



WINNING THE RACE

Advancing Education in the Mississippi Delta

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MARCH 27 - 28, 2017

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Sunday, March 26

PRE-CONFERENCE OPEN HOUSE

2:00PM–6:00PM \\ Amzie Moore House Museum and Interpretive Center, 614 South Chrisman Street

Monday, March 27

REGISTRATION

8:00AM–6:00PM \\ Bologna Performing Arts Center

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00AM–9:00AM \\ Lobby, BPAC

OPENING SESSION

9:00AM–10:50AM \\ Delta and Pineland Theatre, BPAC
William C. Bell

POSTER COMPETITION

11:00AM–11:50AM \\ West Hall, BPAC

BREAKOUT SESSION I

11:00AM–11:50AM

TRACK 1: SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND LAW
Jobe Auditorium, E.R. Jobe Hall
Arnold Chandler

TRACK 2: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
Room 101, R.L. Caylor Hall
Charles Lee

STUDENT LUNCHEON

12:00PM–1:50PM \\ Second Floor, East Lobby, H.L. Nowell Union
Vernell Bennett and Travis Calvin
Panel Discussion with Student Leaders

LUNCH AND LEARN

12:00PM–1:50PM \\ Jacob Conference Center, James M. Ewing Hall
Ivory Toldson

BREAKOUT SESSION II

2:00PM–3:15PM

TRACK 3: EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY
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TRACK 4: CULTURE AND COMMUNITY
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Jackie Mercer

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

3:30PM–5:30PM \\ Recital Hall, BPAC
The R.O.O.T.S.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

5:30PM–6:30PM \\ Lobby, BPAC

PLENARY SESSION

6:30PM–8:00PM \\ Delta and Pineland Theatre, BPAC
Jennifer Stollman, Ivory Toldson, Virgil Belue, Edgar Villanueva,
Dominique Scott

Tuesday, March 28

REGISTRATION

8:00AM–10:00AM \\ BPAC

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00AM–9:25AM \\ Served at Breakout Session

BREAKOUT SESSION III

9:25AM–10:40AM

TRACK 1: SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND LAW
Recital Hall, BPAC
Charles Bolton

TRACK 2: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
Jobe Auditorium, E.R. Jobe Hall
Edgar Villanueva and Rachel Mayes

BREAKOUT SESSION IV

10:50AM–12:05PM

TRACK 3: EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY
Recital Hall, BPAC
Michele Alexandre, Daniel Doyle and Lynn Woo

TRACK 4: CULTURE AND COMMUNITY
Jobe Auditorium, E.R. Jobe Hall
Jaribu Hill

CLOSING SESSION

12:15PM–1:30PM // Jobe Auditorium, E.R. Jobe Hall



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HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP FORUM MONDAY, MARCH 27

OPENING SESSION

9:00AM–10:50AM \\ Delta and Pineland Theatre, BPAC
William C. Bell. President and CEO, Casey Family Programs

ICE BREAKER

11:00AM - 11:50AM \\ Baioni Conference Center, James W. Broom Hall
The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation. University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

STUDENT LUNCHEON

12:00PM - 1:50PM \\ Second Floor East Lobby, H.L. Nowell Union
Vernell Bennett. Vice President of Student Affairs, Delta State University
Travis Calvin. Project Coordinator, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Young Men of Color, Delta State University
Student Leaders. Delta State University and Mississippi Valley State University

RAP SESSION/CALL TO ACTION

2:00PM - 3:30PM \\ Baioni Conference Center, James W. Broom Hall

PRESENTERS

LaToysa Brown. Undergraduate Student, University of Southern Mississippi.



Brown attends the University of Southern Mississippi where she majors in sociology and minors in African-American studies. She started her activism in middle school through poetry. She used her spoken word skills to deliver messages about social justice issues inside and outside of the black community. Currently, she is practicing her activism on University of Southern Mississippi's campus by using sociology to research the school to prison pipeline, specifically the effects of the zero tolerance policy in the public school system.

Dominique Scott. Senior Undergraduate Student, University of Mississippi.



