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***The Seduction of Common Sense:
How the Right has Framed the Debate on
America's Schools***

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Kevin K. Kumashiro, Ph.D., is associate professor and chair of the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he is also the Interim Co-Director of the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy. The author or editor of seven books, Kumashiro researches policies, practices, and politics regarding teaching and teacher education, with an emphasis on issues of diversity and social justice, including the intersections of multiple identities and the contradictions of activism. Much of his earlier research focused on anti-oppressive education, including *Troubling Education: "Queer" Activism* and *Antioppressive Pedagogy*, which received the 2003 Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award, and *Against Common Sense: Teaching and Learning Toward Social Justice*, which will soon be released in its second edition. More recently, his research has focused on the politics of education reform, particularly the strategies of conservative and neoliberal movements in the United States, as discussed in his most recent book, *The Seduction of Common Sense: How the Right has Framed the Debate on America's Schools*.

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