ADVANCING DIVERSITY AT VIRGINIA TECH

INN AT VIRGINIA TECH AND SKELTON CONFERENCE CENTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015

AGENDA

8:00 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast  Latham Foyer
8:30 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks  Latham ABC
    Mark McNamee, Provost
    Timothy Sands, President
    David Travis, Interim Vice Provost for Inclusion and Diversity
9:00 a.m.  Featured Speaker  Latham ABC
    Wayne Robinson, Virginia Tech Board of Visitors
10:00 a.m. Break  Latham Foyer
10:20 a.m. Lightning Talks  Latham ABC
12:00 p.m. Lunch  Latham ABC
1:00 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions:
    Unconscious Bias  Cascades
    Recruitment  Solitude
    Scholarship and Pedagogy  Smithfield
    Mentoring  Duck Pond
2:30 p.m.  Closing Session  Latham ABC
    Inclusion Coordinators
3:00 p.m.  Coffee Break and Poster Session  Latham Foyer
3:30 p.m.  Adjourn
Wayne Robinson  
Virginia Tech Board of Visitors  
Chief Diversity Practice Leader, Wyndham Mills International, Inc.

Mr. Robinson is the chief diversity practice leader with Wyndham Mills International, a global leader in placing talented executives. He works with some of the nation’s leading and largest corporations on diversity, talent identification, recruiting, and onboarding, and has been the architect of numerous strategic partnerships designed to expand and diversify corporate talent pools while creating mutual benefits for corporations and universities. A member of the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame and an ACC Basketball Legend, Robinson’s record of service to the university community includes membership on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and chairing both the Multicultural Alumni Advisory Board and the Virginia Tech Foundation Board.

Lightning Talks

- Chad Mandala, LGBT Caucus
- Glenda Scales, Black Caucus
- María del Carmen Caña Jiménez, Hispanic Caucus
- Susan Arnold-Christian, Center for the Enhancement of Engineering Diversity
- Jody Thompson-Marshall, Multicultural Academic Opportunities Program
- Kimberly Carlson, Business Diversity Center
- Michele Deramo, Diversity Development Institute
- Joe Hunnings, Virginia Cooperative Extension and Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station
- Maria Elisa Christie, Office of International Research, Education, and Development
- Dave Bevan, Post Baccalaureate Research and Education Program and Initiative for Maximizing Student Development
- Dannette Beane, Graduate School
- Derek Gwinn, Athletics
- Anthony Scott, Student Affairs
- Anna LoMascolo, Women’s Center
- Peter Doolittle, Center for Instructional Development and Educational Research
- Eileen Van Aken, College Liaison Program
Concurrent Sessions

Unconscious Bias  Cascades
Lori Baker-Lloyd, Human Resources
Tricia Smith, Student Affairs
Awareness and sensitivity to unconscious bias are central to achieving an environment of inclusivity. This panel will explore the InclusiveVT initiatives associated with unconscious bias. Topics will include professional development, training, and suggestions from the campus community.

Recruitment  Solitude
Juan Espinosa, Undergraduate Education
Dannette Gomez Beane, Graduate Education
Access and success of diverse populations starts with recruitment. This session will discuss the InclusiveVT initiative associated with recruitment. Discussion will be centered on recruitment of undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty members, and staff members.

Scholarship and Pedagogy  Smithfield
Maria Elisa Christie, Outreach and International Affairs
Inclusive pedagogy is a method of teaching that incorporates dynamic practices, multicultural content, and varied means of assessment with the goal of promoting student academic success coupled with social, cultural, and physical well-being. This panel will explore the InclusiveVT initiatives associated with inclusive scholarship and pedagogy. Topics will include academic programs, scholarship, and suggestions from the campus community.

Mentoring  Duck Pond
Ellen Plummer, Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost
InclusiveVT initiatives attempt to expand understanding of inclusion and encourage collaboration across different demographics. Virginia Tech takes a broad approach to mentoring, noting that mentoring occurs in both formal and informal settings. This panel will discuss InclusiveVT initiatives associated with mentoring, and how to best meet the mentoring needs of faculty, staff, and students.

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Poster Presentations

Please take the opportunity to learn about some of the many diversity initiatives at Virginia Tech described on posters in the Latham Foyer:

**Broaching Racial Differences in Student-Faculty Relationships: Strategies for White Faculty and Doctoral Students of Color**  
*Laura E. Welfare, Connie T. Jones, and Shekila Melchior, Counselor Education*

**Diversity as a Core Value**  
*Emily Africa, Pamplin College of Business*

**Diversity and Community Engagement Minor**  
*Ryan Rideau and Sarah Ovink, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences*

**Diversity Recruitment and Outreach**  
*Alphonso Garrett, Office of Undergraduate Admissions*

**Global Ambassador Program: Ut Prosim with a Global Spin**  
*Lyndsy Manz and Kayla St. Clair, Cranwell International Center*

**InclusiveVT at the Graduate School**  
*Dannette Gomez Beane, Graduate School*

**Innovation through Diversity at the Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science**  
*Eleanor Nelsen, Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science*

**Opening Knowledge to Local and Global Audiences**  
*Ginny Pannabecker, University Libraries*

**What’s Your Diversity Metaphor? The Diversity Development Institute**  
*Michele Deramo, University Organizational and Professional Development*

**Multicultural Programs & Services: What we offer, What you need**  
*Tricia Smith, Multicultural Programs & Services*

**Work/Life Policy Utilization at Virginia Tech**  
*Peggy Layne, Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost*