Dr. Vernay Mitchell-McKnight

Dr. Vernay Mitchell-McKnight is a retired educator and anthropologist whose work encompasses international and domestic research in communities and schools. She has extensive experience utilizing ethnographic and other qualitative methods to uncover social and economic inequities. Her professional journey includes various significant roles: Senior Program Officer at the Academy for Educational Development, collaborating with foundations such as the Carnegie Corporation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Research Associate at the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution; Research Analyst for Governor Mario Cuomo's Task Force on Bias-Related Violence; Site Evaluator for children's health in West Africa for the Centers for Disease Control; and Qualitative Methods Consultant for the Icahn School of Emergency Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

Dr. Mitchell-McKnight served as a public-school teacher for 12 years and as a K-12 health and science curriculum developer. Additionally, she has been an adjunct professor at Marist College, the College of New Rochelle, Teachers College, Columbia University, and City College of New York, teaching courses in anthropology and education. Dr. Mitchell holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Boston University, an M.Ed. in Education from Northeastern University, and both an M. Phil and a Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University. Examples of her international and domestic work can be found at the link below.

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