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This conference will promote a better understanding of culture, ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status and the needs of African-American children and families. Spend the day networking, sharing and meeting new colleagues to help improve the quality of lives of children and families.

Conference Agenda

Friday, February 28, 2014

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Schindler Education Center, University of Northern Iowa
7:30-8:20 a.m.	Registration, Exhibits and Refreshments
8:20-8:30 a.m.	Welcome - Dr. Gloria Gibson, Executive Vice President and Provost
8:30-8:35 a.m.	Introduction of Keynote Speaker - Dr. Doris Corbett, Director, School of Health, Physical Education & Leisure Services
8:35-9:55 a.m.	Keynote Speaker - Dr. Janice Hale, Author of Black Children, Their Culture, Roots and Learning Styles
9:55-10:00 a.m.	Q & A (Presider - Dr. Doris Corbett)
10:05-10:15 a.m.	Break
10:20- 11:20 a.m.	Sectional I (See "Breakout Sessions")

(Lunch is available between sessions for your convenience from 11:20 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the lobby)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Specialized Featured Presenters (Session I)

Choose one of the sessions below to attend:

- *Dr. Chrishirella Warthen - Black Girls Interrupted
- Dr. Donna Y. Ford - Recruiting and Retaining African American Students in Gifted Education
- *Dr. Stephanie Logan - Racial Microaggressions in Higher Education Classrooms
- *Rev. Dr. John Womack - Black Hope
- Dr. Gail Thompson - Grooming Your Child for Greatness

12:35-1:35 p.m. Specialized Featured Presenters (Session II)

Choose one of the sessions below to attend:

- *Dr. Doris Corbett - Issues of Inequalities with African American Athletes
- *Dr. Gail Thompson - Move On Up a Little Higher: How Going to College Can Improve Your Life
- *Kadir Nelson - Becoming an Author-Illustrator

1:35-2:35 p.m. Sectional II (See "Breakout Sessions")

2:40-3:50 p.m. Special Community Forum Panel on "Student Arrests"- The Prison Pipeline

Lead Presenters

- Dr. Gail Thompson, Wells Fargo Endowed Professor, N.C.
- Daniel Trelka, Director of Safety, Waterloo, Iowa

3:50-4 p.m. Q & A

4-5 p.m. Diversity Certificates, Conference Participation Certificates

**Youth Track Session*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

External Conference Evaluator—Gevonee Ford, National Council of Children of African Descent (NCAD), Minneapolis, Minnesota

Earning Undergraduate/Graduate Credit—Earn one unit of undergraduate or graduate credit by attending the Conference on African American Children and Families and Pre-Conference Institute and completing coursework.

Courses—Choose the option that works best for you:

ELEMECML 4133/5133 Building Positive Relationships with African American Children and Families —Attend the conference and pre-conference institute and complete course requirements, including a reflection paper and answering questions in response to reading from a selected list of Dr. Janice Hale's books. (Undergraduate Class Nbr: 6649, Graduate Class Nbr: 6650)

ELEMECML 4133/5133 Family and Children's Issues in Understanding Racial and Cultural Differences—Attend the conference and pre-conference institute and complete course requirements, including conducting three diversity interviews and writing reflections about the interviews. (Undergraduate Class Nbr: 5774, Graduate Class Nbr: 5775)

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CONFERENCE

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Special Guest Presenters



Keynote speaker, Dr. Janice Hale, professor of early childhood education and Founding Director of the Institute for the Study of the African American Child (ISAAC) at Wayne State University
Friday February 28: “Black Children: Their Roots, Culture and Learning Styles”



Pre-Conference Keynote Speaker, Donna Y. Ford, Ph.D., professor of Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University
Thursday, February, 27: “Multicultural Gifted Education: Empowering and Engaging the Voices of High Potential Students from Diverse Backgrounds”
Friday, February 28: “Recruiting and Retaining African-American Students in Gifted Education”



Dr. Gail L. Thompson, Wells Fargo Endowed Professor of Education at Fayetteville State University
Thursday, February, 27: “Grooming Your Child for Greatness”; “Move On Up a Little Higher: How Going to College Can Improve Your Life”; AACF Pre-conference Panelists
Friday, February 28: “Student Arrests and Prison Pipeline” and AACF Conference Panelist



Kadir Nelson, critically acclaimed artist and illustrator
Thursday, February, 27: Read-In Special Guest & AACF Pre-conference Panelists
Friday, February 28: “We Are the Ship”



Dr. Doris R. Corbett, Director of the School of Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services (HPELS) at the University of Northern Iowa
Friday, February 28: “Issues of Inequalities with African American Athletes: Easing the Pain of African-American Boys and Young Men”
 Conference Moderator



Dr. Chrishirella Warthen, School Administration Consultant at Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Special Education
Thursday, February, 27: AACF Pre-conference Panelists
Friday, February 28: “Black Girls Interrupted”



Rev. Dr. John Womack, Sr., retired Chief Executive Officer and pastor.
Friday, February 28: “Inspirational Story: Rags to Riches”



