

2021 PBCOHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 18th, 2021

9:30 am-10:30 am: Opening Session

10:45 am-12:00 pm: Plenary Workshop Session 1

12:15 pm-12:45 pm: Lunch and Learn Session on Mindfulness *with Dr. Melissa Cheese of Bloomsburg University*

1:00 pm-2:15 pm: Town Hall Meeting on our conference theme, The Changing Face of Higher Education: The Role of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Current Climate and Beyond *with Mr. Ralph Godbolt, Dr. Sharone Jones, Dr. Scott Richardson, and Dr. Carolyn Reid-Brown*

2:30 pm-3:45 pm: Plenary Workshop Session 2

4:00 pm-5:15 pm: Conference Party *with DJ Turtle*

Friday, March 19th, 2021

9:30 am-10:30 am: PBCOHE Annual Business Meeting

10:45 am-12:00 pm: Plenary Workshop Session 3

12:15 pm-12:45 pm: Lunch and Learn Session Business Expo *with Dr. Stephen Jones*

1:00 pm-2:15 pm: Regional Meeting and Networking

2:30 pm-3:45 pm: Plenary Workshop Session 4

4:00 pm-5:15 pm: Closing Ceremony to award Scholarships and PBCOHE Awards

2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 18, 2021

10:45 am-12:00 pm: Plenary Workshop Session 1

10:45 am-11:15 am

Topic: Out of the Classroom: Into the Community

*Presenter: Ralph Godbolt, M.P.A.
Director, Access and Success
Bloomsburg University of PA*

The “Out of the Classroom: Into the Community” initiative engages students in academic-based conversations and intensive community engagement opportunities focused on low-income communities. Community engagement is used as a tool to not only make a difference, but to positively impact the attrition rates of underrepresented students.

11:15-11:30 Break to prepare for the next presentation

11:30 am-12:00 pm

Topic: The Future is First Gen: Understanding How to Best Support First-Generation Students

*Presenter: Ms. Allena McCloud
Academic Advisor, Harrisburg Area Community College
Graduate Assistant
West Chester University of PA*

This session will discuss how to best help first-generation students during their first year and throughout their time in college. First generation college students make up a third of the current college student population. The goal of this presentation is to discuss best practices for this group of students.

2:30 pm-3:45 pm: Plenary Workshop Session 2

2:30 pm-3:00 pm

Topic: PERSISTENCE!: Barriers and Best Practices for Students of Color at PWIs

*Presenters:
Randi Congleton, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Chatham University*

*Adriel A. Hilton, Ph.D.
Dean of Students and Diversity Officer
Seton Hill University*

*Jeff Mallory, Ed.D.
Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
Saint Vincent College*

Students of color face a multitude of issues as they enter and seek to remain enrolled in Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs) of higher education. Issues related to acceptance, comfort, race, policies and available resources can impact the persistence of students of color. This presentation will highlight challenges that 21st century students of color face and provide applicable examples to better assist them in the higher education setting.

3:00-3:15 Break to prepare for the next presentation

3:15 pm-3:45 pm

Topic: Moving On Up: How the IEML Can Transform Your Career and Your Life

Presenters: IEML Co-Director Ron Felder (PHEAA), Rachael Banks (Penn State-Pittsburgh), Moderated by: Shavonne Shorter (Bloomsburg)

The Institute for Educational Management and Leadership (IEML) is designed to provide an opportunity for higher education professionals to gain specific knowledge about higher education and the role leadership plays in academia. If you are ready to go to the next level in your career, the IEML can help you. This roundtable discussion will feature IEML alumni who will share what the program is and how it has helped them.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

Friday, March 19, 2021

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Plenary Workshop Session 3

10:45 am-11:15 am

Topic: Metacognition: The Future is in Learning How to Learn

*Presenter: Margaret Mbindyo, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor & Academic Adviser
Millersville University of PA*

Many underrepresented students are coming into college classrooms under-prepared for the rigor of college and without learning key skills, which are crucial for success in higher education. This session will address how metacognition skills and strategies can help immensely with academic success.

11:15-11:30 Break to prepare for the next presentation

11:30 am-12:00 pm

Topic: Endangered: Black Male Faculty at PWIs

*Presenters: Carla Jackson, Ed.D.
Higher Education Consultant
DCJ Consulting
Russell Davis, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor, Community College Leadership Program
Morgan State University*

The researchers explored the circumstance of underrepresentation on Black/African American male faculty serving at predominantly White institutions. Using a qualitative survey research design, the study found that White racial framing endangers the well-being of this population because it perceives the Black male body as problematic and threatening. This narrative marginalizes the Black male academic. The perceptions of Black male professors were probed to gain understanding and knowledge about how underrepresentation influences their lived experiences within the academy.

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Plenary Workshop Session 4

2:30 pm-3:00 pm

Topic: Intersectional Perspective of Minority Community College Students

*Presenter: Lilcelia A. Williams, MBA, B.S.R.T
Clinical Trials Ambassador/Research Specialist
University of Pittsburgh*

Minority community college students are boldly refusing to be defined by their visual presentation, myths, and stereotypes. This population of students have embraced the principles of community cultural wealth while exhibiting the characteristics of persistence and resilience in the face of adversity as they strive to achieve their academic goals

3:00-3:15 Break to prepare for the next presentation

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Topic: The Experiences of International students in relation to the COVID-19 Pandemic

*Presenter: Emily Shaba, M.A.
Policy, Administration, and Planning Doctoral Graduate Student
West Chester University*

The Covid-19 epidemic has posed as a challenge specifically in higher education. However, being an international student away from home and studying in the united states during this time is even more challenging. This discussion is focused on the experiences of international students in relation to the covid-19 epidemic

2021 PBCOHE FEATURED PRESENTERS

Mindfulness Instructor



Dr. Melissa Cheese is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Academic Enrichment Department at Bloomsburg University. She is certified in the instruction of mindfulness and teaches a course of the same name at the university frequently.

Town Hall Panelists



Dr. Carolyn-Reid Brown is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Exceptionality Programs at Bloomsburg. She is also the Director of the Frederick Douglass Institute for Academic Excellence.



Dr. Scott Richardson is the Chief Diversity Officer/Title IX Coordinator at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He is a native of Pennsylvania who has had a host of academic leadership positions within his career.



Mr. Ralph Godbolt is the Interim Dean of Students and Director of ACT 101/The Office of Access and Success at Bloomsburg University. A native of Pittsburgh, Mr. Godbolt enjoys engaging in Hip-Hop related research.



Dr. Sharone Jones is the Associate Vice President, Experiential Learning, Division of Student Success at Lincoln University. She is also the Pennsylvania State President of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., in addition to a host of other civic engagement roles.

Thank You!!!

Thank you for joining us at this year's conference! Please check your email for upcoming events. Please follow us on social media by searching for PBCOHE. We look forward to your continued involvement!

-The 2021 Conference Committee

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Dr. Shavonne Shorter, Chair, Bloomsburg University

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