Scott is a native of Dallas, Texas. She is in her final year of undergraduate studies pursuing Bachelors in Sociology and African American Studies. She is President and Founder of Students Against Social Injustice (SASI) and Treasurer for the University of Mississippi NAACP. In the fall of 2015, Dominique was responsible for co-organizing and training students for the historic "Take Down the Flag" campaign at the University of Mississippi. Dominique believes in the power of collective action and radically reimagining institutional power. She travels the country speaking and conducting community workshops and trainings for students and prospective activists.

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The High School Leadership Forum is financially assisted by the Mississippi Humanities Council



Greetings!

Welcome to Delta State University and to the fourth annual “Winning the Race” conference!

This year’s theme is “Advancing Education in the Mississippi Delta.” This dynamic conference promises to be as enlightening and meaningful as our previous years’ experiences, and I encourage your full participation.

Outstanding faculty and presenters will lead discussions on educational inequities and opportunities to strengthen education throughout the Delta. Conference presentations, topics, and interaction will afford you an interactive platform to probe challenges and solutions associated with one of the most vital public policy issues of our times.



I am grateful for your engagement with Delta State in this signature conference, and I welcome you to our beautiful campus!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. N. LaForge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William N. LaForge
President, Delta State University



Dear Friends and Community Members,

It is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to the fourth annual Winning the Race Conference. This conference is designed to facilitate and engage campus and community dialogue regarding issues related to race and social justice and to rekindle opportunities for municipalities of the Mississippi Delta to collaborate and promote racial healing.

As a native Mississippian and alumnus of Delta State University, this year's conference, "Advancing Education in the Mississippi Delta," is meaningful to me both personally and professionally. My family and education were the foundation for my pathway to success in life from my earliest days growing up in Pace, Mississippi to becoming president and CEO of Casey Family Programs.

Forging meaningful partnerships and strategic investments across business, philanthropy, government and community is the only way to build new pathways to educational opportunity and economic success for children and families in the Delta. This year's conference is full of examples and strategies designed to inspire new ways of thinking and responding to pressing issues impacting the quality of education and community well-being.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lend my voice and to support my home and alma mater.

Sincerely,

Dr. William C. Bell
President and CEO, Casey Family Programs
Delta State University Class of 1982





Welcome Attendees,

I am delighted you have joined this extremely important conference at Delta State University. It is a tremendous honor to serve as a chair of the External Advisory Committee and work alongside my great friend, Delta State University's President, William N. Laforge. His extraordinary leadership has made this conference possible. The dedicated staff and faculty of the University have worked tirelessly to present an engaging and powerful program which focuses on what is possible if we can find ways to move forward.



It is no secret that all of us live today in an increasingly unsettling world. It is unfortunate that the reports from around the world constantly remind us of all of our difference in opinion, in skin color, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity and social class. There has never been a more important time than now for all of us to discard this destructive way of viewing the world. We must not allow others to try to operate us from each other, but instead find the many similarities we share in our dreams and our hopes for ourselves, and our loved ones. At the end of the day, don't most of us want the same things? A safe place to raise our families, a good solid education for our children, a fair shot at a job we can find meaning in and a chance to perhaps leave the place we call home, better than how we found it.

This conference will remind us again, that in order for ALL of us to move forward, we must first lift each one of us up. And the strength gained from our common humanity will continue to power us through the challenges ahead.

Your presence here today confirms your interest as well as your commitment to a more open and just society and I salute all of you for being here. I commend Delta State for its continued leadership in hosting this conference and I thank you for allowing me to join in as we continue this journey together.

William F. Winter
Former Governor, State of Mississippi



The Winning the Race Conference was developed with three overarching goals: engage in conversations with campus and community constituencies that will build an appreciation for diversity differences and a spirit of community through shared ideas; promote a broad discourse on race relations by building conversations to bring together diverse communities in the Delta through sharing of ideas and building cooperation; and to rekindle a hope that Delta communities will move toward greater equality and forward and open thinking while reducing racial disparities and tensions.