Dr. Stephanie R. Logan, Assistant Professor for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary Education Division at the University of Northern Iowa
Thursday, February, 27: AACF Pre-conference Panelist
Friday, February 28: “Racial Microaggressions in Higher Education Classrooms: Narratives from African American Males”



Daniel Trelka, Director of Safety Services for the City of Waterloo
Friday, February 28: “Student Arrests” and AACF Conference Panelist

Breakout Sessions

FAMILY

1. Effective Black Parenting, Pastor Belinda Creighton-Smith, Faith Temple Baptist Church SEC
2. Families and Prison Ministry, Rev. Michael E. Coleman-Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church
3. Child of Parents in Prison, Alicia Jefferson, University of Northern Iowa
4. The Voices of Our Youth: Is Anybody Listening?, Minister Michael Muhammad, Founder & CEO of KBOL Radio in Waterloo, Iowa
5. The Fatherhood Panel: Fathers Make A Difference, Quentin Hart, Mayor Pro-tem for the City of Waterloo and Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa
6. Foster Care: Helping Families Through Social Service Systems (Wallican)/Who's Fostering African American Children (Smart), Vera Wallican and Patricia Smart from the Black Hawk County Department of Human Services
7. Storytelling: Pass On The Family Tradition, Nothando Zulu, Cultural Master Storyteller
8. Have You Spoken With A Black Girl Lately?, Dr. Amber Boyd, Administrator in the Des Moines Public Schools/Doctoral Graduate, University of Northern Iowa
9. *A Program to Save Our Youth: Get Involved – Become Inspired to Make A Difference, Daphne Johnson-Harper, Des Moines, Iowa

10. The Elders Council: Calling Upon the Elders for Family Hope and Strength (Panel of Elder Community Leaders), Rev. Marvin Jenkins (Union Missionary Baptist Church), Evangelist Estella Jenkins (Union Missionary Baptist Church) and Bishop Helen Seenster (Kononia Ministries)
11. Domestic Violence: Please Stop Destroying the Lives of Children and Families, Rose Loggins and Bob Tyson, Domestic Violence Advocates
12. Parents Love Your Children, Dr. Charletta Sudduth and Torill Sudduth (Waterloo School District)

EDUCATION

1. Cultivating the Collective: Interrogating an American Dream with Sixth-Grade Students, Dr. Sarah Montgomery (University of Northern Iowa), Dr. Zak Montgomery (Wartburg College) and Dr. Sarah Vander Zanden (University of Northern Iowa)
2. Effective Mental Health Strategies and Approaches for Young Children, Dr. Dennis Ford, Pre School Psychologist for the Department of Special Education
3. How Schools Can Support Children and Families in Poverty (Part II), Neldrekka Whitaker (Walter Cunningham School), Zach Zimmerman (Irving Elementary) and Clare Struck (University of Northern Iowa)

4. Multicultural Books for Young Children and Families: Literacy Begins Early, Dr. Shuparb Sohyun Meachem (University of Northern Iowa)
5. Increasing Male Participation in Educational Programs As A Support for African American Students, Jeff Ferguson, Retired Teacher for the Waterloo Community Schools
6. Dare to Be King: A Positive and Supportive Program for African American Young Males, Felicia Carter, Waterloo, Iowa
7. *College Bound Experiences, Derek Sallis, COE Minority Recruitment and Retention Director, University of Northern Iowa
8. So You Want to Become A Writer, Illustrator and Publisher: Your Dreams Can Become A Reality, Chaveevah Ferguson, Publisher, Author- Illustrator, BaharPublishers
9. Racial Microaggressions in Higher Education Classrooms: Narratives From African American Males, Dr. Stephanie R. Logan, University of Northern Iowa

PUBLIC POLICY

1. New Iowa Laws Impacting Children and Families, Deborah Berry, Iowa State Representative
2. Effective Strategies and Approaches to Making Changes in the Black Community, David Goodson (Family and Children's Council)

CULTURE

1. Drumming Cultural Beats! Andrea Alert, Waterloo Community Schools (YT)
2. *Poetry- Poetry Soothes The Soul and More, Graduate Student, University of Northern Iowa
3. *Making African Cultural Scenes, Dr. Audrey Rule and Phyllis Gray, University of Northern Iowa
4. African American Spirituals to Lift Your Spirits”, Celeste Bembry, University of Northern Iowa
5. *Trayvon Martin and Other Racial Issues: One Year Later, Dr. Scharron Clayton, University of Northern Iowa
6. The Voices of Our Youth: Is Anybody Listening?, Minister Michael Muhammad, Founder and CEO, KBOL Radio in Waterloo, Iowa
7. Someone Is Listening: Youth Speak Out, Charlotte Coleman, Administrator of the Expo Alternative Learning Center
8. UNI Capoeira, Kelsey Schaeffer, Colin Johnson and Naomi Urban, University of Northern Iowa Capoeira

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EXHIBITORS

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| 1. Ryan Joiner, Author | 10. Blue Zone |
| 2. Alicia Jefferson, Author | 11. Price Lab History |
| 3. Jerica Crawford, Poet | 12. United Healthcare |
| 4. The World's Window | 13. University Book & Supply |
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