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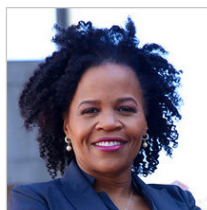


Honorable Guests



SHALANDA BAKER

Deputy Director for Energy Justice and Secretary's Advisor on Equity at the U.S. Department of Energy



KIM JANEY

Mayor of Boston



KARL REID

Senior Vice Provost and Chief Inclusion Officer at Northeastern University



Plenary Session Speakers



TWYLA BAKER

**President,
Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College**



Twyla Baker is an enrolled citizen of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation) of North Dakota. She lives and works on her ancestral homelands on the Fort Berthold Indian reservation in northwest North Dakota. She is the President of Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, the Tribally chartered college of the Three Affiliated Tribes. President Baker's work touches a broad swath of her home reservation, and serves a number of stakeholders, including students, Tribal members, community members, and the state and region. Born and raised on Fort Berthold, President Baker left home for several years and built a life away from the reservation, though she maintained strong ties to her home community. Viewing life through an Indigenous lens, her worldview informs nearly everything she does professionally and personally, and she is raising her children to know, see, and carry on their Tribal life ways as they were taught to her by her parents. President Baker cherishes her strong grounding in her culture and identity and the credibility within her community that brings, and uses it to carry out her work within her community, locally, regionally, and nationally. She has spent a lifetime learning her Tribal people's lifeways, both traditional and contemporary, and puts that knowledge to use educating and advocating for her Tribal Nation and working with external constituencies.



GILDA BARABINO

**President,
Olin College of Engineering**



Gilda A. Barabino previously served as Daniel and Frances Berg Professor and Dean at The City College of New York's (CCNY) Grove School of Engineering. Prior to joining CCNY, she was Associate Chair for Graduate Studies and Professor in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory. At Georgia Tech she also served as the inaugural Vice Provost for Academic Diversity. Prior to Georgia Tech and Emory, she rose to the rank of Professor of Chemical Engineering and was Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education at Northeastern University. President Barabino is a noted investigator in the areas of sickle cell disease, cellular and tissue engineering, and the role of race/ethnicity and gender in science and engineering.



PAULA A. JOHNSON

**President,
Wellesley College**



Paula A. Johnson is a highly respected and passionate leader, deeply committed to women and to sustainably improving their lives. She is recognized internationally as an innovator who has brought her broad range of experience as a researcher, educator, and expert in health care, public health, and health policy to bear in the effort to advance the well-being of women. With a remarkable track record of accomplishments—she founded the Connors Center for Women's Health and Gender Biology at Brigham and Women's Hospital—she has led in the field of women's health, taking an approach to biology that integrates insights from sociology, economics, and many other fields.

President Johnson was the Grayce A. Young Family Professor of Medicine in Women's Health at Harvard Medical School, as well as professor of epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Her research, her vision, and her interdisciplinary approach to leading at the intersection of health care, education, and public health have placed her in key leadership roles in organizations around the world.

Breakout Session Leaders



Stacy Blake-Beard

Visiting Professor of Business Administration at Dartmouth College, and Emerita Professor at Simmons College



Shardé M. Davis

Assistant Professor of Communication at the University of Connecticut



Nicole M. Joseph

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education at Vanderbilt University



Robyn L. Gobin

Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and Community Health at the University of Illinois-Champaign



Josephine M. Kim

Lecturer on Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and is an associated faculty at the Center for Cross-Cultural Student Emotional Wellness at Massachusetts General Hospital



Lisa A. Gray

Assistant Professor of Social Work at Regis College



Dalia Llera

Professor Emerita of Counseling and Psychology at Lesley University



Margaret Hahn-Dupont

Teaching Professor of Law at Northeastern University



Janise McNair

Associate Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering, and Chair of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access for Electrical & Computer Engineering at the University of Florida



Meenakshi Narain

Professor of Physics at Brown University





Oyinda Oyelaran

Teaching Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at Northeastern University



Serena Parekh

Professor of Philosophy at Northeastern University



Kerstin Perez

Class of 1948 Career Development Assistant Professor of Physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology



H.C. Robinson

Associate Professor of Law and Sociology at Northeastern University



Geraldine Richmond

Presidential Chair in Science, and Professor of Chemistry at University of Oregon



Iman Salama

Associate Teaching Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering at Northeastern University



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If you can walk away for days, weeks, or even years at a time, it is not an ambition, it’s a wish. Wishes feel good and rarely come true. Ambition, on the other hand, fuels your days and refuses to be ignored. It challenges your sense of self and fulfills your sense of wonder.

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Stacey Abrams,
Lead from the Outside, p. 25