BREAKOUT SESSION TRACKS

TRACK 1. SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS & LAW

This track has sessions designed to address a diverse set of issues related to civil rights, racial equity and racial healing. There is a focus on addressing racial differences in the implementation of law in the criminal justice system and associated societal consequences.

TRACK 2. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

This track addresses matters relating to equity and economic opportunities with an emphasis on how societal organizations advance or restrict socioeconomic opportunities and mobility among diverse groups. Sessions will emphasize the important roles that diversity and inclusion play in creating economic opportunity on local and global scales.

TRACK 3. EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

This track addresses diversity in the college curriculum and diversity in student leadership. The segment includes conversations on how to teach race and race relations in the classroom at both conceptual and practical levels, as well as from historical perspectives. It facilitates dialogue on positive race relations as well as on meaningful actions to foster understanding that builds strong relationships for connected communities. Global perspectives are incorporated in all sessions.

TRACK 4. CULTURE & COMMUNITY

This track addresses the institutionalization of best practices for inclusion, cultural awareness and respect for differences, while charting avenues for sustained action in diverse communities. Sessions will help to create change through a spirit of cooperation by motivating participants to enhance their appreciation for experiences and perspectives shaped by culture, to create positive change in their communities, and to spread awareness by cooperating and forming alliances with diverse groups.



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Sunday, March 26, 2017

PRE-CONFERENCE OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 || 2:00PM - 6:00PM || AMZIE MOORE HOUSE

Special Open House and Press Conference at the Amzie Moore House Museum and Interpretive Center located at 614 Chrisman Street. A 3:00pm Press Conference held in recognition and honor of Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc. Event open to the public.

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00AM - 9:00AM || LOBBY, BPAC

OPENING SESSION

9:00AM - 10:50AM || DELTA & PINELAND THEATRE, BPAC

WELCOME Temika Simmons. *Assistant Professor of Psychology and Psychology Program Coordinator, Delta State University*

REMARKS William N. LaForge. *President, Delta State University*

PRESENTER William C. Bell. *President and CEO, Casey Family Programs*



Bell became president and chief executive officer of Casey Family Programs in January 2006. He chairs the Executive Team and is ultimately responsible for the vision, mission, strategies and objectives of the foundation. Prior to leading the foundation, he served as executive vice president for child and family services. Prior to joining Casey Family Programs, he was commissioner of the New York City Administration for Children's Services. He has more than 35 years of experience in the human services field.

BREAKOUT SESSION I

11:00AM - 11:50AM

POSTER COMPETITION AND JUDGING || WEST HALL, BPAC

REMARKS Lekeitha Morris. *Chair and Assistant Professor of Speech and Hearing Services, Delta State University*

TRACK 1. SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS & LAW JOBE AUDITORIUM, E.R. JOBE HALL

PRESENTER

Arnold L. Chandler. *Principal and Co-founder, Forward Change Consulting*



Chandler is an advocate, researcher, trainer and strategy consultant who for more than 13 years has helped nonprofits and foundations advance programs and policies focused on social and economic equity. He has been working on efforts to improve the health and well-being of boys and men of color specifically since 2007. Recently, he was a Senior Policy Associate with the Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy at U.C. Berkeley Law School working on policies to improve the lives of Boys and Men of color across California. Now he works with foundations and nonprofit organizations to advance their most mission-critical strategic initiatives. Chandler's work is focused on mission impact strategy, evidence-based practices, and leadership development for social change and equity-focused organizations.

TRACK 2. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES \\\ ROOM 101, R.L. CAYLOR HALL

PRESENTER

Charles O. Lee. *Director of Consumer Protection, Mississippi Center for Justice*



Lee serves as the Director of Consumer Protection for the Mississippi Center for Justice in the Jackson office. He attended Rust College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1995 and received his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1998 from the University of Mississippi School of Law. Prior to joining the Center, Lee practiced law on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and in the State of Georgia focusing his practice on insurance defense, commercial litigation and personal injury litigation. He has held leadership positions in a wide variety of organizations.

