and education of at-risk children.

In addition to administration, teaching, writing, and speaking, Professor Bowman has directed a wide range of projects, including ones for Head Start, the Department of Children and Family Services, and Native American reservations. She is co-Director and investigator on projects in the Erikson Center for the Study of Young Children: Race, Class, and Culture. Her most recent work is co-investigator on a survey of teaching standards addressing diversity in early childhood teacher education programs.

Professor Bowman also has served on numerous professional boards, including the Family Resource Coalition and the National Association for the Education of Young Children, of which she was President (1980-82). Currently she is on the boards of the Great Books Foundation, the Chicago Library Foundation, and Roosevelt University. She has served on a variety of professional committees, including the Panel on Day Care Policy for the national Research Council, the Leadership Initiative for the National Black Children Development Institute, the Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties In Young Children for the National Research Council and the Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education of the Illinois State Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools. She also chaired the Committee on Early Childhood Pedagogy for the National Research Council.