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III Annual Bridging the Gap Symposium 2014

June 12 from 8:00am to 3:30pm

Jones Center for Families - 922 E Emma Ave, Springdale, AR 72764

Program Agenda

- Sponsors:** College of Education and Health Professions; Office of Diversity Affairs at the University of Arkansas; La Oficina Latina at the University of Arkansas; Office of Diversity and Inclusion Sam M. Walton College of Business; the Arkansas Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap from the Arkansas Department of Education; and the Office of Admissions
- Audience:** For teachers, parents, school administrators, community members/leaders, University faculty/administration, teacher education majors, organizations, state and local officials, agencies, advocacy teams, ministers, and businesses.
- Goal:** Reach out to different school districts to address and highlight best practices in order to coordinate statewide efforts on effectively closing the academic achievement gap.

Time	Activity	Location
7:00am	Vendors set up	Hall outside the auditorium (Jones Center Chapel)
7:00am to 8:00am	Registration Coffee and Pastries	Table at the entrance of the auditorium In the hall outside the auditorium
8:00am to 8:15am	Welcome to Northwest Arkansas by Dr. Charles Robinson, Vice-Chancellor for Diversity at the University of Arkansas	Jones Center Auditorium (Chapel)
8:16am to 8:30am	Welcome to the symposium by Dr. Dawn Simpson, Chair of the Arkansas Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap	Jones Center Auditorium (Chapel)
8:30am to 8:40am	Dr. Luis Restrepo – Welcome and introduction of Dr. Gary Ritter	Jones Center Auditorium (Chapel)
8:40am to 9:40am	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gary Ritter, Professor and Endowed Chair in Education Policy	Jones Center Auditorium (Chapel)

	Department of Education Reform, University of Arkansas		
9:45am to 10:45am	Concurrent Panel Session 1: Teaching for the Success of Underserved Students		
Audience	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>Educational Leaders and Policymakers</i>	<i>Parents and Community Leaders</i>
Location	Room 226 – Kansas City	Room 227 - Springdale	Room 228 - Memphis
Panels			
Moderator	Chris Goering Associate Professor of English Education, University of Arkansas	Misty Newcomb Executive Director, Prism Education Center	Diana Gonzales-Worthen Director RISE Project at the University of Arkansas Founder OneCommunity
Panelist 1	Donna Wake Assistant Professor and M.A.T. Program, Coordinator College of Education, University of Central Arkansas	Luke VanDeWalle Chief Academic Officer, KIPP Delta Public Charter Schools	Reagan Durán English PADRES Program, Bonnie Grimes Elementary School
Panelist 2	Jason Endacott Assistant Professor of Social Studies Education, University of Arkansas	Sara Ford Principal, J.O. Kelley Middle School, Springdale School District	Ruth Lora Spanish PADRES Program, Bonnie Grimes Elementary School
Panelist 3	Brandon Flammang High School Teacher, Archer Learning Center	Tamekia Love-Brown Principal, Central Junior High School, Springdale School District	Sarah Beers One Community Liaison, Springdale Family Literacy Program
Panelist 4	Olga Muñoz ESOL Facilitator, Teacher of the Year, Bonnie Grimes Elementary School; Rogers Public Schools District		Julia Crane Marshallese Digital Literacy Class, Monitor Elementary School
10:45am to 11:00am	Short break Panelists can use the Room 222 – Dallas to take breaks, relax, or check emails		