STUDENT LUNCHEON

12:00PM - 1:50PM \\\ SECOND FLOOR EAST LOBBY, H.L. NOWELL UNION

PANELISTS

Vernell Bennett. *Vice President of Student Affairs, Delta State University*



Bennett is currently serving as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Delta State University. She began her postsecondary career at Kentucky State University (KSU) as a non-tenure tract Instructor of Music and advanced to the rank of tenured Associate Professor before transitioning to several administration roles, including Vice President for Student Affairs. Bennett received a Bachelor's of Music in Vocal Performance from Fisk University, a Master of Arts in Vocal Performance from Eastern Michigan University, and a Doctorate of Education in Administration and Instruction from the University of Kentucky.

Travis Calvin. *Project Coordinator, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Young Men of Color, Delta State University*



Calvin earned a bachelor's degree in Music Industry Studies from Delta State University in 2013. He has served in the classroom as a music and music technology instructor through the Delta Blues Museum, Delta Arts Alliance, and the DMI Mobil Music Lab. Calvin is also an accomplished guitarist and an experienced audio engineer. He joined the DMI staff in 2013 as the Project Coordinator of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Young Men of Color grant titled "Healing with a Groove."

Student Leaders. *Delta State University and Mississippi Valley State University*

Coleman Armes, Marwa Cherraf, Ashley Griffin, Johnna Ladd, Allie Rose Parker, Alandria Ramsey, Conner Taylor
Delta State University Students

Henry Akaeze
Mississippi Valley State University Student

LUNCH AND LEARN

12:00PM - 1:50PM \\\ JACOB CONFERENCE CENTER, JAMES M. EWING HALL

PRESENTER

Ivory A. Toldson. *President and CEO, Quality Education for Minorities Network*



Toldson is the President and CEO of the QEM Network, professor of counseling psychology at Howard University and editor-in-chief of The Journal of Negro Education. Previously, Dr. Toldson was appointed by President Barack Obama to devise national strategies to sustain and expand federal support to HBCUs as the executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIHBCUs). He also served as senior research analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and 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. He is married to Marshella Toldson, and together, they are raising their daughter, Makena and their son, Ivory Kaleb.

BREAKOUT SESSION II

2:00PM - 3:15PM

TRACK 3. EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY \\ JOBE AUDITORIUM, E.R. JOBE HALL

PRESENTERS

Ivye Allen. President, Foundation of the Mid South.



Allen is President of the Foundation for the Mid South, a regional foundation serving Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The Foundation funds programs and initiatives that focus on community development, education, health and wellness, and wealth building. Since its inception in 1990, the Foundation has leveraged more than \$750 million to the region. Prior work experience includes serving as Chief Operating Officer for MDC Inc. and Director of Fellowship Programs for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. Her education includes a Ph.D. in social policy from Columbia University; a M.S. in Urban Affairs from Hunter College; a M.B.A. in marketing and international business from New York University; and a bachelor's in economics from Howard University. She serves on numerous board and advisory groups and is a member of several professional and social organizations.

Derrick Johnson. Executive Director, One Voice Inc.



Johnson serves as State President for the Mississippi State Conference NAACP and Executive Director of One Voice, Inc. He holds a Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas and a Bachelor of Arts from Tougaloo College in Jackson, MS. Johnson successfully managed the Convention Center bond referendum campaign to construct a \$65 million convention center in the city of Jackson. He founded One Voice, Inc., a non-profit social justice organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for African Americans and other disenfranchised communities by increasing civic engagement in the formation of public policy through leadership development, research support, training, and technical assistance.

TRACK 4. CULTURE AND COMMUNITY \\ ROOM 101, R.L. CAYLOR HALL

PRESENTER

Jackie Mercer. English Teacher, Crestview High School, Columbus, Ohio



Mercer graduated from Youngstown State University in northeast Ohio with her Bachelor's degree in English Education in 2009 and her Master's degree in English in 2012. She teaches at a primarily white, rural high school in Columbiana, Ohio. In 2013, after realizing her students had little exposure to anyone different than them, she taught a book about Emmett Till for the first time. In 2014 she visited the Mississippi Delta and Delta State University as a part of the National Endowment for the Humanities workshop "The Most Southern Place on Earth." Since then she has worked to incorporate civil rights history into her English class by bringing new curriculum and speakers to her classroom. She is also a 2015 participant in Delta State University's International Blues Scholar Program.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

