

**Networking in Higher Education Conference - Building Bridges for a Better Tomorrow
Defining 21st Century Activism Through Education**

Fri., June 21, 2019 • 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. • Millennium Hotel Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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.

Jasmine Rand is the founding attorney of RAND LAW, L.L.C., a Miami-based civil litigation firm specializing in civil rights. Known for her representation of the Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown families. Rand excels in the civil rights arena, and has been involved in police brutality cases throughout the nation from the LAPD to the NYPD. In addition to her dynamic legal practice, Rand is an adjunct law professor at the University of Miami, School of Law, and is annual teaching faculty in Harvard Law School's Trial Advocacy Workshop. Utilizing media to bring attention to civil rights issues, Rand has been featured as a legal analyst on CNN, MSNBC, and Fox, on shows such as, *Nancy Grace*, the *O'Reilly Factor*, *Hard Ball* with Chris Mathews, and *Starting Point* with Soledad O'Brien.

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.

Our conference is situated around a workshop model, where presenters are asked to work interactively with their audience to address a specific topic related to our theme **"Defining 21st Century Activism Through Education."** Potential topics could cover (but are not limited to):

Barriers to Education: Understanding the "Isms"	Leading through Change
Empowerment through Recognizing Social and Cultural Capital	Racism Fatigue in America
Increasing Student Resiliency and Retention	Impacts of Internalized Racism
Impact of Microaggressions in the Classroom/Workplace	Fostering Equity and Inclusion
Teaching/Supporting Student Activism	Fostering Student Engagement
Negotiating Intersectionality in the Classroom	Activism & Community Engagement

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 19, 2019**
 - Email proposals as a Microsoft Word attachment to Dr. Ramelli Choates: rchoates@buffalo.edu
- **Questions regarding submission of proposals**
 - Contact Dr. Ramelli Choates at 716-645-6014 or rchoates@buffalo.edu with any questions

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