

## Leadership in Reading Network: 2017 – 2018

### “Promoting Equity and Access for All Students through Culturally Sustaining Literacy”

**LiRN is excited to announce the presenters for this year’s workshop series:**



#### **Day 1 Keynote: Dr. Timothy San Pedro, Ohio State University**

Timothy San Pedro is an assistant professor of Multicultural and Equity Studies in Education in the Department of Teaching and Learning at The Ohio State University. His research focuses on the intricate link between motivation, engagement, and identity construction to curricula and pedagogical practices that re-focus content and conversations upon Indigenous histories, perspectives, and literacies. Dr. San Pedro authored the sixth chapter of our book club selection, “This Stuff Interests Me’: Re-Centering Indigenous Paradigms in Colonizing Schooling Spaces.”



#### **Day 2: Keynote: Dr. Nimo Abdi, University of Minnesota**

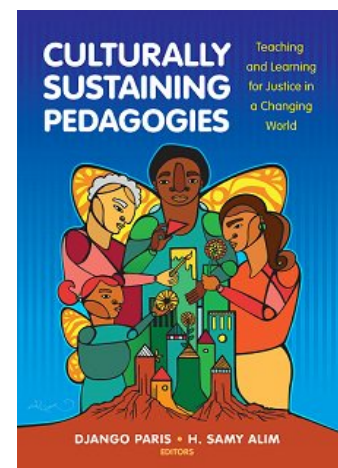
Nimo Abdi is an assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction’s Culture and Teaching Program at the University of Minnesota. Her research explores immigrant and refugee education through lenses of experience and identity. Dr. Abdi is currently involved in an ongoing study that explores 1.5 and second generation Somali immigrant youth and how the visibility of race and religion are negotiated in urban school and community contexts by Somali youth.



#### **Day 3 Keynote: Dr. Django Paris, Michigan State University**

Django Paris is an associate professor of language and literacy in the Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University. He is also core faculty in the African American and African Studies Program and affiliated faculty in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures. Dr. Paris is a co-editor of our book club

selection *Culturally Sustaining Pedagogies: Teaching and Learning for Justice in a Changing World* and co-author of the first chapter, “What is Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy and Why Does It Matter?”



**Dates & Locations:** January 18 at MDE, February 20 at MDE, and May 4 at Shoreview Community Center

**Cost:** \$295

**For More Information and Registration:** visit [www.mnreading.org](http://www.mnreading.org)