5:30PM - 6:30PM \\ LOBBY, BPAC

ENTERTAINMENT

Delta Blues Museum Band



The Delta Blues Museum Band, from Clarksdale, is made up of students from the Museum's Arts & Education Program. This program develops learning and life skills in young people by engaging them in creative youth programs. The band is one of twelve throughout the nation to be honored with the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award in 2014, where they were then given the opportunity to perform at the awards ceremony held in the East Wing of the White House.



PLENARY SESSION

6:30PM - 8:00PM \ \ DELTA AND PINELAND THEATRE, BPAC

GREETINGS Allie Rose Parker. *President, Delta State Student Government Association*

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REMARKS William N. LaForge. *President, Delta State University*

MODERATOR Jennifer Stollman. *Academic Director, William Winter Institute*



Stollman is the Academic Director of the William Winter Institute. Jennifer is responsible for campus professional development, anti-oppression training, curricular and co-curricular development, crisis management, and is a consultant for detecting and eliminating institutional and interpersonal bias. She works with campuses across the region including the University of Mississippi, Delta State University, University of Southern Mississippi, and Tulane University. Jennifer spent 18 years in graduate and undergraduate classrooms as a professor of history and gender and women's studies. She specializes in issues related to the construction, projections, and deployment of individual and collective identities. Jennifer is committed to equity work taking place across campuses.

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Virgil Belue. Former Superintendent, Clinton Public School District



Belue is a native of Tishomingo County, MS. He has a Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degrees from MS State University. After his service in the U.S. Air Force, he worked in schools in Pontotoc County, Tupelo, and Clinton- all of which are in Mississippi. In 1970, he had the unique experience of being the first superintendent of the newly organized Clinton Public School District, a position he held until his retirement in 1992. He moved to the Clinton job on July 28, 1970, to start the new school district with no central office, central office staff, district maintenance personnel, school buses or drivers, funds in the bank, district budget, principals for two schools, and one newly constructed elementary school building with no furniture. However, he opened school in four weeks as scheduled. After his retirement, he served for 18 years as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi with perfect attendance at all board meetings. Dr. Belue and his wife of 66 years, Aline, reside in Clinton and have four children and six grandchildren.

Edgar Villanueva. Vice President of Programs and Advocacy, Schott Foundation



Villanueva joined the Schott Foundation as Vice President of Programs and Advocacy on June 1, 2015. In this role, Edgar guides the Foundation's resource delivery strategy, including the provision of grant making, communications, network building, and policy advocacy supports. In 2011, he was named the founding Executive Director of the North Carolina American Indian Health Board, a statewide nonprofit working to advance health equity for American Indians through research, education, and advocacy. For many years, Edgar has been a social justice advocate for youth and communities of color, and he has held leadership roles on various boards and advisory committees such as The Executives' Alliance to Expand Opportunities for Boys and Men of Color and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Forward Promise National Advisory Committee.

