# Conference Schedule

### 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Sign In/Registration**

- **Location:** Outside Grand Ballroom

### 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Opening/Welcome**

- A. Opening Performance: Provost Dr. Richard Berry
- B. Welcome: Dr. Osaro E. Airen
- C. Poetry Performance: Ms. Nytesia Ross

- **Location:** Grand Ballroom

### 9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Session 1**

- A. Disrupting the Lenses of Poverty: Advocating Against Deficit Model Thinking
  - **Presenter:** Patrick S. De Walt, Stephen F. Austin State University
  - This interactive workshop engages both the notions of deficit model thinking and its application to populations who are identified with poverty. Drawing from Critical Race Theory and research within Teacher Education, this presentation illuminates deficit thinking framework(s) impact(s) on those who are seen through lenses of poverty.
  - **Location:** Twilight Ballroom

- B. Liminal Spaces and the Transgender Experience
  - **Presenter:** Dianne Dentice, Stephen F. Austin State University
  - Our study explores the many ways that transgender individuals and people who identify with the transgender community are managing their journey and negotiating their identities. Interviews with 21 people in various stages of transformation/transition demonstrate that coming to grips with one’s true gender identity is reinforced by ritual experiences along with the support of friends, family, and other social networks.
  - **Location:** Theater

- C. Peek-A-Boo: Identity Negotiation of Minority Cultures in Small Town America
  - **Presenter:** Sudeshna Roy, Stephen F. Austin State University
  - The panelists propose to discuss their personal experiences with identity negotiation given the juxtaposition of several different identities that are called up due to their social positioning in a foreign country. This panel brings in Asian Indian doctors and professors in town and two of their children to talk about the various problems faced in identifying with specific identities.
  - **Location:** Tiered Meeting Room
A. The Hidden Faces of First-Generation and Undocumented Students and Their Potential
   - Presenters: Stephanie Applewhite, Stephen F. Austin State University; Mariana Arellano, Stephen F. Austin State University; Anna Jagneaux, Stephen F. Austin State University; Michaela Barringer, Stephen F. Austin State University; Andrea Escarcega, Stephen F. Austin State University; Nahum Sanchez, Stephen F. Austin State University
   - The hidden faces of first-generation and undocumented students’ potential for success will be highlighted through personal testimonies, an award-winning student-produced video and a question and answer session. This co-constructed presentation is intended to highlight the strengths and unique qualities of first-generation and undocumented students.
   - Location: Theater

B. HIV & Women of Color in East Texas: Techniques to Address Cultural Barriers
   - Presenter: Emmerentie Oliphant, Stephen F. Austin State University; Wilma Cordova, Stephen F. Austin State University; Nancy Young-Styles, Special Health Resources for Texas, Inc.
   - HIV+ women of color in rural east Texas face many challenges. Cultural identity impacts the healing process. The presentation focuses on the importance of understanding and respecting cultural issues and its impact on therapeutic intervention, care and medical adherence. The use of creative techniques to empower women will be demonstrated.
   - Location: Twilight Ballroom

C. Brazil Research Initiative: Multidisciplinary Approaches
   - Presenter: Cindy Pressley, Stephen F. Austin State University; Lauren Selden, Stephen F. Austin State University; Robert Z. Selden, Stephen F. Austin State University; Sudeshna Roy, Stephen F. Austin State University; Kwame B. Antwi-Boasiako, Stephen F. Austin State University
   - Faculty from a variety of disciplines will present research developed as a result of a faculty development event in Bahia, Brazil. Presentations focus on various aspects of exclusion in relationships and communities in this majority Afro-Brazilian state where a significant portion of the African slave trade took place.
   - Location: Tiered Meeting Room

D. An Interaction of Gender and Disabilities: Women’s Experience
   - Presenter: Yuleiniz A. Castillo, Stephen F. Austin State University
   - As the number of women with disabilities increase in our society, understanding their challenges and barriers can help with their integration and participation in our communities. In an effort to expand the focus on respect and integration for diversity in the United States during the last few decades, standards of cultural sensitivity and cultural competences have become important principles for different helping professions. A much needed awareness in the American society to improve the quality of life of individuals from diverse backgrounds. Particularly when considering that women with disabilities from a minority background face even more issues with services accessibility, lack of education, and community participation than White women and men with disabilities.
   - Location: Multimedia Room.
A. Utilizing Social Media to Academically Motivate Multicultural Youth and Adults: From K-College and Beyond
   o **Presenter**: Nina Ellis-Hervey, Stephen F. Austin State University
   o A small, but extending body of research within psychology and education has explored the context of popular culture as a means to educate diverse populations (McLeod, 2007; Walker 2006). Social media and networks appear to be quite influential tools, more specifically for reaching multicultural groups of men, women and children. With an increasing growth of outlets, such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and personal websites, one might believe many more practitioners, educators, scholars and enthusiasts would utilize these venues to spread knowledge about continuing education, the ups and downs of pursuing education, addressing negative myths linked to education and also very basic teachings of mental strategies and coping to encourage educational gains of youth and young adults. In recent years, I have utilized discussions and digital storytelling on Facebook and YouTube of my own educational journey, 100 pound weight loss, maintenance and holistic health initiatives and intertwined the talks with psychological theories of self-esteem, self-efficacy and locus of control and their role in motivation and achieving personal goals.
   o **Location**: Theater

B. The Dzavadzimu Mbira and Its Role in Shona Culture
   o **Presenter**: Brad Meyer, Stephen F. Austin State University
   o I plan to present on the history and origins of the mbira, how the mbira is used in their religious practices, perform two traditional mbira compositions, and use a video to present parts of a spiritual embodiment ritual that utilizes the mbira as well as other instruments, singers, and dancers.
   o **Location**: Twilight Ballroom

C. The Power of Believing
   o **Presenter**: Nechele McClinton, Stephen F. Austin State University
   o In my personal experience lecture, I will share some of the trials and tribulations that have embedded my path to success. During this presentation, I will explore the power of mentorship, unyielding compassion, and believing in others.
   o **Location**: Tiered Meeting Room
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Lunch Schedule

A. Lunch Served
B. Performance: SFA Steel Drum Band
C. Poetry Performance: Mr. John Davis
D. Poetry Performance: Mr. Jonathan Tyler
E. Shadow Dancing: Organization of Latin Americans
F. African Dance Performance: African Student Organization
   - **Location:** Grand Ballroom

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.  Session 4

A. **The New 21st Century Germany: Discovering Hidden Faces in Berlin**
   - **Presenter:** Louise Stoehr, Stephen F. Austin State University
   - Ethnicity, national origin, and religion are factors that contribute to the intercultural mix of modern Berlin, Germany’s capital. This presentation, which features a video made by the author in Berlin, portrays four population groups as exemplary of the “hidden faces” that contribute to Germany’s emergence as a country of immigrants.
   - **Location:** Tiered Meeting Room

B. **You’re Unbelievable: Learning to Recognize the Faces of Adult Disabled Contributors in Our Communities**
   - **Presenter:** Jamie Weaver, Stephen F. Austin State University
   - The presentation highlights the lack of support for disabled adults who are no longer students within the educational and civic communities and increases awareness of solutions for improving access and equality for adult disabled contributors.
   - **Location:** Theater

C. **Two-Spirit and Homosexual Individuals in Native and Mainstream American Culture**
   - **Presenters:** Dusty Jenkins, Stephen F. Austin State University; Rani Solomon, Stephen F. Austin State University; Dr. Glenna Stumblingbear-Riddle, The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services
   - This presentation will compare views toward homosexual and gender nonconforming persons in mainstream and Native American cultures. While mainstream American views of non-heterosexuals have often been those of disapproval, some Native tribes have regarded all sexual identities with respect, even creating a label for androgynous members as two-spirit.
   - **Location:** Twilight Ballroom
### 3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.  
**Session 5**

**A. More Than Face Value**  
- **Presenter:** Chelsea Heidbrink, Stephen F. Austin State University  
- Often times we are quick to judge a face. However, have we ever stopped to think about how things would be different if that face were ours? Take a deeper look at some Hidden Faces surrounding us and learn how we can take them for more than just face value.  
- **Location:** Tiered Meeting Room

**B. Able Privilege Education: How We Might Change Attitudes Toward People with Disabilities**  
- **Presenter:** Alan Larson, Stephen F. Austin State University  
- Able privilege is a relatively new concept similar to white privilege but based on the social model of disability and a number of theories. Research on how the measurement of and consequent education about people’s able privilege might improve attitudes toward people with disabilities will lead to a lively discussion.  
- **Location:** Twilight Ballroom

**C. What Television Teaches Us About Gender: Lessons in Stereotypes and Diversity**  
- **Presenter:** Linda Levitt, Stephen F. Austin State University  
- By perpetuating cultural standards and social norms, television teaches its audience how men and women should behave and interact. This presentation examines the role of television in creating and sustaining gender identity as well as opening opportunities for audiences to embrace gender diversity.  
- **Location:** Theater

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### 4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.  
**Closing/Roundtable Debriefing**

**A. Roundtable Discussions**

**B. Mariachi Performance: Samara & Angy Martínez**  
- **Location:** Grand Ballroom