NC Women of Color Research Network
2021 Annual Symposium
Thursday, May 27, 2021 • 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m.  Join Zoom Meeting

8:45 a.m.  Opening
Ericka Reid, Ph.D., Director, Office of Science Education and Diversity, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
Sharonda LeBlanc, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Physics, North Carolina State University (NCSU)
Co-Chairs, NC Women of Color Research Network (NC WoCRN)

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.  Welcome
Gwen Collman, Ph.D., Acting Deputy Director, NIEHS

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.  Keynote Speaker Introduction
Jill Keith (Harp), Ph.D., Professor and Interim Director, Biomedical Research Infrastructure Center, Winston-Salem State University (WSSU)

Keynote: “The STEM Career Advice You Probably Didn’t Get”
Talitha Washington, Ph.D., Director, Atlanta University Center (AUC) Data Science Initiative Consortium and Professor of Mathematics, Clark Atlanta University

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  Panel Discussion: The Role of Networks and Collaborations in Our Research Careers
Susan Lankford, Ph.D., Director, Science and Technology Development, North Carolina Biotechnology Center
Quantil Melendez, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, NIFP Technologies, North Carolina Central University (NCCU)
Pamela McCauley, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Wilson College of Textiles, NCSU
Deborah Philp, Ph.D., Research Training Specialist, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH
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11:00 - 11:15 a.m.  Break
Slide Show: Pitch Your Research Visually

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Pitch Your Research Verbally

12:15 - 12:45 p.m.  Lunch
Slide Show: Pitch Your Research Visually

12:45 - 2:15 p.m.  Roundtable Networking
Mercedes Arana, Ph.D., NIEHS
Linda Bass, Ph.D., NIEHS
Sharon Beard, M.S., NIEHS
Jada Brooks, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)
Dawn Henderson, Ph.D., Collective Health and Education Equity Research (CHEER)
Darlene Dixon, Ph.D., NIEHS
Catherine Hoyo, Ph.D., NCSU
Jacqueline Hughes-Oliver, Ph.D., NCSU
Terri Long, Ph.D., NCSU
Erin Lynch, Ph.D., WSSU
Gloria Thomas, Ph.D., UNC

2:15 - 2:30 p.m.  Closing Remarks: Co-Chairs, NC WoCRN
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