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Campus Map

CAMPUS FACILITIES

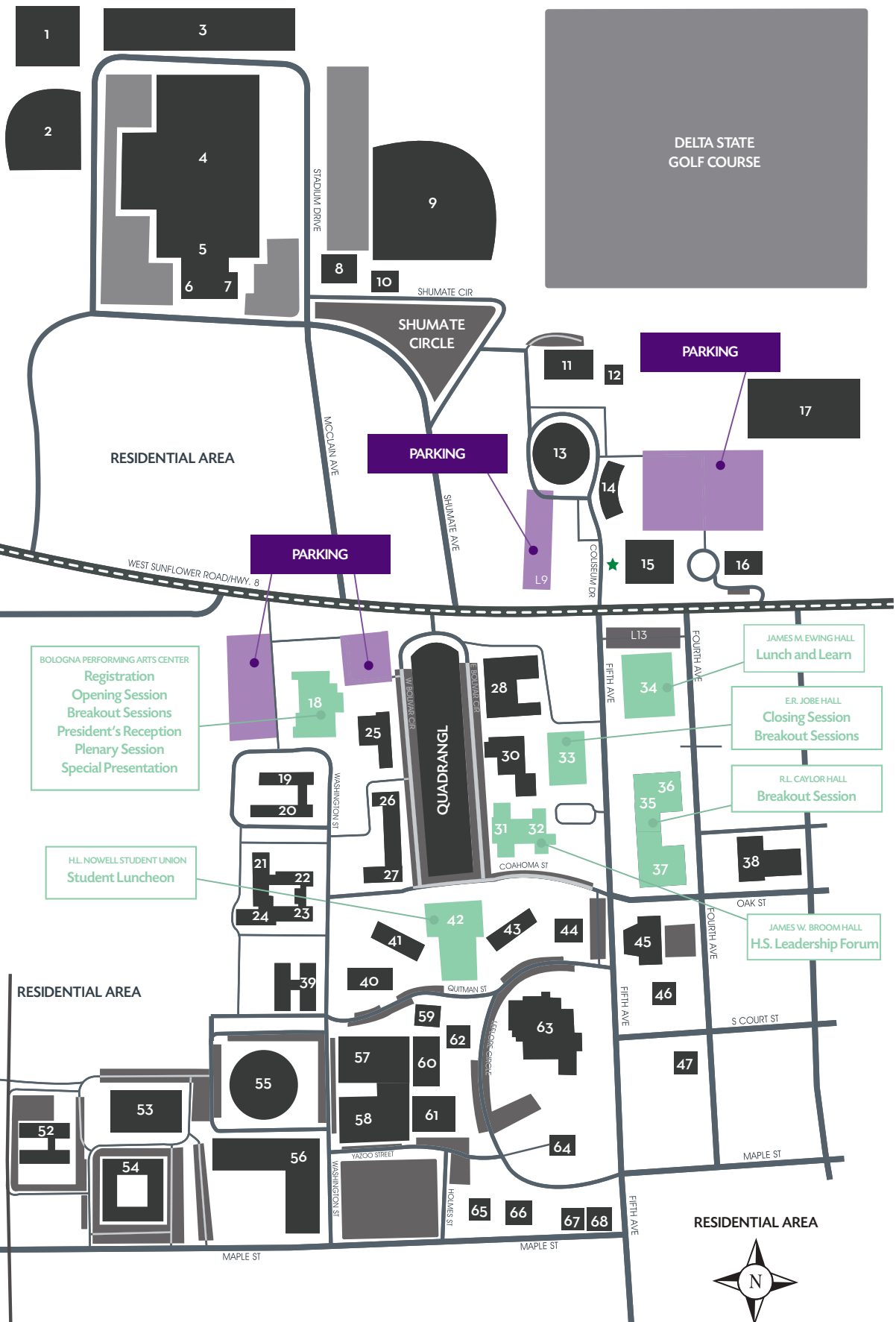
1. Soccer Field
2. Softball Field
3. Statesman Park
4. Travis E. Parker Field/Horace McCool Stadium - Football
5. Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center
6. Chadwick-Dickson Intercollegiate Athletic Building
7. J.A. "Bud" Thigpen, Jr. Baseball Annex
8. Bryce Griffis Indoor Practice Facility
9. Dave "Boo" Ferriss Field – Baseball
Dave "Boo" Ferriss Statue
10. Robert L. Crawford Center & Dave "Boo" Ferriss Museum
11. Tennis Courts
12. Darrell Foreman Golf Course
13. Walter Sillers Coliseum
14. Hugh L. White Hall
15. Kent Wyatt Hall
16. Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni-Foundation House
17. GRAMMY Museum Mississippi
18. Bologna Performing Arts Center
and The Hazel and Jimmy Sanders Sculpture Garden
19. Harkins Residence Hall
20. Lawler Residence Hall
21. Hammett Residence Hall
22. Tatum Residence Hall
23. Cain Residence Hall
24. Fugler Residence Hall
25. William H. Zeigel Music Center
26. Thomas L. Bailey Hall
27. Hamilton-White Child Development Center
28. W.M. Kethley Hall
29. Fielding L. Wright Art Center
30. Holcomb-Norwood Hall
31. James W. Broom Hall
32. Kathryn Keener Hall
33. E.R. Jobe Hall
34. James M. Ewing Hall
Delta Center for Culture and Learning
35. Eleanor Boyd Walters Hall
36. Roy and Clara Belle Wiley Planetarium
37. R.L. Caylor/Jessie S. White Hall