11:00am to 12:00pm Concurrent Panel Session 2: Effective Programs for the Success of Underserved Students			
Audience	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>Educational Leaders and Policymakers</i>	<i>Parents and Community Leaders</i>
Location	Jones Center Auditorium	Room 227 - Springdale	Room 228 - Memphis
Panels			
Moderator	Rachel Cole Senior Managing Director for Teacher Development in Arkansas, Teach for America	Rafael Arciga Assistant Director of Admissions, University of Arkansas	Sherece West-Scantlebury President and CEO, Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation
Panelist 1	Anne Saullo Literacy Facilitator, Grace Hill Elementary, Rogers, AR	Senator Joyce Elliot Chair, ALC-Higher Education Subcommittee, Vision 2025 Legislative Commission on the Future of Higher Education	Angela Webster-Smith Associate Professor, SMLA Department of Leadership Studies, University of Central Arkansas
Panelist 2	Cindy Miramontes Teaching Assistant, J.O. Kelley Middle School Site Teacher, Sin Limites Youth Biliteracy Project, University of Arkansas	Bill Kopsky Executive Director, Arkansas Public Policy Panel	Jerri Derlikowski Policy Advisor, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
Panelist 3	Hung Pham Project/Program Specialist Curriculum and Instruction Arkansas Studio Project, University of Arkansas	Michael Poore Superintendent, Bentonville Public Schools	Carlos Amargos Family Liaison, Rogers Public Schools
Panelist 4	Michael Mills Associate Professor, University of Central Arkansas	Scott Shirey Superintendent, KIPP Delta Public Charter Schools	Diana Gonzales-Worthen Director RISE Project at the University of Arkansas Founder OneCommunity
12:05pm to 1:00pm	Lunch		Room 226 Kansas City, Room 227 Springdale, and Room 228 Memphis
1:05pm to 1:15pm	Jeanette Arnhart: Introduction for Mr. Keith Jackson		Jones Center Auditorium (Chapel)
1:15pm to 2:15pm	Keynote Speaker: Mr. Keith Jackson Founder and President of Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids (P.A.R.K.); Former professional football player; and radio broadcaster for the Arkansas Razorbacks		Jones Center Auditorium (Chapel)

2:20pm to 3:20pm Concurrent Panel Session 3: College and Career Programs for the Success of Underserved Students			
Audience	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>Educational Leaders and Policymakers</i>	<i>Parents and Community Leaders</i>
Location	Room 226 – Kansas City	Room 227 - Springdale	Room 228 - Memphis
Panels			
Moderator	Freddie Bowles Associate Professor of Foreign Language Education, University of Arkansas	Luis Fernando Restrepo Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Diversity Director, La Oficina Latina; University of Arkansas	Kim Davis Director of Education and Workforce Development Northwest Arkansas Council
Panelist 1	Codie Dyas-Ryan Director, LIFE Program at Northwest Arkansas Community College	Dr. Javier Reyes Vice-Provost for Distance Education University of Arkansas	Amy Charpentier KIPP Through College Director KIPP Schools
Panelist 2	John Jones Director of Multicultural Center, University of Arkansas	Kathryn Birkhead, SPHR Director for Diversity and Inclusion at Northwest Arkansas Community College	Cecilia Grossberger-Medina Editor, New Student and Family Programs University of Arkansas
Panelist 3	Taj Cobbs Director, Student Support Services, University of Arkansas	Dawn Simpson Chair of the Arkansas Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap Arkansas Career Training Institute	Erika Gamboa Director, Veterans Resources and Information Center University of Arkansas
3:20pm to 3:30pm	Mirna Ordoñez Sandoval– Closing Remarks		Jones Center auditorium (Chapel)
3:30pm to 4:00pm	Clean-up and tear-down by volunteers		Jones Center auditorium (Chapel) and hall outside the auditorium

Special Instructions

1. All participants for this event should register at: diversity.uark.edu.
2. No food or drinks are allowed inside of the Jones Center Auditorium (Chapel).
3. Lunch will have three different courses for the different dietary needs of the participants.
4. There will be no daycare services at the facility.
5. No tobacco and alcohol on the grounds of the Jones Center.
6. None of the organizers will assume or accept responsibility for damage to or loss of any personal items or articles left in the rooms; please contact Mirna Ordoñez (479-502-6467) if you need to store anything during the event.
7. There will be a screen and projector, microphone, speakers, and computer in each of the rooms. Panelists just need to provide any presentation slides to the moderator before their concurrent sessions.

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Jones Center Auditorium (Chapel)



Room 226 – Kansas City



Room 227 - Springdale



Room 228 – Memphis



Room 222 – For breaks and storage

Panelists are welcome to use this room to take breaks, check emails, or store any material that they might bring to the symposium. There will be always a person monitoring this room.



Jones Center for Families – Map of the Venue

