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*5:30–6:30 p.m.*

*Granada Center, Room 420*

BPI is a public interest law and policy center that addresses issues of social justice and quality of life in the Chicago area. In the early 1990s, BPI began focusing on education reform to improve the quality of public education for low-income children of color throughout the City of Chicago. BPI was an early and ardent proponent for the creation of small, innovative schools and helped ignite the emerging charter movement. BPI is now partnering with Chicago Public Schools Area 4 (Logan Square/Hermosa) and seven neighborhood schools with a large number of Latino students to advance student learning by building individual school capacity for rigorous professional collaboration and whole-school change.

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