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.

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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
**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:** 5:05-6:20 p.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
Kaurri Williams-Cockfield, Director, Blount County Public Library
**Location:** Scripps Convergence Lab (Com 402)
**Time:** 10:05-11:05 a.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, Designsensory

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.