



# THRIVE

Empowering & Celebrating  
Princeton's Black Alumni

October 3-5, 2019



## CONFERENCE RESOURCES

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Lanyards must be worn at all times and at all conference sessions.

Conference schedule is subject to change.

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### MACLEAN HOUSE HOURS

Thursday, October 3  
11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 4  
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 5  
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Pre-purchased THRIVE gear can be picked up at Maclean House.  
No gear will be available for purchase at the conference.

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### THRIVE WEBSITE

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# Thursday, October 3, 2019

## 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

*Maclean House*

## 1:00 - 2:00 PM CARVING OUR OWN PATHS: SUCCESS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*McCosh Hall, Room 10*

Experienced entrepreneurs will discuss the successes and challenges they have faced in their careers. They will also speak about how these have changed over time and about their hopes for the future.

MODERATED by **Kevin C. Dowdell '83**, Managing Director, Dalya Partners, and Founder, Fountain Tennis and Wellness, LLC; featuring **Kamil Ali-Jackson '81**, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary, Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.; and **John W. Rogers Jr. '80**, Chairman, Co-CEO and CIO, Ariel Investments

## 2:15 - 3:15 PM ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOPS

### Introduction to Design Thinking

*McCosh Hall, Room 10*

What is Design Thinking and what can it do for you? Learn how to use this innovation process to put human needs into the center of the problem.

PRESENTERS:

**Katrina Fludd**, Senior Diversity and Inclusion Specialist, Human Resources, Princeton University; Founder, Kelda & Co.

**Cheryl Scales '84**, Innovation Consultant, Cultural Activator, Community Engagement

### Perfecting Your Pitch

*McCosh Hall, Room 50*

Tips and tricks to develop a pitch deck that effectively tells your story and helps you to meet your milestones.

PRESENTERS:

**Ita Ekpoudom '03**, Partner, GingerBread Capital

**Kareem Maddox '11**, Producer, Spotify/Gimlet Media

### Product Strategy

*McCosh Hall, Room 62*

Understanding approaches to developing and validating effective product strategies that can gain your startup market traction and differentiate your company in the marketplace.

PRESENTERS:

**Adriel Frederick '04**, Product Manager, Lyft

**Carla Vernón '92**, President, Natural & Organic, General Mills

## 3:15 - 3:30 PM BREAK

*Tent - McCosh Courtyard*

### 3:30 - 4:30 PM NAVIGATING A SUCCESSFUL STARTUP JOURNEY

Hear from founders and funders who have funded their entrepreneurial journeys in different ways.

#### **Self-Funded Founders and Funders**

*McCosh Hall, Room 28*

MODERATOR: **Dennis J. Brownlee '74**, Founder, Curved Edge Entertainment

PANELISTS:

**Sheila Marmon '94**, CEO, Mirror Digital

**Omar L. Simmons '92**, Managing Partner, Exaltare Capital Partners

**Maisha Walker '94**, President, Message Medium, and President, The Black Ivy Alumni League

**John Weaver '92**, Founder and CEO, Varsity Software, Inc.

#### **Social Impact Founders and Funders**

*McCosh Hall, Room 50*

MODERATOR: **Gabriella Morris '77**, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships at UNICEF USA

PANELISTS:

**Angel Brunner '97**, Founder and CEO, EB5 Capital

**Lisa Dyson**, CEO and Co-Founder, Kiverdi

**Bruce Lincoln '79**, Co-Founder and CTO, Silicon Harlem

**Randolph Frazier Wiggins '05**, Manager, Tech and Society, Omidyar Network

#### **Venture-Backed Founders and Funders**

*McCosh Hall, Room 46*

MODERATOR: **James H. Simmons III '88**, CEO and Managing Partner, Asland Capital Partners

PANELISTS:

**Nyron S. Burke '05**, CEO and CTO, Lithero

**Jon Hayes '07**, CEO, RewardStock.com

**Fadzi Makanda '07**, Director, Digital Strategy and Investments, Sony Music

**Marcus Stroud '16**, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, TXV

### 3:30 - 4:45 PM FIRESTONE LIBRARY TOUR WITH ACCESS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES READING ROOM

*Meet in Firestone Library Lobby*

### 4:45 - 5:45 PM INSTITUTIONAL INVESTING: AN INSIDER'S VIEW

*McCormick Hall, Room 101*

**Andrew K. Golden**, President, Princeton University Investment Company (PRINCO)

### 4:45 - 5:45 PM STARTUP SHOWCASE

*McCosh Hall, Room 50*

Six exciting startups, ranging from commercial ventures to social impact organizations, will present. Each startup features a Princeton black alumni founder or member of the C-suite. A panel of judges will select the best presentation, and the audience will also vote for the "Audience Choice" winner. Special thanks to the Princeton Entrepreneurship Council for its support and sponsorship of the Startup Showcase, and for the monetary prizes.

