

# Stacey D. Mitchell

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**S**tacey D. Mitchell is the Director of Diversity and Inclusiveness at Educators 4 Excellence, an organization that works to ensure that the voices of classroom teachers are included in the decisions that affect our profession and our students. Previously, Stacey was Senior Managing Director of Staff Diversity and Inclusiveness at Teach For America. In this role she was responsible for collaboratively building and implementing a unified, national diversity strategy for Teach For America. Her work included managing the execution of initiatives to promote equity in hiring, promotion, retention and engagement.

Stacey's professional career began in Oxford North Carolina, where she worked as a 6th grade Reading, Language Arts and Social Studies teacher through Teach For America. In 2005, she was named Teacher of the Year for Mary Potter Intermediate School. During her time in Oxford, she was a three time recipient of the A+ Award for Excellence in Teaching, and a nominee for the Disney Hand Teacher Award for Creativity. Stacey, proficient in Spanish, was the subject of a special public broadcast on teaching English Language Learners. She became a published author while working as an editor for Scott Foresman's reading program designed for students one or more grade-levels behind.

Zeal for education led Stacey to the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign where she graduated with distinction, earning a B.A. in English. Stacey volunteers with Chicago-area youth. She was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago and now lives near Chicago with her husband and their three children.

