

# President's Commission on the Status of Minorities

## 2017 Diversity Conference: Using Your Voice

January 26-27, 2017

### Schedule

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#### Thursday, January 26, 2017

- 8:00 -9:00 am      **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00-9:40 am      **University Welcome**  
*Dr. Lakiesha Williams, President's Commission on the Status of Minorities*  
*Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University*
- 9:45-10:30 am      **Administrators Panel: Strategies for an Inclusive Campus**  
*Dr. Donzell Lee, Alcorn State University*  
*Dr. Regina Hyatt, Mississippi State University*  
*Dr. Juanyce Taylor, University of Mississippi Medical Center*  
*Dr. Donald Cole, University of Mississippi*  
*Mr. Andre Heath, University of Southern Mississippi*
- 10:30-10:45 am      **Break**
- 10:45-11:30 am      **Beyond Diversity: Managing the Identity Crises of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**  
*Dr. Michael Clifford, Mississippi State University*  
*Dr. Danielle Wylie, Mississippi State University*
- 11:30 am- 1:00 pm      **"Our Voices: Who Will Leader the Next Social Movement?"**  
*Jeff Johnson, MSNBC Contributor and White House Correspondent for the Griot*
- 1:00- 1:50 pm      **Concurrent Session I**
  - **Student Roundtable Discussion**, *Jeff Johnson, MSNBC Contributor and White House Correspondent for the Griot*
  - **A Conversation on Race in America**, *Mr. Neddie Winters, Mission Mississippi*
  - **International Voices: More than a Photo Op**, *Ms. Cassandra Lane, Mississippi State University*
- 2:00-2:50 pm      **Concurrent Session II**
  - **Listening to Voices from History: Unearthing Roots of Forced Uniformity**, *Dr. Sally Hatch Gray and Dr. Brenda Kirkland, Mississippi State University*

- **White Male's Perspective: Racial Awakening, Racial Healing, and Responsibility**, *Dr. Cade Smith, Mississippi State University*
- **Exploring the Motivations and Barriers for Female Engineering Students**, *Danielle Grimes, National Science Foundation Fellow*

3:00-3:50 pm

**Concurrent Session III**

- **Social Justice and Advocacy for Service Providers and Educators**, *Ms. Melanie Walsh and Ms. Bailey McDaniel, Mississippi State University*
- **We Can't Hear You: Strategies for Turning up the Volume**, *Dr. Tracey Baham and Ms. Kayla Mouchett, Mississippi State University*
- **Changing the Narrative of Underrepresented Students at a PWI**, *Mr. Fredrick Wilson, Howard University*

4:00-5:30 pm

**Meet and Greet Social**

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

9:00 – 9:55 am

**Using Your Voice: How to Engage in Civil Discourse**

*Dr. Timothy Fair, Cornell University*

10:00-10:55 am

**Student Association Panel**

11:00 am-12:30 pm

**Our Voices: Responding to Unrest on College Campuses/Lunch**

*Dr. Taffye Clayton, Vice President and Associate Provost for Inclusion and Diversity, Auburn University*

12:45-1:00 pm

**Break**

1:00 -1:55 pm

**Town Hall/Roundtable Session**

2:00-2:30 pm

**Closing Remarks/Evaluations**