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Autoethnographies Exploring the Cultural Spirit Murdering and Nurturing of Three Minority Educators in K-12

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Abstract

This autoethnography seeks to understand how our experiences during our K-12 journey as three minority students have shaped our decisions to go into the field of education and our teaching style today. An autoethnography allows us to analyze our experiences through the lens of Cultural Spirit Nurturing and Cultural Spirit Murdering. Cultural Spirit Nurturing, as we define it, is the acceptance, respect, and inclusion of different cultures, ethnicities, nationalities, races, languages, and religions in society. We will dissect our lived moments as Pakistani American, African American, and Mexican American students turned educators, define them as Cultural Spirit Nurturing or Murdering, and bridge them with the concepts of intersectionality and LatCrit (Latino/a Critical Race Theory), MusCrit (Muslim Critical Race Theory), and BlackCrit (Black Critical Race Theory) within Critical Race Theory. This will allow us to further examine the long-lasting effects these experiences made on our choices thus far.

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