STARTUP SHOWCASE FACILITATOR: **Dale G. Caldwell '82**, Executive Director, FDU Rothman Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

JUDGES:

**Kamil Ali-Jackson '81**, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary, Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.

**Mark Johnson '95**, Cofounder and Managing Director, Astra Capital

**Marilyn Agbeko Narh '06**, Product Management Leader, 98point6

**Jim Shepard '78**, Founder and Managing Partner, GenNx360 Capital Partners

**Trevor Wilkins '13**, Principal, Quake Capital Partners

PARTICIPANTS:

**Amira Karriem Artis '09**, Hiki

**Kim Magloire '84**, SciTech STEAM

**Bunmi Otegbade '19**, ManagerialCapital

**Michele Sconiers '96**, SPARE

**Gregory Ugwi '08**, Thinknum

**Marc Washington '97**, UR Labs

## 6:00 - 7:30 PM WELCOME RECEPTION

*Tent – McCosh Courtyard*

## 7:45 - 8:45 PM OUR JOURNEYS TO, THROUGH AND BEYOND PRINCETON – MORE THAN ONE WAY TO THRIVE

*McCosh Hall, Room 50*

MODERATOR: **C. Kim Goodwin '81**, CEO and CIO, Avanico Holdings

FEATURING:

**Fiyinfoluwa 'Tumi' Akinlawon '15**, MBA Candidate, Harvard Business School

**Michael S. Fletcher II '03**, Director of Talent Acquisition, BRICK Education Network

**Lori Dickerson Fouché '91**, CEO, TIAA Financial Solutions

**Craig Robinson '83**, Vice President of Player Development and General Manager, Westchester Knicks

## 9:00 - 10:00 PM DRINKS, DESSERT & JAZZ

*Lewis Arts complex, Forum (Lower Level)*

# Friday, October 4, 2019

## 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

*Maclean House*

## 8:00 - 8:30 AM GRAB-AND-GO BREAKFAST

*Tent – Alexander Hall*

## 8:30 - 8:45 AM WELCOME BACK: OPENING REMARKS

*Alexander Hall, Richardson Auditorium*

**Karen Richardson '93**, Dean of Admission

## 8:45 - 9:45 AM A CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER L. EISGRUBER '83

*Alexander Hall, Richardson Auditorium*

## 9:45 - 10:00 AM BREAK

*Tent – Alexander Hall*

## 10:00 - 10:45 AM THE PRINCETON & SLAVERY PROJECT

*Alexander Hall, Richardson Auditorium*

**Martha A. (Marni) Sandweiss**, Professor of History, interviewed by **Melanie Lawson '76**, Journalist and Television News Anchor, KTRK-TV

## 10:45 - 11:45 AM FROM STUDENT ACTIVIST TO UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE

*Alexander Hall, Richardson Auditorium*

**Brent L. Henry '69**, University Trustee, interviewed by **Ita Ekpoudom '03**, Partner, GingerBread Capital

## 12:00 - 1:30 PM LUNCHEON DISCUSSION: IN THE NATION'S (AND THE CITY, COUNTY AND STATE'S) SERVICE: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Tent – Poe Field*

MODERATOR: **Cecilia Elena Rouse**, Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, and the Katzman-Ernst Professor in the Economics of Education

FEATURING:

**Andrea J. Campbell '04**, Boston City Council President, District 4 Councilor

**Satana Deberry '91**, District Attorney, Durham County, North Carolina

**Eric Johnson \*03**, Mayor, Dallas, Texas

## 2:00 - 3:15 PM FACULTY LECTURES AND ALUMNI DISCUSSION

*Concurrent sessions in various locations*

### **Are Robots Racist? Reimagining Technology, Equity and the New Jim Code**

*McCosh Hall, Room 10*

**Ruha Benjamin**, Associate Professor of African American Studies and Arthur H. Scribner Bicentennial Preceptor

### **Begin Again: James Baldwin's Lesson for America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own**

*McCosh Hall, Room 50*

**Eddie S. Glaude Jr. \*97**, James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor and Chair, Department of African American Studies

## **Black Box Research Group: An Intro to Algorithms and Robotics for 21st Century Architecture**

*McCosh Hall, Room 46*

**Mitch McEwen**, Assistant Professor of Architecture

## **Inclusive Excellence for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**

*McCosh Hall, Room 28*

**William Alfred Massey '77**, Edwin S. Wiley Professor of Operations Research and Financial Engineering, and **Rodney Priestley**, Associate Professor, Chemical and Biological Engineering and Associate Director; Princeton Center for Complex Materials

## **Paying It Forward: Evolving Your Personal Philanthropy**

*McCormick Hall, Room 101*

What is "high impact philanthropy"? How can our philanthropic interests support and strengthen our values? Can we all be philanthropic? Engage in a robust discussion with alumni who are passionate about philanthropy.

