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National Academy of Public Administration's

21st Annual Social Equity Leadership Conference is June 8-10,

Hosted by the University of San Francisco School of Management

Virtual Forum to Focus on "Promoting Leadership for Democracy and Social Equity"

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration's 21st annual [Social Equity Leadership Conference](#) this year will be hosted virtually June 8-10 by the University of San Francisco Masagung Graduate School of Management, focusing on "Promoting Leadership for Democracy and Social Equity." Registration can be found [here](#).

The Social Equity Leadership Conference (SELC) is a widely anticipated annual gathering of scholars and practitioners who discuss and share their expertise on how public administrators can develop a broader understanding of social equity and recognize social equity's implications within the administrative context.

Speakers and presenters during the three-day virtual conference will provide innovative suggestions for government, non-profits and the private sector to foster social equity in order to achieve a more equitable and just society. The 2022 SELC will offer the following eight tracks, with more than 60 plenary and break-out sessions:

- **Advancing Democracy for Historically Dishonored/Disregarded Communities**
- **Advancing Social Equity in the Criminal Justice System**
- **Social Equity and Sustainability: Addressing Inequities in Housing, Employment, Health, Food, and Transportation**
- **Promoting Public Service, Civic Leadership, and Cross-Sector Partnerships**
- **Building Non-Profit Capacity with the Integration of Social Equity**
- **Innovative Public Service Pedagogy to Foster and Enhance Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**
- **Promoting Social Equity and Disability Advocacy Through Public Sector Workforces: Addressing Human Resource Development and Motivation Challenges**

- **The U.S. Military and its Role in Achieving Equity**

Highlights of the 2022 SELC will include (please note that all times are PDT):

June 8

Plenary Session (9:00 AM – 10:00 AM PDT):

Exploring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Across Federal Programs and Policy

Denice Ross, U.S. Chief Data Scientist, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Kemba Hendrix, DEIA Policy Advisor, U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Amira Boland, Lead, Federal Customer Experience, U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Claudette Fernandez, Director of Program Equity and Opportunity Strategy, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Dr. Charles Barber, Director of DEI Programs, U.S. Department of the Navy

Katherine Thompson, Manager and DEI&A Lead, Grant Thornton (moderator)

June 9

Plenary Session (9:00 AM – 10:00 AM PDT):

The Biden Administration's Executive Order on Advancing Equity and Racial Justice Through the Federal Government: The View Ahead

Chiraag Bains, Deputy Director, Domestic Policy Council for Racial Justice and Equity, The White House

Dr. RaJade Berry-James, Professor and Chair of the Faculty, North Carolina State University; Academy Fellow (moderator and discussant)

Plenary Session (1:00 PM – 2:00 PM PDT):

A Crucial Conversation on the Necessity of Critical Race Theory in the Public Sector

Rashmi Chordiya, Assistant Professor, Institute of Public Service, Seattle University

Aaron Rollins, Jr., Associate Professor, University of Louisville

Nuri Heckler, Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska - Omaha

Sean McCandless, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois Springfield

Vanessa Lopez-Littleton, Associate Professor, California State University Monterey Bay (moderator)

June 10

Plenary Session (9:00 AM – 10:00 AM PDT):

U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys (CSSBMB)

CSSBMB Commissioner Calvin Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The Honorary Frederica Wilson, U.S. House of Representatives; Chairwoman, U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys

Marvin Williams, CSSBMB Program Manager, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Dr. RaJade Berry-James, Professor and Chair of the Faculty, North Carolina State University; Academy Fellow (moderator)

Closing Plenary and Award Ceremony (2:15 PM – 3:15 PM PDT):

[Philip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award](#)

Dr. Richard Gregory Johnson III, Department Chair and Professor, Masagung School of Management, University of San Francisco; SELC 2022 Chair and Academy Fellow
Agatha Caraballo, Associate Teaching Professor, Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University; SELC 2022 Co-Chair and Academy Fellow

Jose Luis Irizarry, Assistant Professor, School of Public Management and Policy, University of Illinois Springfield; SELC 2022 Co-Chair and Academy Fellow

To view the full SELC program, visit [here](#).

** Media interested in attending should RSVP to bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com with requested sessions for registration purposes. **

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