

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## ***Networking in Higher Education Conference - Building Bridges for a Better Tomorrow Leaders of Tomorrow: Inspiring Hope, Optimism, and Resilience***

***Friday, June 2, 2017***

***8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.***

***Millennium Hotel***

***2040 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 14225***

The Networking in Higher Education Conference seeks to **engage the community** in meaningful dialogue relative to issues facing underrepresented educators, professionals, parents, and students at all levels. We believe the provision for career advancement through networking and training, serves to empower all to become advocates for the betterment of our educational systems.

The keynote for this year's conference is **Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings**, Kellner Family Chair in Urban Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Ladson-Billings' research examines the pedagogical practices of teachers who are successful with African American students. She is known for her contributions to the field of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy, as well as her investigation of Critical Race Theory and its applications to education. Dr. Ladson-Billings is the author of the critically acclaimed books, "The Dreamkeepers: Successful Teachers of African American Children," "Crossing over to Canaan: The Journey of New Teachers in Diverse Classrooms," and "Beyond the Big House: African American Educators on Teacher Education."

The Conference Planning Committee welcomes workshop proposals highlighting effective projects, practices, or responses to emerging challenges that impact the educational success of minority students. Of particular interest are presentations that focus on issues facing underrepresented students and provide innovative ideas on how to advocate for positive change in our communities.

### **SUGGESTED WORKSHOP TOPICS INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO)...**

*-Students of Color in Higher Education*

*-Empowerment through Recognizing Social and Cultural Capital*

*-Impact of Bullying in the Classroom (and the Workplace)*

*-Preparing Educators to Lead: Lessons from Industry*

*-Barriers to Education: Understanding the "Isms"*

*-Increasing Student Resiliency*

*-Racism Fatigue in America*

*-Impacts of Internalized Racism*

#### **Submission of Proposals**

- **Each presentation should be 60 to 75 minutes long and proposals must include:**
  - Presentation title
  - Presenter(s) name, title, business or academic affiliation
  - Presenter (s) brief bio (1 paragraph)
  - Presenter(s) mailing address, email address and telephone number
  - Presentation format (e.g. panel, lecture, roundtable)
  - Synopsis of proposed presentation (**200 word maximum**)
- **Proposals must be submitted by Friday, April 21, 2017**
  - Email proposals as a Microsoft Word attachment to Kendra Cadogan: [knc4@buffalo.edu](mailto:knc4@buffalo.edu)
- **Questions regarding submission of proposals**
  - Please contact Kendra Cadogan at 716-645-5579 or [knc4@buffalo.edu](mailto:knc4@buffalo.edu) with any questions

#### **Conference Sponsors**

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