MODERATOR: **Arielle Patrick '12**, Senior Vice President and Transaction Director, Edelman

PANELISTS:

**Kimberly Johnson '95**, EVP and COO, Fannie Mae

**Kwanza Jones '93**, Founder and CEO, SUPERCHARGED

**Laurence Latimer \*01**, Head of Ventures, IEX Group

**Laurence Morse \*80**, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Fairview Capital Partners, Inc.

## **3:30 - 4:45 PM AFTERNOON PROGRAMS**

*Concurrent sessions in various locations*

## **Looking Back, Moving Forward: 50 Years of African American Studies at Princeton and 10th Anniversary of the Carl A. Fields Center Celebration With Eddie S. Glaude Jr. \*97**

*Carl A. Fields Center, 58 Prospect Ave.*

Join us for a reception and faculty panel.

PANELISTS:

**Imani Perry**, Hughes-Rogers Professor of African American Studies

**Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor**, Assistant Professor of African American Studies and Charles H. McIlwain University Preceptor

## **Networking Receptions for Alumni and Current Students**

### **Alumnae Reception**

*Prospect House, Garden Room*

Hosted by **Brigitte R. Anderson '02**, Principal and Founder, Orange Vista

### **First-generation, Low-income (FLI) Reception**

*Prospect House, Tap Room (Lower Level)*

Hosted by **Debbie Scott Williams '84**, Community Volunteer/Photographer

### **Graduate Alumni Reception**

*Prospect House, Presidential Dining Room*

Hosted by **Anthony Noble '01**, Vice President and Chief of Staff, American Tower Corporation

### **LGBTQ+ Reception**

*LGBT Center, Frist Campus Center, Room 246*

Hosted by **Duane E. McWaine '80**, Psychiatrist

### **Trailblazers: Reception for Tigers From the 50s, 60s and 70s**

*Prospect House, Library and Drawing Room*

Hosted by **Vanessa Austin-Davis '76**, Ph.D. and **Charles Davis '76**, Senior Counsel, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

### **What Makes You Great? Reframing Your Story and Recognizing Your Success**

*McCosh Hall, Room 50*

A collaborative session focused on answering the questions 'what makes you great' and 'how do we define success at Princeton?' Session will include facilitated small group discussions.

**J. Nicole Shelton**, Stuart Professor of Psychology, Head of Butler College

FACILITATORS:

**Tod G. Hamilton**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Faculty Associate of the Office of Population Research

**Beth Lew-Williams**, Associate Professor of History

**Shawn Maxam**, Assistant Director for Diversity and Inclusion, Office of the Provost

**Renita Miller**, Associate Dean of Access, Diversity and Inclusion in the Graduate School

**Lisa Scalice**, Senior Department Manager, Physics

## **5:15 - 6:30 PM PERSPECTIVES ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

*Alexander Hall, Richardson Auditorium*

MODERATOR: **Cecilia Elena Rouse**, Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, and the Katzman-Ernst Professor in the Economics of Education

Featuring **Christopher L. Eisgruber '83**, President, Princeton University; **Lily D. McNair '79**, President, Tuskegee University; and **Ruth J. Simmons**, President, Prairie View A&M University

## **6:45 - 9:15 PM AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND POETRY**

*Tent – Poe Field*

**Stanley Jordan '81**, Multi-Style Musical Innovator, and **Tracy K. Smith**, Roger S. Berlind '52, Professor in the Humanities; Chair, Lewis Center for the Arts; and 22nd Poet Laureate of the United States

## **9:30 - 11:00 PM PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE**

*Alexander Hall, Richardson Auditorium*

Produced by **Victoria Davidjohn '19**, Theater Director



# Saturday, October 5, 2019

## 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

*Maclean House*

## 8:00 - 9:15 AM NETWORKING BREAKFAST WITH STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

*Frist Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (Lower Level)*

Hosted by University Trustees **Myesha Jemison '18** and **Achille Tenkiang '17**

## 8:30 - 9:30 AM GRAB-AND-GO BREAKFAST

*Tent - McCosh Courtyard*

## 9:30 - 10:45 AM ALUMNI DISCUSSIONS

*Concurrent sessions in various locations*

### **No Borders, No Limits: A Conversation on Living and Working Abroad**

*McCosh Hall, Room 46*

Learn the tips and tricks of living abroad and building an international career.

