ALL KU FACULTY, STAFF, GRADUATE STUDENTS INVITED!

Compelling national speakers and relevant breakout sessions led by KU faculty and staff again highlight the 3rd Annual Symposium on the Scholarship of Diversity. Everyone is welcome to attend; see pg. 2 for the complete program, then signup online at Symposium. Enjoy a stimulating morning and refreshing lunch while exploring vital issues with your colleagues at the Kansas Union, Thursday, March 28.

Light refreshments initiate the day’s program at 8 a.m., in the Big 12 Room on the 5th floor of the Kansas Union. Then symposium attendees will enjoy the 1st keynote talk, “Six Disruptive Demographic Trends: Implications for the U.S. and Higher Education” by James Johnson.

James H. Johnson
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Johnson is the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship at UNC’s Kenan-Flagler Business School, where he also directs the Urban Investment Strategies Center within the Institute of Private Enterprise.

Johnson’s center focuses on innovative approaches to revitalizing urban areas, which includes teaching government, community, and nonprofit leaders and managers to become more entrepreneurial. An expert on community and economic development, effects of demographic changes on the U.S. work-place, urban poverty and public policy, and workforce diversity issues, he was named one of the “17…brightest thinkers and doers in the new world of work” by Fast Company magazine.

At the lunch that ends the program, Chancellor Nancy Cantor will give the 2nd keynote, “Higher Education’s Public Mission: Diversity & Innovation Together,” after an introduction by KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little.

Nancy Cantor
Syracuse University

As Chancellor and President of Syracuse University, Cantor is helping forge a renewed vision of the role of universities in society as a public good. Efforts in sustainability, entrepreneurship and other areas earned SU recognition from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a university committed to community engagement and for Chancellor Cantor the 2008 Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Award.

Chancellor Cantor lectures and writes on the role of universities as anchor institutions in their communities, as well as on other issues crucial in higher education. Her extensive leadership experience includes having served as chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan, after being dean of graduate studies; and chair of the psychology department at Princeton University. While at Michigan, she was closely involved in the university’s defense of affirmative action in cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2003.

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