GPPD Seminar: Careers in Community Engagement

This panel discussion, hosted by the Wayne State Graduate School and the NIH-funded BEST (Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training) Program, is devoted to discussion of multiple career paths for doctoral trainees and postdoctoral scientists in community and civic engagement, nonprofit or foundation work, or social justice/public policy. Pizza and beverages will be served. This event is free, but please register for this event at: https://rsvp.wayne.edu/best-program-gppd-community-engagement/

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Community Room, Undergraduate Library [Adamany Library], on the main campus

Panel moderator Tonya Matthews, Ph.D., is a thought leader in museum engagement, free-choice learning, and hands-on STEM education. Dr. Matthews serves as the Michigan Science Center’s president and chief executive officer. She is the first permanent leader of the center and has enhanced the center’s impact to annually serve 300,000 children and families across 42 counties, while continuing to focus on the schools and communities of Detroit. Dr. Matthews completed her doctoral work at Johns Hopkins University in Biomedical Engineering after receiving a B.S. at Duke University in Biomedical and Electrical Engineering. Her undergraduate training also included a certificate in African/African-American Studies. In December 2016, Dr. Matthews was recognized with an honorary doctorate from Central Michigan University. She is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan. Email: Tonya.matthews@mi-sci.org

Chuck Jackson, Ph.D., has 28 years of professional experience, executive leadership, knowledge and application of social science theory to aid and advance communities. He is the new president of Community Social Services of Wayne County (CSSWC). Dr. Jackson earned his B.S. degree in sociology from Western Michigan University, and a master’s degree and doctorate in sociology from Wayne State. For nearly three decades, Dr. Jackson was employed at Starr Commonwealth, where he directed and managed programs and services for the organization’s five locations in Michigan. He also published reports on outcomes and methodology as models for implementation by state and national community service organizations. Dr. Jackson joined CSSWC in May of 2017. Email: cjackson@csswayne.org
**Shelly Tucker, Ph.D.**, graduated from Wayne State with a doctorate in social work in 2010. She taught courses in social change at the University of Pennsylvania and in the social work program at the University of Findlay in Ohio before founding Corrections2Community in 2014, a nonprofit organization devoted to assisting formerly incarcerated individuals transition back into society. Dr. Tucker has worked as a mental health specialist in a school system in Northern California, where she counseled at-risk students. Her educational background and passion for social and economic justice extends to research in areas of discrimination, social capital formation, social isolation, and immigration; health policy and legislative work; and program and community development.  Email: cmtucker15@gmail.com

**Marcella Wilson, Ph.D.**, has over 30 years of experience in healthcare administration, not-for-profit management, behavioral health, criminal justice and public-sector programming. Dr. Wilson holds a B.A. in psychology and sociology and an M.S.W. from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in health and higher education administration from the University of Toledo. In her newest role, president and founder of Transition to Success™, Wilson leads a national social change movement with a standard of care to treat poverty as an environmentally based medical condition. Transition to Success™, recognized as a Clinton Global Initiative, is a scalable, sustainable, measurable and multi-generation approach with uniform protocols and analytics across human services, healthcare, and education and government programs.  Email: mwilson@tts-llc.org