

“Valuing Diversity and Committing to Inclusion in Dialogue and Practice within the University System of Georgia”



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Who should attend?

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Registration

The Diversity Summit requires that attendees and participants register for this inaugural conference. Registration can be accomplished in one of three ways: telephone, fax, or mail. Note that a late registration fee will be assessed on or after October 12, 2009.

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Sessions

The theme of the Diversity Summit, “Valuing Diversity and Committing to Inclusion in Dialogue and Practice,” signifies the general overview of sessions that will be conducted as part of this inaugural conference. Sessions will focus not only on discussions of diversity at colleges and universities, but also how statements concerning inclusion are an active part of institutional practices. The first day of the Summit will emphasize the role of leadership in achieving campus diversity and equity. The second day of the Summit will follow with targeted programs concerning campus culture and how to handle and address difficult dialogues.

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Time	Activity	Location
8:00 AM	Registration	Registration Desk
	Continental Breakfast	Hill Atrium
9:00 AM	Opening Plenary	Mahler Auditorium
	Welcome: Dr. Michael F. Adams, President, UGA Remarks Mr. Erroll B. Davis, Jr., Chancellor, University System of Georgia	
	Speaker: Dr. Walter Allen <i>Engaging Senior Leadership and Faculty</i>	
10:30 AM	Break	Hill Atrium
10:45 AM	Discussion with Dr. Walter Allen	Mahler Auditorium
noon	Luncheon	Magnolia Ballroom
	Greetings: Ms. Nia Phillips, Esq., U.S. Department of Education	
	Presentation: <i>The Impact of Georgia's Changing Demographics on Campus Diversity</i> Presenter: Dr. Warren Brown	
1:30 PM	<i>Acknowledging the Elephant in the Room: Difficult Dialogues and Courageous Conversations</i> Facilitators: Mr. Frank McCloskey, Dr. Jane E. Smith	Mahler Auditorium
3:00 PM	Break	Hill Atrium
3:15 PM	Diversity Café : Institutionalizing Diversity: Models, Structures, and Strategies	Mahler Auditorium
4:30 PM	Campus Diversity Showcase	Mahler Auditorium
5:00 to 6:30 PM	Reception	Pecan Tree Galleria

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Time	Activity	Location
8:00 AM	Registration	Registration Desk
	Continental Breakfast	Hill Atrium
9:00 AM	Opening Plenary	Mahler Auditorium
	Speaker: Dr. Sylvia Hurtado <i>Developing a Framework for Conducting an Institutional Assessment</i>	
10:30 AM	Break	Hill Atrium
10:45 AM	Discussion with Dr. Sylvia Hurtado	Mahler Auditorium
11:30 AM	<i>Looking Toward the Future: A Discussion on Achieving Diversity and Inclusion System-Wide</i>	Mahler Auditorium
12:15 PM	Closing Remarks : Dr. Susan Herbst	

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The University System of Georgia Diversity Summit is pleased to have two keynote presentations. The keynote speakers are Dr. Walter Allen and Dr. Sylvia Hurtado, both of the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Allen and Dr. Hurtado are widely recognized as leading scholars in the areas of diversity in higher education, diverse learning environments, sociological perspectives of race and ethnicity, student educational outcomes, and campus climates.

Dr. Walter Allen

Dr. Allen is Professor of Education and holder of the Allen Murray Carter Chair in Higher Education at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies of the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Allen is also Professor of Sociology at UCLA and Co-Director of CHOICES, a longitudinal study of college access and attendance among African-Americans and Latinos in California. Dr. Allen's research and teaching focus on diversity in higher education, social inequality, family studies, and comparative race, ethnicity, and inequality.

[View Dr. Allen's research and projects.](#)

Dr. Sylvia Hurtado

Dr. Hurtado is Professor and Director of the Higher Education Research Institute in the Graduate School of Education and Information Sciences of the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to coming to UCLA, Dr. Hurtado served as Director of the Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education at the University of Michigan. Dr. Hurtado has published numerous articles and books related to interests in student learning outcomes, campus climates, college impact on student development, and diversity in higher education.

[View Dr. Hurtado's research links and biography.](#)

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- [Registration Form](#) (PDF)
- [Center for Continuing Education Conference Center & Hotel Information](#)

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Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center & Hotel

Website: http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/about/the_center/index.phtml

The Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center & Hotel is pleased to serve as the host conference site for the University System of Georgia's inaugural Diversity Summit. The Georgia Center hosts programs throughout the year for a myriad number of groups, both public and private. You are invited to explore programs hosted by the Georgia Center. Ms. Holly Blanchard of the Georgia Center is the designated hotel site coordinator should you need additional assistance with lodging or other center amenities (e.g., business services, access to facilities, dining options, etc.) (Holly.Blanchard@georgiacenter.uga.edu, 706-542-3395).

Lodging

The Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center & Hotel boasts a newly renovated facility that includes 200 rooms and suites. Originally established in 1957 with funding from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Center houses five executive board rooms, 18 meeting rooms with technological access, two auditoriums, approximately 9,000 square feet of exhibit space as well as other amenities. Should you need to discuss your lodging arrangements with a Center representative, please call 1-800-884-1381 or 706-542-2134 — attention: Conference Registration (Reference: Diversity Summit, Event No. #68720).

Visit the [Conference Center & Hotel website](#) for further details concerning the hotel.

Directions

Directions to the Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center & Hotel can be found on the [Center's webpage](#). The Center is located on the campus of the University of Georgia at 1197 South Lumpkin Street. A [printable map](#) (PDF) is also available.

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