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Discerning Diverse Voices Symposium On Diversity

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to the

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sixth annual

Discerning Diverse Voices:

Communication & Information Symposium on Diversity

University of Alabama
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SYMPOSIUM COORDINATOR
Caryl Cooper
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Schedule of Sessions

9 – 9:45 a.m.    Continental breakfast and registration

9:45 – 10 a.m.   Welcome: Dean Mark Nelson and Caryl Cooper

10 - 10:50 a.m.  RESEARCH SESSION: News, Views and the LGBTQ Experience

Moderator: Meredith Bagley, Department of Communication Studies, University of Alabama


Jo Badgett, *Predicting Success Rate of Social Change Movements in America*, Graduate Student, Telecommunication and Film


10:50 – 11 a.m.  Break

11 – 12 p.m.     PANEL SESSION: Bitches, Ballads and Battles: Critical Autoethnography As A Call Out of Silence

Moderator: Dr. Robin M. Boylorn, Department of Communication Studies, University of Alabama

Panelists:

Cassidy Ellis, *How I was Raped and Didn’t Know It: An Autoethnographic Account of Acquaintance Rape*, Department of Gender and Race Studies, Graduate Student, Department of Gender and Race Studies

Michael Forst, *Sitting in Silence: A Critique of Masculine Responses to Trauma*, Graduate Student, Department of Communication Studies

Chelsea Martin, *She’s Such a B.*, Graduate Student, Department of Communication Studies
Mollie Tinney, *A Ballad of Love and Liquor*, Doctoral Student, Department of Educational Leadership, Policy, and Technology Studies

Allison Upshaw, Mother(less) Child (an excerpt from Battles of Wounded Me), Doctoral Student, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

12 – 1 p.m. **LUNCH AND CONVERSATION**

1 – 1:50 p.m. **POSTER SESSION**

Becky Beamer, *Digital Documentation of the Influence of “Outsiders” on Namibian Indigenous Craft Culture*, Graduate Student, School of Library and Information Studies

Yang Hu, Media Representation of Same-Sex Marriage and Audiences’ Perception Towards Homosexual Group, Graduate Student, Telecommunication and Film

Bumsoo Kim, *User-Generated Diversity Issues: Analysis of Gender, Race, Social Status, Geography, Religion and Disability Stereotypes on YouTube*, Graduate Student, Department of Journalism

Lance Kinney (Faculty) and Ariel Fink (Graduate Student), *Cross-Race Athlete Endorsement of Non-Profit Media Groups*, Department of Advertising and Public Relations

Stephanie Kirkland, *Magnet Schools, Diversity and University Partnerships*, Graduate Student, Department of Advertising and Public Relations

James A. Lumpp, *Concepts For Understanding Basics of Communication and Miscommunication Between Diverse Groups*, Meek School of Journalism and New Media, University of Mississippi

Kate Matheny, *Black History Month in 140 Characters: Cultural Diversity and the Social Media Accounts of Southern Archives*, Graduate Student, School of Library and Information Studies

Samantha Rudelich, *Kanye West’s “Bound 2,”* Undergraduate Student, Department of Communication Studies

Caleb Walters, *From Sea to Shunning Sea: Regional Perceptions of Gay Marriage From Broadcast News*, Graduate Student, Department of Advertising and Public Relations

Yiyang Zhang, *Hashtag Activities In Social Media to Racial Issues in Society*, Graduate Student, Department of Journalism
1:50 – 2 p.m.  Break

2 – 2:50 p.m. RESEARCH SESSION: Experiencing Representations of Race

Moderator: Dianne Bragg, Department of Journalism, University of Alabama


Andrew C. Billings, Jason E. Black and Tie Nie, *All Sides Agree, It’s a Powerful Name: Online Debate on the Acceptability of the Washington NFL Mascot*, University of Alabama

Alexis E. Barton, *Turning Insult into Gold: The ‘Dangerous Selling’ of Ebony Magazine*, 1960-1980, Graduate Student, Department of Journalism


2:50 – 3 p.m.  Break

3 – 3:50 p.m.  KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Debunking the Myths, Breaking the Barriers, and Building the School-to-College Pipeline for Black Males

Dr. Ivory A. Toldson, Deputy Director, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Moderator: Elva Bradley, Assistant to the Dean for Grant and Collaborative Activity, University of Alabama

3:50 – 4:50 p.m.  PANEL SESSION: Debunking the Myths: Challenges and Opportunities

Moderator: George Daniels, *HBCUs and Journalism Mass Communication Education: A Status Update*, Department of Journalism, University of Alabama

Panelists:

Steve Katsinas, *Targeted Faculty Development and Student Success in Introductory Science Courses: An Exploratory Study at a Historically Black Community College*, Director of the Education and Policy Center, University of Alabama
Douglas Craddock, *The Presidential Turnover Rate at HBCUs*, Doctoral Student, University of Alabama

Anthony Holloman, *The Success of HBCU Presidents*, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Stillman College
Dr. Ivory A. Toldson is the deputy director, for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Prior to this role, Dr. Toldson served as an associate professor at Howard University, senior research analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and editor-in-chief of The Journal of Negro Education. He was also contributing education editor for The Root, where he debunked some of the most pervasive myths about African-Americans in his Show Me the Numbers column.

Dr. Toldson has more than 60 publications, including 4 books, and more than 150 research presentations in 36 US states, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Scotland, South Africa, Paris, and Barcelona. He has been featured on MSNBC, C-SPAN2 Books, NPR News, POTUS on XM Satellite Radio, and numerous local radio stations. His research has been featured in The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Root, The National Journal, Essence Magazine, and Ebony Magazine.

Dubbed a leader "who could conceivably navigate the path to the White House" by the Washington Post, one of "30 leaders in the fight for Black men," by Newsweek Magazine, and the "Problem Solver" by Diverse: Issues In Higher Education, Dr. Toldson, according to U.S. Secretary Arne Duncan, is "a prolific young scholar and myth buster." According to Capstone Magazine, "Toldson has spent a lot of time traveling across the country talking with teachers about misleading media statistics that invariably either link Black males to crime or question their ability to learn." Dr. Toldson was named in the 2013 The Root 100, an annual ranking of the most influential African-American leaders.

After completing coursework for a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Temple University, Dr. Toldson became a correctional and forensic psychology resident at the United States Penitentiary. There, he completed his dissertation on Black Men in the Criminal Justice System. Upon completion, Dr. Toldson joined the faculty of Southern University and became the fourth recipient of the prestigious DuBois Fellowship from the US Department of Justice. He also served as the clinical director of the Manhood Training Village. He has received formal training in applied statistics from the University of Michigan, and held visiting research and teacher appointments at Emory, Drexel, and Morehouse School of Medicine.
HIGHER EDUCATION
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A PERFECT STORM

Presented By:

Damon A. Williams, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President and Chief Education Officer
Boys & Girls Clubs of America

March 23rd, 2015 @ 7:30pm
Moody Music Building
Concert Hall

Sponsors include the President's Office, Culverhouse School of Commerce, Library Science, Black Faculty and Staff, Law School Student Diversity Committee, College of Arts and Sciences Diversity Committee, Faculty Senate, School of Social Work, Office of Student Affairs, Athletic Department, ALAHEDO, and School of Music. Coordinated by the University of Alabama Ad-Hoc Diversity Learning and Leadership Committee.
C&IS Diversity Research Award

Call for Submissions

The College of Communication and Information Sciences’ Communication and Diversity Forum is a cross-disciplinary initiative dedicated to embracing research and creative activity addressing the intersection of diversity in all forms of communication and information. Toward that goal, the Forum is proud to announce the Fourth Annual Diversity Research Awards, which recognize one faculty/staff and one student research paper or creative activity. The top award winner in each category will receive a $100 award.

Conference or convention papers presented and research articles, original work or other creative activities published between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015 are eligible for submission. Only one manuscript may be submitted by a single person. Submissions with a faculty/student co-author will be considered for the faculty/staff award. Only submissions completed by one or more undergraduate, masters, or doctoral student authors will be considered for the student prize. All submissions should be sent as a Microsoft Word or PDF document by email attachment to cisdiversityaward@gmail.com. For the purposes of blind review, no identifying information should be included on the attached document. Instead, authors should include their name, paper title, status (faculty/staff/graduate student), history of the manuscript, e-mail address and phone number in the BODY of the message.

The deadline for submissions is midnight CDT on April 4, 2015. Award winners will be announced at the College-wide faculty meeting.

For more information on the CIS Diversity Research Awards, contact Dr. George Daniels at gdaniels@ua.edu.
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