

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
College of Communication and Information
Diversity & Inclusion Week
September 26 – 29, 2016

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: It's Time" along with daily sub-themes consisting of "The Culture Sphere," "The Big Orange Sphere," "The Public Sphere," and "The Professional Sphere." A keynote speech, 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.

2016 CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week Planning Committee Members: Alice Bowling Wirth (Chair), Jacob Albright, Adam Block, Beth Cole, John Haas, Elizabeth Hurst, Marisa Jones, Cindy Lancaster, John McNair, Bharat Mehra, Leslie Poynter, Ashley Sams, Maureen Taylor, Chelsea Trott, Natalie Ward, Cindy Welch, Julian Wright, Mike Wirth

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The Final schedule for CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week is as follows. All sessions are free and open to the public and will be streamed online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/utkcci>.

Monday, September 26 – The Culture Sphere

Morning Session

Topic: "Diversity and Inclusion and Privilege"

Moderator:

Jodi Rightler-McDaniels, South College General Studies Department Chair

Panelists:

Adam Block, UT student

Renee Smith, UT Digital Media Services Coordinator & School of Journalism & Electronic Media Lecturer

Nardo Turner, UT student

Lei White, Dynes Media

Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)

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

Afternoon Session

Topic: “Diversity and Inclusion and Media Portrayals”

Moderator:

Catherine Luther, Professor & Director, UT School of Journalism & Electronic Media

Panelists:

Chuck Maland, Professor of English and Chair, Cinema Studies Program

Josh Loebner, Director of Strategy, Designsensory

Mona Nair, Anchor/Reporter, WATE-TV 6

Patrick Powell, Director of Development, UT College of Communication and Information

Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)

Time: 2:25-3:25 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27 – The Big Orange Sphere

Morning Session

Topic: “Diversity & Inclusion: Profiles in Courage”

Moderator:

Tearsa Smith, Anchor/Reporter, WATE-TV 6

Panelists:

Shannon Herron, CEO, All Out Knoxville

Bonnie Hufford, retired Assistant Professor, UT School of Journalism & Electronic Media

Elizabeth Ritchie, Executive Director of Autism Breakthrough of Knoxville

Theotis Robinson, retired UT Vice President for Equity & Diversity

Loida Velazquez, Hispanics in Education & Training

Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)

Time: 9:40-10:55 a.m.

Afternoon Session

Topic: “Diversity and Inclusion on Campus”

Moderator:

Julian Wright, DSLS Student Advisor

Panelists:

Justin Crawford, UT student

Victoria Ogier, UT Student, VP of membership, PRSSA

Myrna Gourgy, UT student

Kaylyn Harris, UT student

Nainika Sudheendra, UT student

Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)

Time: 2:10-3:25 p.m.

Evening Session

Topic: “Big Orange Open Forum on Diversity and Inclusion”

Organizers: CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society

Moderator: Julian Wright, DSLS Student Advisor

Panelists:

Ashley Butler, UT student

Melissa Shivers, Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students

Sarah Swinford, UT student
Carson Hollingsworth, SGA President
Nailah Hakeem-Brown, UT student
Trevor Bass, UT student
Myrna Gourgy, UT student
Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
Time: 5:05-6:20 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28 – The Public Sphere

Morning Session

Topic: “Diversity and Inclusion and Law Enforcement”

Moderator:

John Haas, Associate Professor & Director, UT School of Communication Studies

Panelists:

David Rausch, Chief of Police, Knoxville Police Department

Mike Emerson, Police Corporal, UT Police Department

Davis Porcari, Clinical Aide/Outreach Associate, Tennessee Sports Medicine Group

Julian Wright, DSLS Student Advisor

Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)

Time: 10:05-11:05 a.m.

Afternoon Session

Topic: “Diversity and Inclusion and Politics”

Moderators:

Bharat Mehra, Associate Professor, UT School of Information Sciences

Maureen Taylor, Beaman Professor & Director, UT School of Advertising & Public Relations

Panelists:

Daniel Brown, former Mayor & Council Member, City of Knoxville

Rynn Dupes, President, League of Women Voters Knoxville/Knox County

Dean Rice, Chief of Staff, Knox County Mayor

Kauri Williams-Cockfield, Director, Blount County Public Library

Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)

Time: 12:15-1:15 p.m.

CCI Diversity and Inclusion Week Keynote

Keynote Speaker:

Alaka Williams, Senior Vice President of Network Human Resources, Scripps Networks
Interactive

Location: McClung Museum Auditorium

Time: 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 29 – The Professional Sphere

Morning Session

Topic: “Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace”

Moderators:

Annazette Houston, Director, UT Disability Services
Alice Wirth, UT Communication Studies Lecturer & Director, CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society

Panelists:

Florence Abad-Turner, Distinguished Lecturer, French, UT Department of Modern Foreign Languages & Literatures

Frank Cuevas, Assistant Vice Chancellor & Executive Director, UT Housing

Josh Cunningham, UT grad student

Jondra Darden, Coordinator, UT Undergraduate Admissions

Josh Loebner, Director of Strategy, Design sensory

Location: Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)

Time: 11:10 a.m.-12:25 p.m.

Afternoon Session

Topic: "Workplace Intergenerational Diversity and Inclusion"

Moderators:

Leslie Poynter, Communication & Information Career Consultant, UT Center for Career Development

Cindy Welch, Clinical Associate Professor, UT School of Information Sciences

Panelists:

Pamela Howell, Accounting Coordinator, UT Center for Information & Communication Studies

Melanie Laprade, UT student & Manager, Blaze Pizza

Will McDaniels, Administrative Support Assistant III, UT College of Communication and Information Undergraduate Advising Center

Deidra Phillips, Program Manager, Security Awareness and Training, Tennessee Valley Authority

Julie Roe, Employee Relations Coordinator, UT Human Resources

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, Public Relations Student Society of America, Society of Professional Journalists, School of Information Sciences Student Organizations and more.

Organizer: Alice Wirth

Location: CCI Lobby/Patio

Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.