

# Conference Hosts & Special Guests



**Nicole N. Aljoe**

**Conference Co-Chair** | Professor, English & Africana Studies; Faculty Affiliate, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program; Faculty Affiliate, NULab for Texts, Maps, and Networks; Dean's Leadership Fellow, Public Engagement, Diversity, and Research, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University



**Mary Jo Ondrechen**

**Conference Co-Chair** | Professor, Chemistry and Chemical Biology, College of Science, Northeastern University



**Patricia Davis**

**Conference Co-Chair** | Associate Professor, Communication Studies, College of Arts, Media and Design, Northeastern University



**Janie Ward**

Professor Emerita, Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Simmons University

*“Break the mold! Have the biggest vision you can! If you can't dream it, it cannot occur!”*

Judy Baca

# Keynote Speaker



## Lynn Perry Wooten

### President, Simmons University

Lynn Perry Wooten, a seasoned academic and an expert on organizational development and transformation, is the ninth president of Simmons University. She is the first African American to lead the University.

Specializing in crisis leadership, diversity and inclusion, and positive leadership, Dr. Wooten is an innovative leader and prolific author and presenter. She came to Simmons from Cornell University, where she was the David J. Nolan Dean and Professor of Management and Organizations at the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. Prior to that, she served on the faculty of the University of Michigan Ross School of Business for nearly 20 years.

Dr. Wooten is the author of nearly 30 journal articles, more than 15 book chapters and four books. This includes *The Prepared Leader* and the Wall Street Journal best-selling book *Arrive and Thrive*. A resident of Brookline,

Dr. Wooten is actively involved in the Boston philanthropic and civic community. She currently serves on the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Boston Public Library Board of Trustees, the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Trustee Advisory Board, the JFK Library Foundation Board of Advisors, the Fenway Alliance Board of Directors, The George School Board of Trustees, the MASCO Board of Directors, and the GBH Board of Trustees. In addition, Dr. Wooten is an active member of several national volunteer leadership organizations, and she serves on the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan Board of Directors and the North Carolina A&T University Board of Trustees.

Dr. Wooten holds a bachelor's degree from North Carolina A&T State University, where she was valedictorian; an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business; and a doctorate from the University of Michigan. In addition, she received a Certificate in Advanced Educational Leadership from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

# Plenary Session II: Roundtable Discussion

## Perspectives on and Strategies for Diversity and Truth-telling in the Academy

### MODERATOR



#### Régine Jean-Charles

**Dean's Professor of Culture & Social Justice; Professor, Africana Studies and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Director, Africana Studies, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University**

Régine Michelle Jean-Charles is a Black feminist literary scholar and cultural critic who works at the intersection of race, gender, and justice. Her scholarship and teaching in Africana Studies include expertise on Black France, Sub-Saharan Africa, Caribbean literature, Black girlhood, Haiti, and the diaspora. She is the author of *Conflict Bodies: The Politics of Rape Representation in the Francophone Imaginary* (Ohio State University Press, 2014), *The Trumpet of Conscience Today* (Orbis Press, 2021), and *Looking for Other Worlds: Black Feminism and Haitian Fiction* (University of Virginia Press, 2022). She is currently working on two book projects—one explores representations of Haitian girlhood, and the other is a co-authored interdisciplinary study of sexual violence entitled *The Rape Culture Syllabus*. Dr. Jean-Charles is a regular contributor to media outlets like *The Boston Globe*, *Ms. Magazine*, *WGBH*, *America Magazine*, and *Cognoscenti*, where she has weighed in on topics including #metoo, higher education, and issues affecting the Haitian diaspora.

### PANELISTS



#### Kiana Pierre-Louis

**Associate Dean for Equity, Belonging & Student Affairs, Facilitator and Consultant for DEIB, Northeastern University**

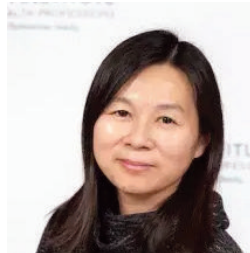
Kiana Pierre-Louis, Esq., is the Associate Dean for Belonging & Student Affairs at Northeastern University School of Law. Previously, she was a Senior Law Lecturer at Bentley University, where she taught business law and DEI courses, co-created the DEI major, and received multiple awards for teaching and leadership. A practicing attorney in civil litigation, corporate law, and criminal defense, Kiana is also Chair of the Sharon Select Board and President of the Sharon Racial Equity Alliance. She serves on the MAPC, MMA, and Boston Bar Association DEI committees and has been recognized for her excellence and advocacy.



