WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance will co-host its 22nd annual Social Equity Leadership Conference (SELC) in-person and virtually June 12-14 in Kansas City, MO. Co-hosted with the University of Kansas School of Public Affairs & Administration and the Mid-America Regional Council, the meeting will focus on “Social Equity in Action.” Registration can be found [here](#).

The 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 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 2023 SELC will focus on putting social equity policy, practices and processes into action via the following themes: urgent equity challenges; generational shifts; leveraging technology; political context; tools and strategies for sustained organizational social equity action.

Highlights of the 2023 SELC will include (please note that all times are CDT):

**June 12**
**Plenary Session (9:05 AM – 10:30 AM CDT):**
*Advancing Racial Justice Across National, Regional and Local Scales Through Partnership*
- Chris Koliba, Convener, University of Kansas
- Valerie Lemmie, Kettering Foundation
- Julie Nelson, Race Forward
- Joshua Robinson, Living Cities
Lynne Scott, International City and County Association

Concurrent Session 3 (2:15 PM – 3:30 PM CDT)
Racial Equity, COVID-19, and Public Policy: The Triple Pandemic
Susan Gooden, Convener, Virginia Commonwealth University
RaJade Berry-James, Virginia Commonwealth University
Curtis Brown, Virginia Commonwealth University
Nakeina Douglas-Glenn, Virginia Commonwealth University
Brittany Keegan, Virginia Commonwealth University
Blue Wooldridge, Virginia Commonwealth University
Elsie Harper-Anderson, Virginia Commonwealth University

Award Ceremony (3:45 PM – 4:00 PM CDT):
Philip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award
Charles Menifield, Chair, 2023 Philip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award Committee
RaJade Berry-James, Chair, NAPA Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance
Susan Gooden, 2023 Rutledge Award winner, Virginia Commonwealth University

June 13
Plenary Session (9:00 AM – 10:30 AM CDT):
H. George Frederickson Memorial Lecture
Terry Gerton, Convener, NAPA
Leonard Pitts, Featured Speaker, Commentator, Journalist and Novelist
Rosemary O'Leary, University of Kansas
Norton Bonaparte, City of Sanford, Florida
DeAngela Burns-Wallace, University of Southern California
Marcia Conner, National Forum for Black Public Administrators
Susan Gooden, Virginia Commonwealth University

Plenary Session (10:45 AM – 12:00 PM CDT):
Evolving Nature of Equity in Practice
Jacob Benoy, Convener, University of Wisconsin Madison
Nancy Augustine, Center for Intergovernmental Partnerships, NAPA
D'Arlyn Bell, University of Kansas
Jonathan Fisk, Auburn University

Plenary Session (3:45 PM – 5:15 PM CDT):
One Nation, Many Publics: The Challenge of Governance
David Warm, Convener, Mid-American Regional Council
Doug Linkhart, National Civic League
Quinton Lucas, Mayor, City of Kansas City, Missouri
Sylvya Stevenson, Jackson County, Missouri

June 14
Closing Plenary Session (9:45 AM CDT):
Equity Taking Flight - Making Space for All of Us
Rajade Berry-James, Convener, Virginia Commonwealth University
Kesha Lee, Third Sector
Emily Nwakpuda, University of Texas-Arlington
Jamilah Stephens, City of Atlanta
Blue Wooldridge, Virginia Commonwealth University

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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