MODERATOR: **Crystal Nix-Hines '85**, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan

PANELISTS:

**Julius E. Coles \*66**, Honorary Consul for Senegal

**Walter C. Jones '85**, Managing Director, Morgan Donaldson

**Nnena Nkongho '95**, Principal, DiGAME Investment Company

**Cynthia Pierre \*03**, Inspection, Corrosion, Materials & Engineering Superintendent

### **Something Inside So Strong: Faith That Flourishes**

*McCormick Hall, Room 101*

Hear from those whose faith played an integral part in their journey as Princeton students and beyond.

MODERATOR: **Chandler Cleveland '18**, First-Year Law Student, Georgetown University Law Center

PANELISTS:

**Muhsin Hassan '12 \*16**, Social Impact Consultant

**Yolanda Pierce '94**, Dean, Howard University School of Divinity

**Paul T. Roberts Sr. '85**, President, Johnson C. Smith Seminary

### **Sports and Racial Discourse in America Today**

*McCosh Hall, Room 50*

What role does professional sports play in racial discourse, and what responsibility do athletes and spectators have in this discussion? How did being an athlete at Princeton help the panelists thrive and shape who they are today?

MODERATOR: **Craig Robinson '83**, Vice President of Player Development and General Manager, Westchester Knicks

PANELISTS:

**David L. Foster '01**, Deputy General Counsel

**Brook F.P. Gardiner '99**, Vice President, Labor Relations NBC Universal Media LLC

**Kelsey Koelzer '17**, Head Women's Ice Hockey Coach, Arcadia University

**Maya Lawrence '02**, Product Marketing Manager, Smart AdServer

### **Tigers in Healthcare: Views From the Clinic, Classroom and Community**

*McCosh Hall, Room 10*

Learn from fellow alumni across the healthcare spectrum with expertise in clinical practice, policy, medical education and humanitarian efforts.

MODERATOR: **Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo '87**, Lee Goldman MD Endowed Chair in Medicine, and Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco

PANELISTS:

**Jennifer Caudle '99**, Family Physician, Associate Professor, On-Air Health Expert

**Henri R. Ford '80**, Dean and Chief Academic Officer, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

**Dawn M. Hunter '99**, Senior Director of Policy, Strategy and Legal Services, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg

**Maisha T. Robinson '02**, Medical Director, Palliative Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

### **Wake Up, Everybody! Thriving In Today's Racial Climate**

*Chancellor Green Rotunda*

An interactive discussion about how we can successfully communicate and network with friends (and everyone else!) in today's polarized world.

FACILITATORS:

**David Campt '82**, Founder, Ally Conversation Toolkit

**Megan Ming Francis '08**, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Washington

## **10:45 - 11:15 AM BREAK**

*Tent – McCosh Courtyard*

## **11:15 AM - 12:30 PM ALUMNI DISCUSSIONS**

*Concurrent sessions in various locations*

### **Fighting the Stigma: Open Conversations on Mental Health**

*McCormick Hall, Room 101*

Join us as we destigmatize the discussion on mental health and learn how to be a safe space for others along their journeys. Hear from Princeton alumni and community members as they share their personal testimonies navigating mental health issues (or providing counsel) at Princeton and beyond.

MODERATOR: **Duane E. McWaine '80**, Psychiatrist

PANELISTS:

**Caty Caldwell '13**, Technical Program Manager, Microsoft

**David Campbell**, Clinical Psychologist and Coordinator of the Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Training Program at Counseling and Psychological Services, Princeton University

**Yvonne Gomez-Carrion '79**, Assistant Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Harvard Medical School

**Beatrice Salter '77**, Clinical Psychologist

## **Race-ish: Seizing the Narrative in Media and Entertainment**

*McCosh Hall, Room 10*

A discussion on how we can influence and control the portrayal of black culture and people in film and media.

MODERATOR: **Laura Coates '01**, CNN Legal Analyst and SiriusXM Host

PANELISTS:

**Kelvin Dinkins Jr. '09**, Assistant Dean and General Manager, Yale School of Drama and Yale Repertory Theatre

**Bonnie Berry LaMon '84**, Attorney

**Christopher Roy Poindexter '99**, General Counsel, Show Creator and Writer

## **A Seat at the Table: Positioning Yourself for Board Service**

*McCosh Hall, Room 50*

Why board service is important and how you can position yourself to serve on corporate and non-profit boards.

