



**WOMEN
OF COLOR
IN THE
ACADEMY**

Diversity & Truth in the Academy: Preserving Courage, Persistence, & Resilience

Rothwell Theater, Northeastern University, Oakland Campus, Oakland, CA
Friday, May 2, 2025 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Pacific Time

10:00 am | **BRUNCH & NETWORKING**

11:00 am | **OPENING CEREMONY**

11:25 am | **GROUP PHOTO**

11:35 am | **BREAK**

11:50 am | **WORKSHOP**
**Inspire to Lead: Bridging Mind,
Culture, and People**

Facilitator | Christie Chung

1:10 pm | **BREAK**

1:30 pm | **ROUNDTABLE
DISCUSSION (LIVESTREAM)**
**Perspectives on and Strategies for
Diversity and Truth-telling in the
Academy**

Moderator | Régine Jean-Charles
Panelists | Kiana Pierre-Louis, Alexandra
Piñeros Shields, and Kimberly Truong

2:30 pm | **BREAK**

2:40 pm | **REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING**

3:30 pm | **KEYNOTE ADDRESS (RECORDING)**

Introduction | Janie Ward

Keynote Speaker | Lynn Perry Wooten

4:30 pm | **CLOSING**

Speakers appear in alphabetical order.
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will be available after the conference.



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Professional Development Workbook

The WOCIA Conference Planning Committee invites you to explore this year's professional development workbook, *The Book of Resilience*. In an era marked by shifting narratives and deliberate efforts to undermine diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), women of color in academia stand at a critical crossroads. This workbook is designed to affirm our collective strength, providing space to reflect, strategize, and build resilience. The theme, "Diversity & Truth in the Academy: Preserving Courage, Persistence, & Resilience," calls us to reaffirm our place in academia—not as guests, but as architects of its future. Workbooks are available online at bit.ly/ResilienceWOCIA. Find workbooks from previous years at woc.northeastern.edu/about/annual-conference.

Conference Digital Materials

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