



The 2016 US Presidential Election: Spectacle or Horror Show?



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Improbable Scholars: The Rebirth of a Great American School System and a Strategy for America's Schools, his most recent book, chronicles how a poor urban school district has brought Latino immigrant children into the education mainstream and what nationwide lessons can be drawn from this success. It was selected as the outstanding book of the year by the American Education Research Association and selected as one of the forty outstanding books on education in the past 50 years (*Education Classics*, (2016)).

A former trustee of Amherst College, he has worked with policymakers at all levels of government, as well as foundations and nonprofits; he has lectured at a host of universities and delivered the keynote address at many national conferences. In 2008-9, he served on President Barack Obama's transition team, where he drafted policy agendas for early education and community schools. Earlier in his career he was the founding director of the Harvard Center for Law and Education and an associate editor at the Sacramento Bee. Currently he serves on the boards of Friends of the Children and Experience Corps East Bay, is on the policy advisory council of the Economic Policy Institute, the Campaign for College Opportunity and Common Sense Media; he is also a writing tutor for middle and high school students at 826 Valencia.

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