MODERATOR: **Anthony Noble '01**, Vice President and Chief of Staff, American Tower Corporation

PANELISTS:

**Lawrence Otis Graham**, Special Counsel at Cuddy & Feder LLP, Author, Commentator

**Sonja J. McGill '93**, Partner, Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP

**Gaby Sutzberger '81**, General Partner, Rustic Canyon/Fontis Partners

**Roy Swan '86**, Director, Mission Investments, Ford Foundation

**Kneeland Youngblood '78**, Founding Partner, Pharos Capital Group

## **Tigers in Tech**

*McCosh Hall, Room 46*

This session will explore what it means to be a person of color in technology. From Fortune 500 tech exec to startup co-founder, the panel will explore the many faces of tech.

MODERATOR: **Eric Plummer '10**, General Manager, Lyft

PANELISTS:

**Muoyo Okome '05**, Founder, App Magic

**Toni Townes-Whitley '85**, President, US Regulated Industries, Microsoft Corp.

**Dale Williams '92**, President, Dolo Technology Services LLC

**Amina Yamusah '13**, CTO, Bloc

## **Voices Across the Decades: A History of Black Students at Princeton**

*McCosh Hall, Room 28*

Hear stories from across the generations on the history and future of black students at Princeton.

MODERATOR: **Kevin C. Hudson '97**, Assistant Director for College Opportunity, Princeton University

PANELISTS:

**Akira Lynn Bell '95**, SVP and CIO, Mathematica

**Linda Blackburn '71**, Retired Senior Manager, AT&T and Principal, Blackburn Interiors

**Nada Elbuluk '04**, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine; Founder and Director of the Skin of Color and Pigmentary Disorders Program

**Bennett Holmes '22**, Undergraduate Student, Princeton University

**George L. Washington, Jr. '88**, Chief Litigation Counsel, Orange Business Services

## 12:45 - 2:15 PM LUNCHEON AND CONVERSATION WITH FILM AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY PIONEERS

*Tent – Poe Field*

**Selwyn Seyfu Hinds '93**, Showrunner, Producer and Screenwriter; and **Broderick Johnson '90**, Co-CEO, Alcon Entertainment

## 2:15 - 2:45 PM GROUP PHOTO

*Poe Field*

## 3:15 - 4:30 PM AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT

*Concurrent sessions in various locations*

### **Get Up, Stand Up – Yoga Flow to Energize and Inspire**

*Dillon Gym, Multipurpose Room*

Refresh and stretch with a gentle guided yoga session.

**Lisa J. Haynes '88**, Yoga Teacher

### **Navigating the Benefits and Burdens of Our Princeton Privilege as Parents**

*McCosh Hall, Room 28*

Join the discussion on how our privilege as Princetonians affects our role as parents.

MODERATOR: **Hilary Beard '84**, Writer, Speaker, Trainer and Coach

PANELISTS:

**Aasha M. Abdill \*15**, Independent Scholar

**Clyde Beverly III '00**, Counseling Psychologist in Residence and Coordinator of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, The Purnell School

**Liz Robinson Henry '88**, Youth Consultant and Pediatrician

### **The Roads Less Traveled: Navigating Career Transitions**

*McCosh Hall, Room 10*

Some people think that one should have a certain career trajectory with a Princeton degree, but that just isn't the case. Join us in hearing the stories of fellow alumni who charted their own unique paths to career success.

MODERATOR: **Pauly Rodney '00**, SVP, Head of Diversity and Inclusion Practice, Raines International, Inc.

PANELISTS:

**Jacklyn E. Bruce '99**, History Department Head, IB Programme, Thomas Jefferson High School

**Rana Campbell '13**, Founder and CEO, Dreams In Drive

**Juanita T. James '74**, President and CEO, Fairfield County's Community Foundation

**Andrea Morris \*99**, Director of Career and Professional Development, The Rockefeller University

### **Woodrow Wilson's Legacy: Wrestling With History**

*McCosh Hall, Room 50*

Learn about "Double Sights," the recent installation about the complex legacy of Woodrow Wilson.

**Michele Minter**, Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity; featuring **Walter J. Hood**, Creative Director, Hood Design Studio; Professor of Landscape Architecture, UC Berkeley

### 3:15 - 5:30 PM "SPRINTER" FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

*Frist Campus Center, Film and Performance Theater, Room 301*

**Rob Maylor '00**, CEO and Founder, Mental Telepathy Pictures

### 4:30 - 4:45 PM BREAK

*Tent - McCosh Courtyard*

### 4:45 - 6:00 PM AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT

*Concurrent sessions in various locations*

#### **Alumni Author Book Fair**

*Chancellor Green Rotunda*

Drop-in fair highlighting published black alumni and select faculty authors. Wine, beer and other refreshments will be served.

