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CONFERENCE

## CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

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This virtual conference fosters connections and builds research collaborations between Historically Black Colleges/Universities (HBCUs), Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), and research-intensive institutions (R1s). This virtual conference responds to NSF's Dear Colleague Letter, *Build and Broaden: Enabling New Social, Behavioral and Economic Science Collaborations with Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)*. The goal of the Build and Broaden program, and this virtual conference, is to foster connections that enable the submission of competitive collaborative research proposals. The resulting projects would support research activity and funding at both an HBCU/MSI and an R1 institution, providing valuable research experiences and lasting research infrastructure investment at both institutions.

This virtual conference includes invited faculty mentors who are developmental science scholars committed to working with families from underrepresented groups, using diverse methodologies, and adopting within-group research designs to study the roots of intimate/marital relationships. These senior, tenured scholars have strong records of securing external funding to support their research programs and

have demonstrated the ability to effectively mentor and collaborate with other researchers. Faculty mentors will present their research and provide the scaffolding needed for individuals who are less knowledgeable about relevant programs at NSF and the research funding process in general. Faculty mentors will meet with scholars appointed at HBCUs/MSIs and exchange ideas.

A conference evaluation will be conducted with all participants to assess the quality of the meeting, its impact on attendees, and the initial success at producing new collaborative partnerships. Follow up surveys will be used to assess how successful the meeting was at producing collaborative grant proposals that would not otherwise have been submitted. Understanding the developmental implications of interpersonal family functioning is important to many researchers, educators, practitioners, and policy makers. This virtual conference seeks to enhance the breadth of talent and perspectives engaged in the research process, and in so doing to make new discoveries in this area. This meeting reflects NSF's statutory mission and has been deemed worthy of support through evaluation using the Foundation's intellectual merit and broader impacts review criteria.



\*ALL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE USING ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING.

## 7-8 JUNE / PRE-CONFERENCE

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12:00 pm - 3:30 pm CDT

Pre-Conference

### *Writing Winning Proposals*

Grant Central facilitator will address the practical and conceptual aspects that are important to writing successful NSF proposals

\* Note for Mentors: You do not need to attend the Pre-Conference, but if you would like to join in support of the mentees, you are welcome to do so. All mentees are expected to attend the pre-conference and the conference.

## 9 JUNE / DAY 1 OF CONFERENCE

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12:00 pm - 12:45 pm CDT

Welcome

Introductions of conference hosts and mentors, and goals of conference.

- Dr. Chalandra M. Bryant (University of Minnesota),  
Overview of Grant that Led to Conference
- Dr. Tera R. Jordan (Iowa State University),  
Pre-Conference Summary and Overview of Main Conference
- Dr. Jennifer J. Ross (Tuskegee University), Introduction of Mentors

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm

Dr. Norma Burgess (Introduced by Dr. Jordan)

The Role Mentors Play In Our Academic Lives and the Importance of Having Multiple Mentors

1 :15 pm – 1:30 pm

Dr. Chalandra M. Bryant

Overview of the National Science Foundation and the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Science

1:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Break

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Dr. Jennifer J. Ross, Dr. Tera R. Jordan

What Do We Mean by Developmental Sciences?

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Break-Out Rooms

Speed mentoring (Announced by Dr. Jordan)

Each of the 10 mentors will have 6 minutes to discuss grantsmithing skills and tips with mentees.

3:00 pm – 3:10 pm

Return from Break-Out Rooms – Comments (Led by Dr. Jordan)

3:10 pm – 3:50 pm

Dr. M. Belinda Tucker, Dr. Claudia Mitchell-Kernan (Introduced by Dr. Jordan)

The impetus for their book titled, *The Decline in Marriage Among African Americans*, which set the stage a strength-based approaches to the study of African American families and couples.

3:50 pm – 4:05 pm

Break (Announced by Dr. Bryant)

4:05 pm – 4:35 pm

Dr. Armon Perry (Introduced by Dr. Bryant)

The Development of African American Men's Perspectives on Marriage and Fatherhood

4:35 pm – 5:05 pm

Dr. Jeffery Shears (Introduced by Dr. Ross)  
Values that Fathers Communicate to Sons' about Relationships/  
Marriage: Direct and Indirect Influences on Development

5:05 pm – 5:15 pm

Dr. Tera Jordan  
Questions and Wrap-Up

## 10 JUNE / DAY 2 OF CONFERENCE

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12:00 pm – 12:15 pm CDT

Dr. Jennifer Ross  
Welcome Back, Overview of the Afternoon

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm

Dr. Ming Cui (Introduced by Dr. Bryant)  
Romantic Relationship Development from Adolescence to  
Adulthood

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm

Dr. Frank Fincham (Introduced by Dr. Bryant)  
Positive Approaches to Optimal Relationship Development

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Questions (Moderated by Dr. Ross)

1:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Break

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Break-Out Rooms  
Create MURALS (Led by Dr. Jordan)

- 5 to 10 minute Demonstration of MURAL App (tool)
- What observations you have made about relationship/  
family and/or developmental science research?
- So far, what has been your most inspiring moment during the  
conference?
- What questions do you still have?
- How does your research reflect developmental science?

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Group Share  
Explaining MURALS created (Moderated by Dr. Jordan)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Dr. Michael Cunningham (Introduced by Dr. Bryant)  
Developmental Precursors of Bravado Attitudes in African  
American Male Adolescents

3:30 pm – 3:40 pm

Break (Announced by Dr. Jordan)

3:40 pm – 4:10 pm

Dr. Anthony James (Introduced by Dr. Jordan)  
Spirituality and Positive Youth Development: The Impact on  
Relationships Later in Life

4:10 pm – 4:20 pm

Questions and Wrap-Up (Led by Dr. Bryant)

## 11 JUNE / DAY 3 OF CONFERENCE

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12:00 pm – 12:15 pm CDT	Dr. Chalandra Bryant Welcome Back, Overview of the Afternoon
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Break-Out Rooms (Announced by Dr. Jordan) Mentees receive feedback on their research summaries.
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Break
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Dr. Michael Young (Introduced by Dr. Ross) <i>Linking Your Project and Your Budget</i> *Now that you have received feedback on your summaries, think about what it will take to launch and support your work.
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break-Out Rooms (Led by Dr. Jordan) Revisit MURALS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What would you add?</li><li>• What would you change on your mural based on what you have learned?</li></ul>
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Share (Led by Dr. Jordan) Reflections of MURAL Changes
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Evaluation (Led by Dr. Jordan) Complete the conference evaluation
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Bryant, Reminder of Grant that Led to Conference</li><li>• Dr. Ross, Pre-Conference &amp; Main Conference Meeting of Goals of Grant</li><li>• Dr. Jordan, Recognition of Mentors, Final words</li></ul>

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