



NC Women of Color Research Network 2024 Symposium: Leveraging Cultural Identity

Hosted by NIEHS and NC State

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

NIEHS Rodbell Auditorium

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration – Coffee and Doughnuts**

9:00 – 9:25 a.m. **Welcome from the NC WoCRN Co-Chairs, NIEHS, and NC State**

Ericka Reid, Ph.D., Director, Office of Science Education
and Diversity (NIEHS)

Sharonda LeBlanc, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Physics (NC State)

9:25 – 10:30 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Leveraging Cultural Identity**

Moderator: Angela King-Herbert, D.V.M., DAACLAM –
Head, DTT Comparative Medicine Group (NIEHS)

Panelists: Rosalina Bray, M.Sc., CEP (NIH/OD);
Frances Graham, Ph.D. (Maryville University);
Yvette Huet, Ph.D. (UNC-Charlotte);
Melissa Smarr, Ph.D. (NCI); Diana Urieta, MSW (NC State)

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break and Transition to Roundtable Networking Session**

10:45 a.m. – noon **Roundtable Networking**

Leads: Mercedes Arana, Ph.D. (NIEHS); Sharon Beard (NIEHS); Undi Hoffler, Ph.D. (NCCU);
Lori Hoggard, Ph.D. (NC State); Michele Itano, Ph.D. (UNC); Chandra Jackson, Ph.D. (NIEHS);
Arion Kennedy, Ph.D. (NC State); Stephanie Luster-Teasley Pass, Ph.D. (NCA&T);
Maria Mayorga, Ph.D. (NC State); Carolina Medina (NIEHS); Radiah Minor, Ph.D. (NCA&T)

Noon – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch (On campus)**

1:00 – 1:50 p.m. **Poster Session (Rodbell Lobby)**

1:50 – 2:00 p.m. **Closing: NC WoCRN Co-Chairs**

- Poster Recognition
- Remarks

2:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

