

National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities (NDPC-SD)
“The Impact of Policies and Procedures
on Dropout and School Completion”
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Dick: Now, I'd like to introduce our speakers for today's seminar sponsored by the National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities entitled "The Impact of Policies and Procedures on Dropout and School Completion."

With us today is Dr. Matthew Klare. His background is in the areas of assessment development, operations, and data analysis. Before joining the National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities, he was with American Institutes for Research, and the South Carolina Department of Education. And while at NDPC-SD, Dr. Klare has assisted states with analysis of dropout related data, and the identification of risk factors that affect school completion.

And our first speaker today is Dr. Loujeania Bost. Dr. Bost is the Director of the National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities at Clemson University. She's responsible for all operational aspects of the Center, including the development of strategic partnerships.

Dr. Bost holds a Ph.D in Special Education for the Pennsylvania State University. She has an extensive background and experience working in state and the local education agencies and in community programs. Loujeania has worked with students with disabilities and special education personnel in several states including 13 years with the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Special Education where she served as Chief for both compliance and technical assistance. She has been a public school teacher, a program administrator for agencies having adults and adolescents with mental retardation, and a researcher. Dr. Bost has also held adjunct appointments at Penn State and Temple University.

And I'd like to welcome you both to the program today. Loujeania, you're first up.