### **Alexandra Piñeros-Shields**

#### **Associate Professor, Practice of Racial Equity, Brandeis University**

Dr. Alexandra Piñeros Shields is an Associate Professor and directs the Master of Public Policy Program at the Heller School, Brandeis University where she teaches courses on immigration policy, racial and economic justice, and participatory action research. Over her 35-year career, Dr. Piñeros Shields has worked with Black and immigrant communities to dismantle mass incarceration in the criminal legal system and the immigrant detention system. Prior to joining the Heller faculty, she directed ECCO, a community organizing interfaith network of 40 congregations working on racial and economic justice issues. Dr. Piñeros Shields serves as President of the Board of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center and on the Boards of the ACLU of Massachusetts and Philanthropy Massachusetts.



### **Kimberly Truong**

#### **Chief Health Equity and Community Excellence Officer, Institute of Health Professions, Massachusetts General Hospital**

Kimberly A. Truong, PhD is the IHP Chief Health Equity and Community Excellence Officer. Dr. Truong is also an adjunct lecturer on education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a faculty affiliate of the MGH Center for Cross-Cultural Student Emotional Wellness. Prior to coming to the MGH Institute, Dr. Truong was the Director of Inclusion Programs at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. In this role, Dr. Truong worked closely with Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Senior Advisor and Strategist to the President at Harvard University, as a member of the senior leadership team on diversity, inclusion, and belonging to implement policies, programs, and practices across the university. Before joining the Harvard Chan School, Dr. Truong was an Administrative Fellow through the Harvard Office of the Assistant to the President.

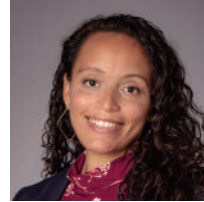
# Workshop Leaders

Workshop leader bios are available in the online program.



## Dzidzor Azaglo

Performing Artist, Community Liaison, Community Partnerships Coordinator of the Reckonings Project, Northeastern University



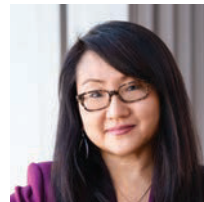
## Hayley Haywood

Chief Equity Officer & Principal Consultant, Elevating Access



## Suha Ballout

Associate Professor, Nursing, University of Massachusetts Boston



## Katherine In-Young Lee

Founder, Higher Ed Coach, and Career Strategist, Rise with Clarity



## Adrianna Boulin

Director of Racial Equity, Social Justice, and Community Engagement, Fenway Health; Part-Time Lecturer, Health Sciences, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University



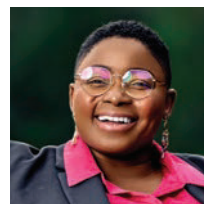
## Patricia Krueger-Henney

Associate Professor, Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston



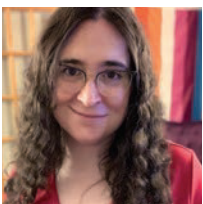
## Christie Chung

Executive Director, The Mills Institute; Professor, Psychology, The Mills Institute



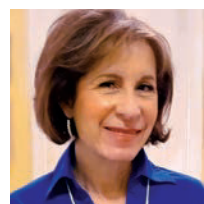
## Abigail C. Lindo

Assistant Professor, Comparative Studies and African American & African Studies, The Ohio State University



## Michael Ann DeVito

Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Communication Studies, Khoury College of Computer Sciences and College of Arts, Media and Design, Northeastern University



## Jacqueline Rodriguez

School Psychologist, Boston Public Schools



## Neha P. Gothe

Associate Professor, School of Clinical Rehab Sciences; Assistant Director of the PhD in Human Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University



**Christina Smith**

Associate Director for Undergraduate STEM Development, Chemical Engineering, Brown University



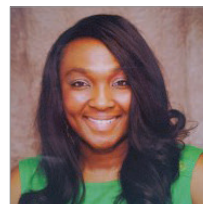
**Tanya Wilson**

Assistant Clinical Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University



**Andrea Stith**

Director of Research Development, Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Northeastern University



**Theresa Wilson Coney**

Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Northeastern University



**Alexandra To**

Assistant Professor, Art+Design, College of Arts, Media, and Design, Northeastern University



**Diedra M. Wrighting**

Executive Director, ADVANCE Office of Faculty Development, Northeastern University



*“ The heart of justice is truth telling, seeing ourselves and the world the way it is rather than the way we want to be. ”*

bell hooks