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 “Diversity and Inclusion: R-E-S-P-E-C-T.” Two keynote speeches, 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.

2017 CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week Planning Committee: Alice Bowling Wirth (Chair), Sara Akalu, Jacob Albright, Moonhee Cho, Beth Cole, Justin Crawford, Maria Fontenot, Mark Geller, John Haas, Johnesha Harris, Diane Kelly, Cindy Lancaster, Catherine Luther, Mike Martinez, John McNair, Bharat Mehra, Lisa Oliver, Leslie Poynter, Tala Shatara, Maureen Taylor, Chelsea Trott, Natalie Ward, Cindy Welch, Mike Wirth, Julian Wright and Lauren Ziegler

2017 CCI Diversity Festival Committee: Alice Bowling Wirth (Chair), Justin Crawford, Faith French, Nina Szymaszek, Johnesha Harris, Chelsea Trott, Jordan Vines, Natalie Ward, Ariel Williams

The schedule for CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week is as follows.

**Monday, September 25**

**Morning Session**

Topic: “Mental Health and Media Effects”

**Moderators:**
Catherine Luther, Professor & Director, UT School of Journalism and Electronic Media
Tala Shatara, UT student

**Panelist:** Erik Fisher, Psychologist, Media Analyst, CNN Contributor

**Location:** Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)

**Time:** 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Afternoon Session**

Topic: “Being Comfortable in Your Own Skin”

**Moderators:**
Lisa Oliver, UT student
Alice Wirth, UT Communication Studies Lecturer & Director, CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society

**Panelists:**
Justin Crawford, UT student
Ronnie Little, UT student
Kayla Parker, UT student
Crue Smith, UT student
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 2:25-3:25 p.m.

CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week Keynote 1
Keynote Speaker: UT Chancellor Beverly Davenport
Location: Patrick Auditorium, 321 Communications Building
Keynote Reception: 4:30 p.m.
Keynote Talk: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26
Morning Session
Topic: “Social Media and Trolling”
Moderator:
Laura Mansfield, Lecturer, UT School of Advertising and Public Relations
Panelists:
Brandon Boatwright, Adam Brown Social Media Command Center & CCI Doctoral Student
Jakob Johnson, UT student
Kelley Kain, Corporal, UT Police Department
Tala Shatara, UT student
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 9:40-10:55 a.m.

Afternoon Session
Topic: “Immigration and Respect for the American Dream”
Moderator:
Maureen Taylor, Director, UT School of Advertising and Public Relations
Panelists:
Sara Akalu, UT student
Claudia Caballero, Executive Director, Centro Hispano
Nick Geidner, Associate Professor, UT School of Journalism and Electronic Media
Drocella Mugorewera, Executive Director, Bridge Refugee Services
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 2:10-3:25 p.m.

Evening Session
Topic: “Open Forum on Diversity and Inclusion: Emotional Intelligence in the Classroom”
Organizers: CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society
Moderator:
Justin Crawford, Co-President, CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society
Chelsea Trott, Co-President, CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
**Wednesday, September 27**

**Morning Session**
Topic: “Respect for Religion”

**Moderator:**
Bharat Mehra, Associate Professor, UT School of Information Sciences

**Panelists:**
Jaime Marquis, UT student, President, UT Hillel Jewish Student Organization
Keith McGee, UT student, President, UT Collegiate Black Christians
Lisa Oliver, UT student

**Location:** Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
**Time:** 10:05-11:05 a.m.

**Afternoon Session**
Topic: “Free Speech and Politics”

**Moderator:**
Mike Martinez, Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and Electronic Media

**Panelists:**
Deborah Fisher, Executive Director, Coalition for Open Government
Jack McElroy, Editor, Knoxville News Sentinel
Carole Myers, Associate Professor, UT College of Nursing
Theotis Robinson, Retired UT Vice President of Equity and Diversity, former Knoxville City Councilman, and Knoxville News Sentinel Columnist

**Location:** Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
**Time:** 12:15-1:15 p.m.

CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week Keynote 2
**Keynote Speaker:** Madeline Rogero, Mayor of Knoxville
**Location:** Patrick Auditorium, Com 321
**Keynote Reception:** 4:30 p.m.
**Keynote Talk:** 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 28**

**Morning Session**
Topic: “Disagreeing in a Civil Fashion”

**Moderator:**
Maureen Taylor, Professor & Director, UT School of Advertising and Public Relations

**Panelists:**
Edward Garnes, UT Counseling Center and UT Doctoral Student in Psychology
Courtney Wright, Associate Professor, UT School of Communication Studies

**Location:** Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
**Time:** 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.
Afternoon Session
Topic: “Bridging Hidden Divides”
Moderator:
Julian Wright, Counselor, UT Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Assistant Director, CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society
Performers/Panelists:
Dena Baker, UT student
Justin Crawford, UT student
Johnesha Harris, UT student
Tara Holley, UT student
Chelsea Trott, UT student
Natalie Ward, UT student
Courtney Wright, Associate Professor, UT School of Communication Studies
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; all CCI student organizations will be participating including: Ad Club, Communication Studies Club, Diversity Student Leaders Society, National Association of Black Journalists, Public Relations Student Society of America, and Society of Professional Journalists.
Organizer: Alice Wirth
Location: Communications Building
Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.