

# EXPLORING DIVERSITY AND EQUITY IN EDUCATION, CAREERS, AND THE COMMUNITY



# Conference Agenda

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## Thursday, February 26, 2015

- 8:30 am to 9:00 am      Registration
- 9:00 am to 9:30 am      Conference Opening & Welcome  
Introduction: Dr. Reginald Chhen Stewart  
**Regent Cedric Crear**
- 9:30 am to 11:00 am      Keynote address:  
Introduction: Dr. Eleni Oikonomidou  
**Dr. Geneva Gay**  
**Professor, Education at the University of Washington-Seattle**  
**Research areas: Multicultural Education, curriculum theory, and the intersections of culture, race, ethnicity, teaching and learning.**
- 11:00 am to 11:30 am      **Posters/Graffiti Wall**
- 11:30 am to 12:00 pm      Lunch
- 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm      **Concurrent Sessions**
- 1:15 pm to 1:25 pm      Break
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- 2:40 pm to 2:50 pm      Break
- 2:50 pm to 4:05 pm      **Concurrent Sessions**
- 4:05 pm to 4:15 pm      Break
- 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm      Performance and Discussion:  
**Guante**  
**Hip hop artist, two-time National Poetry Slam champion, social justice activist, educator and writer.**

## Friday, February 27, 2015

- 8:15 am to 8:30 am      Registration
- 8:30 am to 9:30 am      Panel Discussion  
**“Identifying Connections: Education, Careers & Community”**
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9:00	9:30	<b>Conference Opening &amp; Welcome</b> Speaker: Regent Cedric Crear  <i>Theatre – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</i>	
9:30	11:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keynote: Dr. Geneva Gay</b> Professor, Education at the University of Washington-Seattle Research areas: Multicultural Education, curriculum theory, and the intersections of culture, race, ethnicity, teaching and learning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Cultural Responsiveness in College Classrooms and Communities”</b> This presentation examines the necessity, validity, and viability of dealing explicitly with ethnic, racial, and cultural diversity in the policies, programs, and practices of colleges and universities. Its purpose is to explore what culturally responsiveness to diversity means within the context of college education, why it is needed, and how it can be done more effectively.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Theatre – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</i></p>	
11:00	11:30	<p><b>Posters/Graffiti Wall</b></p> <p><b>“Diversity and Its Effect on Financial Aid”</b> Lynn Lazaro, GenFKD Campus Fellow Amy Nelson, Financial Specialist University of Nevada, Reno</p> <p><b>“Listening to our Community: Forging strong relationships that support the success of all students”</b> Fatima Rivas, Multicultural Outreach Specialist-Community Engagement Washoe County School District</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Theatre – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</i></p>	
11:30	12:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:00	1:15	<p><b>Track: Diversity Perspectives in Education</b> <b>Location: JCSU Theatre - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</b></p> <p><b>“Diversity as Variety or Diversity as Difference: The Perspective of First-year Students”</b> Jennifer Lowman, Ph.D. Student Persistence Research Coordinator University of Nevada, Reno</p> <p><b>“Courageous Conversations about Equity, Race, Diversity, and Privilege in Education”</b> Tiffany Young Equity and Diversity Coordinator Washoe County School District</p> <p><b>“Diversity and Difference: Two Coined Faces of the Same Problematic”</b> Iker Arranz, Ph.D. Basque Lecturer</p> <p><i>CHAIR/DISCUSSANT: Paul Huggins</i></p>	<p><b>Track: Transitioning Students through Education Levels</b> <b>Location: JCSU Room 402- 4<sup>th</sup> Floor</b></p> <p><b>“The Latino Cohort Program Approach to College Success”</b> John Kinkella, Dean of Student Services Lupe Ramirez, Latino Outreach Coordinator Western Nevada College</p> <p><b>“Raising the Bar: Grad School”</b> Libier Martinez, Graduate Student Alexander Segura, Graduate Student Ohanna Turcios, Graduate Student University of Nevada, Reno</p> <p><b>“Double Consciousness and the First Year Experience for Students of Color at Predominantly White Institutions”</b> Jody Lykes Student Development Coordinator, GRI Instructor, Equity &amp; Diversity Graduate Student Center for Student Cultural Diversity University of Nevada, Reno</p> <p><i>CHAIR/DISCUSSANT: Lydia DeFlorio</i></p>
1:15	1:25	<b>Break</b>	
1:25	2:40	<p><b>Track: Career Considerations</b> <b>Location: JCSU Theatre - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</b></p> <p><b>“Is a Competitive Work Environment Conducive to Supporting Diversity? Exploring Language and Behavioral</b></p>	<p><b>Track: Student Success in English and Science</b> <b>Location: JCSU Room 402- 4<sup>th</sup> Floor</b></p> <p><b>“Bridging the Gap of Linguistic Experience”</b> Sandra Prytherch, M. A., Project Coordinator</p>

		<p><b><i>Dynamics in the Workplace</i></b>  <i>Louis Forline, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anthropology University of Nevada, Reno</i></p> <p><b><i>“Diversity Education through Student Employment Program”</i></b>  <i>Su Hoon Tan, Programs &amp; Marketing Communications James Cox, Associate Director of Programs Joe Crowley Student Union University of Nevada, Reno</i></p> <p><b><i>“Providing Professional Learning for Paraprofessionals in Washoe County School District”</i></b>  <i>Shawn Pennell, M.A., Technology &amp; Paraprofessional Program Coordinator Jacque Ewing-Taylor, Raggio STEM Education Associate Director Toni Rader, Washoe County School District Coordinator</i></p> <p><i>CHAIR/DISCUSSANT: Zhizhong “Z” Li</i></p>	<p><i>Rod E. Case, Ph.D., Associate Professor Shawn Pennell, M.A., Technology &amp; Paraprofessional Program Coordinator Northern Nevada English Learning Initiative (NNELI)</i></p> <p><b><i>“Real World Reading and Writing for Real World Students”</i></b>  <i>Kim Cuevas 7-12 ELA Program Coordinator Washoe County School District</i></p> <p><b><i>“Equitable Practices to Generate Interest and Participation of Underrepresented Students in STEM Fields”</i></b>  <i>Blanca Miller Equity &amp; Diversity Graduate Student University of Nevada, Reno</i></p> <p><i>CHAIR/DISCUSSANT: Lane Simonian</i></p>
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8:30	9:30	<b>Panel Discussion: “Identifying Connections: Education, Careers &amp; Community”</b> Speakers: <b>Debra Collins</b> , RN, BSN, Nevada Action Coalition, <b>Oscar Delgado</b> , Councilman Ward 3, City of Reno, <b>President Marc Johnson</b> , University of Nevada, Reno and <b>Linda Paulic</b> , RNC, MPA, Nevada Action Coalition Moderator: Kim Beers  <i>Theatre – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</i>		
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