38. Robert E. Smith School of Nursing
39. Brumby-Castle Residence Hall
40. O.W. Reily Student Health Center
41. Ward Hall
42. H.L. Nowell Union
Bookstore/Visitor's Center
Food Court
43. Cleveland Residence Hall
44. Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives & Museum
45. Gibson-Gunn Commercial Aviation
46. Wesley Foundation
47. Baptist Student Center
48. Intramural Fields/Walking Trail
49. E.B. Hill Family Apartments
50. Hugh Cam Smith, Sr. Facilities Management
51. Faculty and Staff Apartments
52. Blansett Residence Hall
53. Tennis Courts
54. Court of Governors Residence Hall
55. Young-Mauldin Dinning Hall
56. Foundation Hall
57. Forest Earl Wyatt Center for Health,
Physical Education and Recreation
58. Aquatics Center
59. Odealier J. Morgan Laundry
60. George B. Walker Natatorium
61. Henry L. Whitfield Hall
Delta Music Institute
62. Lena Roberts Sillers Chapel
63. Roberts-LaForge Library
64. President's Home
65. Administrative Housing
66. Cassity Hall
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68. Administrative Housing

MAP LEGEND

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|  | State Highway |  | Campus Facility |
|  | City Street |  | Event Facility |
|  | Campus Street |  | Parking Area |
|  | Parking Area Thru-way |  | Conference Parking |





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Tuesday, March 28, 2017

REGISTRATION

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BREAKOUT SESSION III

9:25AM - 10:40AM \\ BPAC

***Continental Breakfast Served on site 9:00AM -9:25AM**

TRACK 1. SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND LAW \\ RECITAL HALL, BPAC

PRESENTER

Charles C. Bolton. Professor of History, University of North Carolina at Greensboro



Bolton is Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. From 2005 until July 2015, he was Head of the UCG Department of History. Prior to that, he was Professor and Chair of the Department of History at the University of Southern Mississippi. From 1990 to 2000, Bolton was Director of the Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage at the University of Southern Mississippi. Bolton's major publications include *William F. Winter and the New Mississippi: A Biography* (University Press of Mississippi, 2013); *With All Deliberate Speed: Implementing Brown v. Board of Education*, edited jointly with Brian J. Daugherty (University of Arkansas Press, 2008); *The Hardest Deal of All: The Battle over School Integration in Mississippi, 1870-1980* (University Press of Mississippi, 2005); *The Confessions of Edward Isham: A Poor White Life of the Old South*, edited jointly with Scott Culclasure (University of Georgia Press, 1998); and *Poor Whites of the Antebellum South: Tenants and Laborers in Central North Carolina and Northeast Mississippi* (Duke University Press, 1994).

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Rachel Mayes. Executive Director, Southern Echo



Mayes brings more than 25 years of public, private and government experience in management, financial services and organizational development. She has an undergraduate in Finance and an MBA. As a native of Florence, Mississippi, her values are deeply rooted in family and community. She has been instrumental in bridging community leaders together to address issues involving: land zoning, civic engagement, human services, organizational development and school bond issues.

BREAKOUT SESSION IV

10:50AM - 12:05PM

TRACK 3. EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY \\ RECITAL HALL, BPAC

PRESENTERS

Michele Alexandre. Professor of Law, University of Mississippi Law School



Alexandre joined the University of Mississippi School of Law in 2008 as an Associate Professor. She is the first black woman valedictorian of Colgate University. She earned her Juris Doctor degree (J.D.) from Harvard Law School. Her teaching and scholarly areas include constitutional law, international law, civil rights law, disability law, critical race theory, human rights and gender. She was named one of *Ebony Magazine's* Top 100 influential African Americans of 2013 and one of the 50 "Most Influential Minority Law Professors 50 Years of Age or Younger" by *Lawyers of Color Magazine*. She has received Fulbright and Watson Fellowships. Professor Alexandre also works on issues of sustainability and economic independence for small farmers in Mississippi's Delta and other areas of the rural South. In the fall of 2012 and spring of 2015, she organized national conferences, hosted by the University of Mississippi, focusing on issues of sustainability and social justice for poor populations of the rural south.

Daniel Doyle.
*Executive Director,
 Mississippi Sustainable
 Agriculture Network*



Doyle has a background in both education and agriculture. After teaching, he left the classroom to co-found and manage one of Mississippi's first CSA farms, Yokna (patawpha) Bottoms, in Oxford, MS. He later co-founded Mississippi Ecological Design, a permaculture design business, which developed school gardens and natural play-scapes in Lafayette County, as well as several soil and water management projects in North Mississippi. During this time, he designed and directed the Mississippi Mobile Farm on Wheels project.

Doyle is currently the Director of the Mississippi Sustainable Agriculture Network (MSAN), whose mission is to make sustainable farming and local food production thriving enterprises in Mississippi. Doyle also serves on multiple Boards, including the North Mississippi Land Trust, the Mississippi Food Policy Council, and the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group.

Lynn C. Woo. *Research Associate for Center of Population Studies,
 University of Mississippi*



Woo is a Research Associate for the Center for Population Studies, which is housed within the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Mississippi. At the Center, she is part of a team of researchers that educates, conducts research, and engages in public outreach concerning population issues. She has worked on numerous research projects, mainly centered on community development and community health, with many different partners such as the nonprofit organizations and government agencies. She received her MA from the University of Mississippi in Sociology.

TRACK 4. CULTURE AND COMMUNITY \\\ JOBE AUDITORIUM, E.R. JOBE HALL

PRESENTER

Jaribu Hill. *Director. Mississippi Workers' Center*



Hill is the founder and executive director of the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights. She is a human rights attorney and a veteran community organizer. Hill is an international human rights spokesperson and a frequent writer and commentator on human rights themes. She has served as keynote speaker and cultural presenter at numerous international coverings, including the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa and the 1998 Human Rights Defenders' Summit in Paris, France, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. At the Front Line Conference in Nantes, France in June 2007, Hill was the featured cultural artist, where she presented a musical and spoken word tribute to Rosa Parks, for whom the event was dedicated.

CLOSING SESSION

12:15PM - 1:30PM \\\ JOBE AUDITORIUM, E.R. JOBE HALL

**Reception to follow*

REMARKS

Charles A. McAdams. *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Delta State University*

CALL TO ACTION

Rolando Herts. *Director of Delta Center Culture and Learning and the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area, Delta State University*

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Arlene Sanders. *Chair Delta State University Diversity Committee*

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Lekeitha Morris. *Chair, and Assistant Professor of Speech and Hearing Sciences, Delta State University*

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Jeremiah Smith. *Graduate Student, Delta State University*
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CELEBRATION

Travis Calvin. *Project Coordinator, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Young Men of Color, Delta State University*



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Cleveland, MS // October 27, 2016 // 5:30pm

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April 4, 2017 // 7:00pm

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MEMORIAL HISTORY LECTURE

JOBE AUDITORIUM, E.R. JOBE HALL

Delta State University // April 6, 2017 // 7:00 pm

“LUNCH & LEARN” WITH

JUDGE JARIBU HILL

COAHOMA COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

Clarksdale, MS // March 23, 2017 // 12:15 pm

MARCO PAVE & ALFRED BANKS: HIP

HOP CONCERT, LUNCHEON, AND

PANEL DISCUSSION

BAIONI CONFERENCE CENTER, JAMES W. BROOM HALL

Delta State University // April 11, 2017 // 11:00 am

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PRESS CONFERENCE

AMZIE MOORE HOUSE MUSEUM AND
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Cleveland, MS // March 26, 2017 // 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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