**Aasha M. Abdill \*15**, "Fathering from the Margins"

**Rahman Beckwith '03**, "A Gift of Joy- 365 Love Poems for a Year of Spiritual Ecstasy"

**Ruha Benjamin**, "Race After Technology"

**Heather M. Butts '94**, "African American Medicine in Washington, D.C.: Healing the Capital During the Civil War Era"

**Chris Chambers '82**, "The Obama Inheritance: Fifteen Stories of Conspiracy Noir"

**Mario Depeine, Sr. '85**, "Immanuel's Bride and the Holy Spirit, Building a Whole New World"

**Tod G. Hamilton**, "Immigration and the Remaking of Black America"

**Ladee Hubbard '93**, "The Talented Ribkins"

**Daryl Inniss '83**, "Silicon Photonics: Fueling the Next Information Revolution"

**Lolita Buckner Inniss '83**, "The Princeton Fugitive Slave: The Trials of James Collins Johnson"

**Franne McNeal '82**, "Significant! From Frustrated to FranneTastic: Inspirational Stories for the Entrepreneurial Woman"

**Alexis Okeowo '06**, "A Moonless, Starless Sky: Ordinary Women and Men Fighting Extremism in Africa"

**Andre Perry '00**, "Some of Us Are Very Hungry Now"

**Imani Perry**, "Breathe: A Letter to My Sons"

**Sarah Valentine \*07**, "When I Was White: A Memoir"

**Wilton L. Virgo '00**, "Quantum Mechanics in Everyday Life"

**Barbara Wallace '80**, "Making Mandated Addiction Treatment Work"

**Brigitte White '00**, "All-American, Making the Cut"

#### **Building Personal Wealth**

*McCosh Hall, Room 10*

MODERATOR: **James F. Blue III '91**, Executive Producer, PBS NewsHour Productions

FEATURING: **Katrina Robinson '04**, CEO and Board Director, Teton Trust Company and

**Ramsey D. Smith '90**, Founder, ALEX.fyi

### **Conscious Living: How to Achieve Work/Life Balance in the Real World**

*McCosh Hall, Room 46*

Join us for this fun and engaging hands-on workshop, where you will gain practical tools and a custom road map for creating more balance in your personal and professional life.

**Bianca Alexander '93**, Creative Director and Host, Conscious Living TV on AmazonPrime

### **Free-Up!: Finding Power and Passion in Movement**

*Lewis Arts complex, Ellie's Studio (Room N201)*

This interactive session will explore power and passion through a facilitated dance workshop.

**Sonja Dumas '86**, Arts and Entertainment Consultant

### **Roundtable Discussions**

Moderated informal discussions on topics regarding family, career, education and identity.

### **Caring for an Aging Parent**

*Frist Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (Lower Level)*

**Heather M. Butts '94**, Assistant Professor and Co-Director of the Honors College, LIU Post; Cofounder HEALTH for Youths; and Lecturer at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and St. John's School of Law

### **Engineering: The Chameleon Degree**

*Frist Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (Lower Level)*

**Jameelah Muhammad Ingram '04**, Lead Structural Engineer, WSP USA

### **Identity and Intersectionality**

*Julis Romo Rabinowitz Building, Room 399*

**Dasheeda Dawson '00**, CEO and Author, The WeedHead™ & Company

### **K-12 Education Opportunities and Challenges**

*Frist Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (Lower Level)*

**Janella T. Hinds '93**, Vice President for Academic High Schools, United Federation of Teachers

**Kevin C. Hudson '97**, Assistant Director for College Opportunity, Princeton University

6:30 - 9:00 PM CLOSING RECEPTION AND DINNER

*Tent - Poe Field*

**Terri Sewell '86**, Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives, in conversation with **Melanie Lawson '76**, Journalist and Television News Anchor, KTRK-TV

### **9:15 PM - 12:00 AM THRIVE! PARTY AT PROSPECT HOUSE FEATURING FOPO DJs**

*Prospect House*

DJs:

**Selwyn Seyfu Hinds '93**, Showrunner, Producer and Screenwriter

**Mark Hines '94**, Creative Director, Marksmen Guerrilla Production Network

**Jay Weaver '92**, Founder and CEO, Varsity Software, Inc.

**Dale Williams '93**, President, Dolo Technology Services LLC

## WHILE ON CAMPUS

### "DOUBLE SIGHTS" BY ARTIST WALTER HOOD

Scudder Plaza

### (IN)VISIBLE PRINCETON CAMPUS WALKING TOURS

Visit <https://bit.ly/2lViJl7>

### THRIVE ALUMNI ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Lewis Arts complex, CoLab (Lower Level)

### TONI MORRISON EXHIBITION

Firestone Library

### "THE WORK OF SEVERAL LIFETIMES"

by ARTIST MARIO MOORE

Lewis Arts complex, Hurley Gallery (Mezzanine Level)

