



Dr. Benjamin H. Welsh

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Benjamin H. Welsh, PhD, was raised in a small college town in North Carolina in the era of the Civil Rights Movement. Born to a musician father and dramatist-activist mother, Ben long sought ways to combine his birthright creativity with social activism, eventually finding a home at the University of Pennsylvania where he received his PhD in Education, Culture and Society. His dissertation examined the concept of educational research circa 1890. What he discovered was the racist ideology on which the American public school system was founded. In the spring of 2009, Dr. Welsh joined the faculty at Morgan State University where he teaches minority students to find their voices as scholars in a world that has yet to match his childhood vision for social justice. There, he has taught and advised extensively across all doctoral programs, in academic skill-building, historical foundations, and qualitative research methods. In Spring, 2025, Dr. Welsh passed a milestone with the graduation of his 40th dissertation student. Since 2017, he has served as the chairperson of his university's Internal Review Board, leading it into a new era of efficiency, transparency, and education. Over the years, he has published peer-reviewed articles on educational history, diversity, and culture as well as research methods. Currently he is co-authoring a book on American economic culture. He is also especially proud of his roles as midwife and Godparent in the birthing and raising of the STAR Scholars Network from its inception to what it is today.