CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week is targeted at all members of the CCI community with specific focus on our 1,200 undergraduate majors. The 4-day event offers participants an opportunity to gain diversity skills and knowledge along with a chance to dialogue about diversity and inclusion issues and to share best practices by bringing together leaders and experts from inside and outside the college and university. This year’s theme is “Let’s Talk: Listen, Learn and Lead.” A keynote speech, a keynote panel, an open forum, eight panels and a diversity festival will provide our students, faculty, staff and the UT Knoxville community with an inspirational and informative week designed to advance their understanding of and appreciation for diversity and inclusion. The draft schedule for CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week is as follows. All sessions are free and open to the public and will be streamed online.

2018 CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week Planning Committee: Alice Wirth (chair), Jake Albright, Jorden Albright, Suzie Allard, Jonathan Chaffen, Moonhee Cho, Beth Cole, Lisa Fall, Mark Geller, Howard Grower, John Haas, Diane Kelly, Catherine Luther, John McNair, Bharat Mehra, Josh Melendez, Chris Obear, Leslie Poynter, Tala Shatara, Donna Silvey, Maureen Taylor, Chelsea Trott, Mike Wirth and Julian Wright.

2018 CCI Diversity Festival Committee: Alice Wirth (chair), Jorden Albright, Chloe Armstrong, Emily Caylor, Savanna Jacoby, Nicholas Stokes, Hannah Whitson

Monday, September 24 – Technology: Amplifying Voices, Changing Society

Morning Session
Topic: “Marginalized Communities and the Web”
Organizers: Suzie Allard and Diane Kelly
Moderator:
Diane Kelly, Director & Professor, Information Sciences
Speaker:
Jessa Lingel, Assistant Professor, Annenberg School of Communication, University of Pennsylvania
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Afternoon Session
Topic: “#Movement: Social Media and Change”
Organizers: Moonhee Cho, Catherine Luther, Leslie Poynter

Moderator:
Moonhee Cho, Assistant Professor, Advertising & Public Relations
Panelists:
Brooke Bagley, Counselor, East Tennessee Sexual Assault Center
Shaneda Destine, Assistant Professor, Sociology
Edward Garnes, UT Doctoral Student
Kimberly Peterson, UT Doctoral Student
Susan Williams, Coordinator, Highlander Library/Resource Center
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 12:15-1:15 p.m.

CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week Keynote
Keynote Speaker:
Alison Bethel McKenzie, Executive Director, Society of Professional Journalists
Location: Patrick Auditorium, 321 Communications Building
Reception: 4:30 p.m.
Talk: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25 – How to Listen
Morning Session
Topic: “Politics and Civil Discourse”
Organizers: Bharat Mehra, Alice Wirth, John Haas, Howard Grower
Moderator:
John Haas, Director & Associate Professor, Communication Studies
Panelists:
Savanna Jacoby, UT Student
Bharat Mehra, Professor, Information Sciences
Brittany Tarwater, Anchor/Multimedia Journalist, WVLT-TV
K.C. Williams, Director, Blount County Public Library
“This session will utilize a skit and a YouTube video along with panelists to generate discussion around the session topic.”
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 11:10 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

Afternoon Session
Topic: “Immigration: Capturing the Dream”
Organizers: Tala Shatara, Chris Obear
Moderator:
Brandy Mmbaga, UT Doctoral Student
Panelists:
Sal DiMaria, Professor Emeritus, Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures
Bharat Mehra, Professor, Information Sciences
Haseeb Qureshi, CEO & Co-Founder, Audiohand and Attorney/Entrepreneur in Residence, Morehouse Legal Group
Yassin Terou, Owner, Yassin’s Falafel House
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 2:10-3:25 p.m.

Evening Session
Topic: “CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society Open Forum on Technology Use and Civility”
Organizers: CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society
Moderator:
Jorden Albright, UT Student
Panelists:
Jake Albright, UT Student
Edward Garnes, UT Doctoral Student
Tala Shatara, UT Student
Chelsea Trott, UT Student
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 5:05-6:20 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 26 – Life Happens**

**Morning Session**
Topic: “Coping with Life Issues”
Organizers: Tala Shatara, Beth Cole, Leslie Poynter, Alice Wirth
Moderator:
Lisa Fall, Professor of Management, Pellissippi State Community College
Panelists:
Annie-Europa Ankaam-Asamoah, UT Student
Dr. Elizabeth Baker, UT Student Health Center
Jonathan Chaffen, UT Student
Drew Clements, Pellissippi State Student
Caitlin Lloyd, UT Student
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 10:05-11:05 a.m.

**Afternoon Session**
Topic: “Marginalized Populations and the Justice System”
Organizers: Josh Melendez, Maureen Taylor, Alice Wirth
Moderator: Maureen Taylor, Director & Professor, Advertising & Public Relations
Panelists:
John Gill, Former U.S. Attorney and retired Special Counsel for the Knox County DA’s Office
Joy Radice, Director & Associate Professor, UT Legal Clinic
Clarence Vaughn, III, Executive Director, Knoxville Police Advisory Committee
Julian Wright, UTK Admissions Counselor/DSLS Assistant Director
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week Keynote Panel**
Topic: “Listen, Learn & Lead: Perspectives from UT Student Athletes”
Moderators:
Chris Obear, UT Student
Alice Wirth, Communication Studies Lecturer & Director, CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society
Panelists:
John Fulkerson, UT Student Athlete
Cheridene Green, UT Student Athlete
Lamonte Turner, UT Student Athlete
Grant Williams, UT Student Athlete
Location: Patrick Auditorium, 321 Communications Building
Reception: 5:15–5:45 p.m.
Panel: 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 27 – Appreciation and Application
Morning Session
Topic: “Cultural Appropriation vs. Appreciation”
Organizers: Josh Melendez, Tala Shatara, Mark Geller, Jonathan Chaffen
Moderators:
Jonathan Chaffen, UT Student
Mark Geller, Director of Development, College of Communication and Information
Panelists:
Idil Issak, UT Doctoral Student
Thomas Tran, UT Doctoral Student
Raja Swamy, Assistant Professor, Anthropology
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 9:40-10:55 a.m.

Afternoon Session
Topic: “What Would You Do?”
Organizers: Alice Wirth, Catherine Luther, Julian Wright
Moderator: Julian Wright, UTK Admissions Counselor/DSLS Assistant Director
Discussant: Brandy Mmbaga, UT Doctoral Student
Actors:
Jake Albright, UT Student
Katelyn Gonzalez, UT Student
Lexi Houston, UT Student
Chris Obear, UT Student
Vanessa Rodriguez, UT Student
Chelsea Trott, UT Student
“This session will utilize skits to generate student discussion around a number of diversity and inclusion current topics.”
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 12:40-1:55 p.m.

Evening CCI Diversity Festival
An all-campus barbecue with diverse music, dance, games for all ages, a photo booth and cultural performances; CCI student organizations participating include: Ad Club, Communication Studies Club, Diversity Student Leaders Society, Public Relations Student Society of America, and Society of Professional Journalists.
Location: Communications Building Lobby and Patio
Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.