## MOTHERHOOD ROOMS

Dillon Gymnasium, **adjacent to lobby**

Engineering Quad, **C235**

Jadwin Gymnasium, **C-Level**

Julis Romo Rabinowitz Building, **A37A**

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Alumni Affairs **609.258.1900**

On-Campus Emergency **609.258.3333**

Off-Campus Emergency **911**

Campus Public Safety **609.258.1000**

Taxi Stand on Nassau Street **609.924.1222**



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## REGISTER

by September 23, 2019

Online [thrive.princeton.edu](http://thrive.princeton.edu)

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Conference details, including hotel, transportation and the full schedule, are available online. All alumni are invited to attend with one guest.

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Connect on social media.

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The schedule is subject to change.

### Calling All Talented Authors, Artists and Entrepreneurial Tigers!

If you are interested in participating in the Alumni Author Book Fair, Artists Exhibition or Startup Showcase, please visit the conference website to learn more and apply.

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Dear Princetonians,

In September 2006, Princeton hosted *Coming Back and Looking Forward*, an unprecedented and inspiring conference for black alumni that focused on their experiences at Princeton and beyond, their aspirations for the future, and their connection to Princeton and one another. *Coming Back* was so successful that it created a new model for alumni events, including *Coming Back, Moving Forward* in 2009 and *Coming Back: Reconnecting Princeton's Black Alumni* in 2014.

I am delighted to invite you now to attend Princeton's fourth conference for black alumni, *Thrive: Empowering and Celebrating Princeton's Black Alumni*, on October 3-5. Like its predecessors, *Thrive* will enable participants to renew old friendships, forge new bonds, learn more about the Princeton of today, and share hopes and ideas about the future of our University and our society. I hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a thought-provoking, spirited, and memorable gathering of Princetonians.

With warm best wishes from campus,



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## Thursday, October 3, 2019

- 1:00 - 2:00 PM** CARVING OUR OWN PATHS: SUCCESS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
Kamil Ali-Jackson '81, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary, Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.; and John W. Rogers Jr. '80, Chairman, Co-CEO and CIO, Ariel Investments
- 2:15 - 3:15 PM** ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOPS  
Introduction to Design Thinking  
Perfecting Your Pitch  
Product Development
- 3:30 - 4:30 PM** NAVIGATING A SUCCESSFUL STARTUP JOURNEY  
Self-Funded Founders and Funders  
Social Impact Founders and Funders  
Venture-Backed Founders and Funders
- 3:30 - 4:45 PM** FIRESTONE LIBRARY TOUR WITH ACCESS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN READING ROOM
- 4:45 - 5:30 PM** INSTITUTIONAL INVESTING: AN INSIDER'S VIEW
- 4:45 - 5:45 PM** STARTUP SHOWCASE
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM** WELCOME RECEPTION
- 7:45 - 8:45 PM** OUR JOURNEYS TO, THROUGH AND BEYOND PRINCETON – MORE THAN ONE WAY TO THRIVE  
Moderated by C. Kim Goodwin '81, CEO and CIO, Avanico Holdings; and featuring Fiyinfoluwa 'Tumi' Akinlawon '15, Consultant, The Boston Consulting Group; Michael S. Fletcher II '03, Director of Talent Acquisition, BRICK Education Network; Lori Dickerson Fouché '91, CEO, TIAA Financial Solutions; Craig Robinson '83, Vice President of Player Development and General Manager, Westchester Knicks
- 9:00 - 10:00 PM** DRINKS, DESSERT & JAZZ

## Friday, October 4, 2019

- 8:30 - 8:45 AM** WELCOME BACK: OPENING REMARKS  
Karen Richardson '93, Dean of Admission
- 8:45 - 9:45 AM** A CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER L. EISGRUBER '83
- 10:00 - 10:45 AM** THE PRINCETON & SLAVERY PROJECT  
Martha A. (Marni) Sandweiss, Professor of History, and Melanie Lawson '76, Journalist and Television News Anchor, KTRK-TV
- 10:45 - 11:45 AM** FROM STUDENT ACTIVIST TO UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE  
Brent L. Henry '69, University Trustee, interviewed by Ita Ekpoudom '03, Partner, GingerBread Capital
- 12:00 - 1:30 PM** LUNCHEON DISCUSSION: IN THE NATION'S (AND THE CITY, COUNTY AND STATE'S) SERVICE: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY  
Moderated by Cecilia Elena Rouse, Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, and the Katzman-Ernst Professor in the Economics of Education; featuring Andrea J. Campbell '04, Boston City Council President, District 4 Councilor; Satana Deberry '91, District Attorney, Durham County, North Carolina; and Eric Johnson \*03, Mayor, Dallas, Texas
- 2:00 - 3:15 PM** FACULTY LECTURES AND ALUMNI DISCUSSION  
Are Robots Racist? Reimagining Technology, Equity and the New Jim Code  
Ruha Benjamin, Associate Professor of African American Studies and Arthur H. Scribner Bicentennial Preceptor
- Begin Again: James Baldwin's Lesson for America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own  
Eddie S. Glaude Jr. \*97, James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor, and Chair, Department of African American Studies
- Black Box Research Group: An Intro to Algorithms and Robotics for 21st Century Architecture  
Mitch McEwen, Assistant Professor of Architecture
- Inclusive Excellence for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics  
William Alfred Massey '77, Edwin S. Wilsey Professor of Operations Research and Financial Engineering; and Rodney Priestley, Associate Professor, Chemical and Biological Engineering and Associate Director, Princeton Center for Complex Materials
- Paying it Forward: Evolving Your Personal Philanthropy  
Alumni Discussion

