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Young received her Ph.D at the University of Texas at Austin in Educational Policy and Planning and then served as an Assistant Professor in the department of Policy, Planning and Leadership Studies at the University of Iowa. Her scholarship- focuses on the preparation and practice of school leaders and school policies that facilitate equitable and quality experiences for all students and adults who learn and work in schools. Young is the recipient of the William J. Davis award for the most outstanding article published in a volume of the *Educational Administration Quarterly*. Her work has also been published in the *Review of Educational Research*, the *Educational Researcher*, the *American Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education* and *Leadership and Policy In Schools*, among other publications. She currently serves on the Editorial Board of the *Educational Administration Quarterly*, *Educational Administration Abstracts* and *Education and Urban Society*.