

Helping Faculty Prepare Underrepresented Students of Color for Doctoral Success

A Discussion of Teaching Practices and Institutional Structures

Monday, April 4, 2016
2:00 – 3:00 pm
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This roundtable discussion addresses institutional structures of higher education and practices around preparing underrepresented students of color for doctoral programs. It features faculty members from Hampton University, a historically black university founded in 1868, who will share their experiences and expertise in teaching students at Hampton University and in advising and mentoring undergraduate research.

Our discussion will engage

- the teaching and mentoring of underrepresented students of color
- teaching and advising across different kinds of institutional spaces
- institutional structures and its impact on underrepresented students of color
- race in higher education

Panelists:

Dr. Amee Carmines, Department of English, Hampton University

Dr. Joyce Jarrett, Department of English, Hampton University

Dr. Mark Jerng, Department of English, University of California, Davis

Dr. Amee Carmines is Professor of English at Hampton University. Her academic focus is western and world literature and critical theory. During her twenty-nine year tenure at the university, she has served as faculty mentor to student fellows associated with the Dana Scholars Program, UNCF Mellon/Mays Undergraduate Research Program, and with IRT Fellows. She also routinely teaches central courses, such as literary criticism and senior seminar.

Dr. Joyce Jarrett holds the endowed chair of Distinguished Professor of English at Hampton University. She has taught a range of courses to include African American literature, senior thesis, advanced writing, and introduction to literary studies (a required tools course for majors). Currently, she also serves as a UNCF Mellon/Mays faculty mentor. Dr. Jarrett has also served the university in numerous administrative posts: Chair of the Department of English, Executive Assistant to the President, and Provost.

Dr. Mark Jerng is Associate Professor of English and Graduate Adviser for the PhD Program in English at University of California, Davis. He is Lead PI for the UCD Summer Program for Literary Analysis and Success in the Humanities (SPLASH).

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