

**Claude M. Steele: The Science of Diverse Communities**  
**Wednesday, June 24, 2020**  
**4-5 pm ET**

Drawing on stereotype threat and social identity threat research, renowned social psychologist Claude M. Steele will give a talk that addresses the why, what, and how of diverse learning communities: why they are important, a working hypothesis about what is critical to their success and what research reveals about how to achieve that success.

Following the talk, Dean Dan Huttenlocher of the MIT Schwarzman College of Computing will moderate a Q&A with Professor Steele.

Claude M. Steele is an American social psychologist and a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University. He is best known for his work on stereotype threat and its application to minority student academic performance. His earlier work dealt with research on the self (e.g., self-image, self-affirmation) as well as the role of self-regulation in addictive behaviors. In 2010, he released his book, "Whistling Vivaldi and Other Clues to How Stereotypes Affect Us," summarizing years of research on stereotype threat and the underperformance of minority students in higher education.

*Advance [registration](#) is required and attendance will be limited. (We will be taking questions on the registration page. Type "none" to bypass this field.)*