



MITCHEM FELLOW LECTURE

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**Youth Activism & Possibilities in the Heartland:
Lessons From A Milwaukee Community-Based Education Space**

Monday, April 7, 2025 at 4:00pm
Sensenbrenner Rm. 304

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL:

The event is sponsored by the College of Education and the Division of Belonging & Student Affairs. For more information, contact Mary Krawczyk at 414-288-7617.

The Mitchem Fellowship is named in honor of Dr. Arnold L. Mitchem, who earned his doctorate from Marquette in 1981 and is an internationally recognized champion of educational opportunity. Mitchem founded Marquette's Educational Opportunity Program and served as its director from 1969-86.



While research highlights the significance of Community-Based Education Spaces (CBES) for youth and their activism, there is limited focus on Milwaukee's rich history of youth-led social justice education activism. Much of the scholarship on Midwestern CBES centers on cities like Chicago and Detroit, despite Milwaukee's longstanding efforts, such as its Freedom Schools in the 1960s, to combat racial discrimination in education. Examining Milwaukee provides crucial insights into how CBES can support youth activism, particularly in response to anti-social justice legislation and policy shifts, like the reinstatement of police in Milwaukee Public Schools. Hence, this study examines and illustrates the social practices, cultural space, youth development, and knowledge found within a Milwaukee Black-led CBES.