- 3:30 - 4:45 PM** AFTERNOON PROGRAMS  
Looking Back, Moving Forward: 50 Years of African American Studies at Princeton and 10th Anniversary of the Carl A. Fields Center Celebration  
With Eddie S. Glaude Jr. \*97
- Networking Receptions With Current Students  
Alumnae Reception  
First-Generation, Low-Income (FLI) Reception  
Graduate Alumni Reception  
LGBTQ+ Reception
- What Makes You Great? Reframing Your Story and Recognizing Your Success  
Nicole Shelton, Stuart Professor of Psychology, Head of Butler College
- 5:15 - 6:30 PM** PERSPECTIVES ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
Lily McNair '79, President, Tuskegee University, and Ruth Simmons, President, Prairie View A&M University; in conversation with Christopher L. Eisgruber '83, President, Princeton University
- 6:45 - 9:15 PM** AN EVENING OF POETRY AND MUSIC  
Tracy K. Smith, Roger S. Berlind '52 Professor in the Humanities; Chair, Lewis Center for the Arts; and 22nd Poet Laureate of the United States; and Stanley Jordan '81, Multi-Style Musical Innovator
- 9:30 - 11:00 PM** PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE  
Produced by Victoria Davidjohn '19, Community Impact Coordinator, The Public Theater
- Saturday, October 5, 2019**
- 8:00 - 9:15 AM** NETWORKING BREAKFAST WITH STUDENTS AND ALUMNI  
Hosted by University Trustees Achille Tenkiang '17 and Myesha Jemison '18
- 9:30 - 10:45 AM** ALUMNI DISCUSSIONS  
Exploring Princeton Faith Journeys
- No Borders, No Limits: A Conversation on Living and Working Abroad
- Sports and Racial Discourse in America Today
- Tigers in Healthcare: Views From the Clinic, Classroom and Community
- Wake Up Everybody! Thriving In Today's Racial Climate

- 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM** ALUMNI DISCUSSIONS  
Fighting the Stigma: Open Conversations on Mental Health
- Race-ish: Seizing the Narrative in Media and Entertainment
- A Seat at the Table: Positioning Yourself for Board Service
- Tigers in Tech
- Voices Across the Decades: A History of Black Students at Princeton
- 12:45 - 2:15 PM** LUNCHEON AND CONVERSATION WITH FILM AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY PIONEERS  
Selwyn Seyfu Hinds '93, Showrunner, Producer and Screenwriter; and Broderick Johnson '90, Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Alcon Entertainment
- 2:15 - 2:45 PM** GROUP PHOTO
- 3:15 - 4:30 PM** AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT  
21st Century Princeton: Our Evolving Campus Iconography  
Michele Minter, Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity; featuring Walter J. Hood, Creative Director, Hood Design Studio; Professor of Landscape Architecture, UC Berkeley
- Get Up, Stand Up: Yoga Flow to Energize and Inspire
- Navigating the Benefits and Burdens of Our Princeton Privilege as Parents
- The Roads Less Traveled: Navigating Career Transitions
- 3:15 - 5:30 PM** "SPRINTER" FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION  
Rob Maylor '00, CEO and Founder, Mental Telepathy Pictures
- 4:45 - 6:00 PM** AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT  
Alumni Author Book Fair
- Conscious Living: How to Achieve Work/Life Balance in the Real World
- Free-Up!: Finding Power and Passion in Movement
- Roundtable Discussions
- 6:30 - 9:00 PM** CLOSING RECEPTION AND DINNER  
Terri Sewell '86, Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives
- 9:15 PM - 12:00 AM** **THRIVE!** Party at Prospect House Featuring FOPO DJs

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