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CELEBRATING COMMUNITY WITH A PURPOSE: FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL TO INTERPERSONAL

Friday, November 14, 2008

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

DREW UNIVERSITY

Madison, New Jersey

PLANNING COMMITTEE INSTITUTIONS

*Bergen Community College, Bloomfield College, Centenary
College, College of St. Elizabeth, Drew University,
Monmouth University, Montclair State University,
New Jersey City University, PSEG, Rider University,
Rowan University, Rutgers, The State University of New
Jersey, Saint Peter's College, Seton Hall University,
UMDNJ, William Paterson University*

BARBARA HEISLER WILLIAMS

Keynote Speaker



As Executive Director of **Fund for an OPEN Society**, Barbara Heisler Williams has initiated several exciting, new programs for the organization since taking the position in January 2006. Recent highlights include: the successful **First Suburbs Network** for New Jersey towns “caught in the middle,” **Reclaiming Integration**, a powerful outreach campaign to recapture both the power and spirit of

the word, and **LeadershipMatters™**, an empowerment curriculum to diversity tables of power and influence.

Prior to becoming **OPEN**'s executive director, Ms. Heisler Williams served five years of active service as an **OPEN** board member. She is widely recognized as a consultant, public speaker, and trainer on community integration strategies, affirmative marketing, group process, nonprofit management, strategic planning, and organizational development. Honing her skills through experience, Ms. Heisler Williams has run a successful consulting practice, served as the VP/Director of Affiliate Services for a national organization with presence in over 30 states working to alleviate family homelessness, served in senior regional and divisional positions at the US Department of Education; in senior administrative positions at several universities, and, most recently, as the founding Executive Director of the **South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race**, a model integration maintenance organization.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome & Greetings
- 9:45 a.m. Community Leadership Panel
- 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. Morning Breakout Sessions
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch & Keynote Speaker
- 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Breakout Sessions
- 3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

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The work of the American Conference on Diversity is among the most important activities we can do to create a positive, inclusive society. It is the unfinished business of living in a highly diverse state: educating and empowering our next generation of leaders, enhancing NJ workplaces, and helping to create inclusive communities. The American Conference on Diversity takes an historic mission and creates programs and activities relevant and vital to 21st Century life. It is a journey we can all take together.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PANEL

This year's theme "**Celebrating Community with a Purpose: From the Environmental to Interpersonal**" will focus on building community within the environment and respecting the environment within the community. The Community Leadership Panel will be moderated by **James E. Harris**, *Associate Dean of Students and University Ombudsman at Montclair State University and President of the State Conferences of NAACP branches*. The panel will bring together representatives from New Jersey's community, corporate, education, governmental, and non-profit sectors to address this year's theme in relation to their areas of responsibility.

WORKSHOPS

The conference will feature breakout sessions that will focus on environmental responsibilities and civic engagement and conclude with resources, techniques, and strategies to enhance leadership, teamwork, community involvement, and inclusiveness for all. Please specify your desired workshops on the registration form.

Workshop #1 11:30 a.m.

- A. Environmental Justice
- B. Greening College Communities: Student Perspectives
- C. Greening the Curriculum
- D. Public Policy
- E. Green Careers and Education

Workshop #2 2:00 p.m.

- A. Interfaith Perspectives
- B. Healthcare Disparities
- C. Student Engagement in Diversity Issues in Higher Education
- D. Corporate Responsibility and Diversity
- E. Educating for Civic Engagemet

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FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL TO INTERPERSONAL

TOOLS & RESOURCES EXPO

The Planning Committee is pleased to offer a Tools & Resources Expo as part of the conference. New Jersey businesses, training organizations, and advocacy groups will host tables to share their offerings that are developed to help you to build a more inclusive and affirming organization. Please visit the tables during lunch to learn more about the tools and resources available to assist your institution.

ABOUT DREW UNIVERSITY

Consisting of the College of Liberal Arts, Theological School, and Caspersen School of Graduate Studies, Drew University has a total enrollment of 2,600 students. The Theological and Caspersen schools offer degrees at the M.A. and Ph.D. levels, while the College annually confers B.A. degrees in 30 different disciplines. Located in the picturesque and friendly borough of Madison, New Jersey, Drew's 186-acre, wooded campus is within walking distance of the Madison train station, which offers direct service to Midtown Manhattan's New York Penn Station. The university is known for its small class sizes and personal attention to students. Ninety-four percent of Drew's full-time faculty members hold terminal degrees in their areas of expertise, which makes high-quality mentorship the hallmark of a Drew education.

DIRECTIONS TO DREW & PARKING

Visit www.drew.edu/mapsanddirections.aspx for directions to Drew University. Parking will be available. Please use the Lancaster Road entrance and follow signs for conference parking.

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Contact Person

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REGISTRATION FEES

\$65 per person

\$45 per student

(Includes continental breakfast and lunch buffet)

Please make checks payable to **Drew University**
(note that one check for the full amount is preferred)

**Please complete the reverse side and send this
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