
WHEN THEY SEE US: EXPERIENCES OF MSU BLACK MALE STUDENTS SUMMIT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

(9:00AM–12:00NOON)

Inspired by NCORE’s webinar, “When They See Us: Experiences of Black Males Navigating Historically White Institutions,” this summit centers on the experiences of Black Male students attending Michigan State University.

Brought to you by: Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions, College of Natural Science, IDEA Coordinators, School of Packaging, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources—Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Black Students’ Alliance.

This event is part of [MSU’s 41st Anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration](#).

Registration required. ZOOM Link will be emailed a couple of days before event. Participants must be registered to receive the ZOOM Link.

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zso86RduQAswrb

SUMMIT SCHEDULE

9:00AM	Welcome
9:10AM	Opening Remarks, <i>Dr. Jabbar R. Bennett</i>
9:25AM	NCORE’s Webinar Highlight Clips
9:40AM	Student Panel, Facilitated by <i>Dr. Chezare A. Warren</i>
10:45AM	Breakout Rooms facilitated by MSU Faculty/Staff
11:35AM	MSU’s Black Strategic Outreach Group Updates, <i>Dr. D’Wayne Jenkins</i>
11:45AM	Closing Remarks, <i>Dr. Lee June</i>
11:55AM	Wrap-up

SPEAKER LINE-UP

OPENING REMARKS



Dr. Jabbar R. Bennett

Jabbar R. Bennett is MSU's vice president and chief diversity officer. Bennett works to advance MSU's diversity, equity, and inclusion strategic priorities along with staff in the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, and partnership among senior executives, deans, faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Bennett is also a professor of medicine in the College of Human Medicine.

Prior to joining MSU in December 2020, Bennett served as the inaugural associate provost for diversity and inclusion, and chief diversity officer at Northwestern University. Previously, he worked as associate dean of the Graduate School, and associate dean for diversity in the Division of Biology and Medicine at Brown University. Bennett has held administrative appointments at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. He has served on the faculty at Harvard, Brown, and Northwestern.

Bennett received a BS in biology and minor in Spanish from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and earned a PhD in biomedical sciences from Meharry Medical College. Bennett completed postdoctoral research training at Harvard Medical School and is an alumnus of the Harvard University Administrative Fellows Program, and Massachusetts Education Policy Fellowship Program.

STUDENT PANEL FACILITATOR



Dr. Chezare A. Warren

Dr. Chezare A. Warren is an Associate Professor of Urban Education and Teacher Education at Michigan State University. His scholarship broadly examines issues of race and justice with particular interest in Black students' education outcomes. Dr. Warren is recipient of numerous national recognitions for his scholarship including a 2019-2020 National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine/Ford Foundation postdoctoral fellowship, and the American Educational Research Association "Teaching and Teacher Education" 2018 Early Career Award. Dr. Warren has held visiting faculty appointments at Stanford University, New York University, and the University of Pennsylvania. His scholarly publications appear in several top-ranked peer-reviewed journals including *Journal of Teacher Education*, *Teachers College Record*, and *Educational Researcher*. His latest book, *Centering Possibility in Black Education* (Teachers College Press, Columbia University, 2021) is set for publication this spring. For more information, visit www.chezarewarren.com.

STUDENT PANEL



CLAYTON GRIFFITH

Clayton Griffith is studying Interdisciplinary Humanities and Educational Studies, is currently a staff writing intern at The Blak Lotus, a media network giving Black creators a voice, and a committee member of Green Light Black Futures, an abolitionist coalition working to stop the hyper-surveillance and over-policing of Black Detroiters due to Project Greenlight. Previously, Clay has been involved on campus with events such as the Black Power Rally and Spartan Remix along with his former positions of president of North Neighborhood Black Caucus and storytelling coordinator of Project Lets Erase the Stigma Around Mental Health. Clayton also spends time with many campus programs such as TRIO, RHA, and the LGBTQ Resource Center.



DARRYL ERVIN

Darryl Ervin is a Junior in the Eli Broad College of Business studying Marketing. He is the founder of a Detroit based nonprofit SLS (Scholarship Leadership Service) Detroit, Campus Representative for the Black Students' Alliance, a Resident Assistant in 1855, a brother of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and most importantly, Darryl is a student parent.



DEON BENNETT

Deon Bennett is currently a Junior at Michigan State University studying Communications with a concentration in Social Influence. Deon Bennett is a hard-working individual. He is currently a part of the Black Students' Alliance (BSA) as historian and Rising Black Men as the Outreach chair member for the 2020-2021 academic school year. He has made a plethora of positive impacts on many people he has come into contact with and shows humility by giving back to his community. In addition, he is always looking out for the well-being of others through leadership, positivity, and service as he continues throughout his college experience.



KENNETH FRANKLIN

Kenneth Franklin is currently a Junior at Michigan State University who is studying Media and Information with a focus in Film and Production. Kenneth Franklin is a self-driven and outspoken individual who puts what he loves first. He is currently serving as the Vice President for the Black Students' Alliance (BSA). In the past two years since Kenneth has been on campus, he has held positions with BSA as the Member At Large and Public Relations Chair and with Trendustry Fashion as the Outreach Chair. He has a big heart, and he is passionate about making a positive impact on campus and in his community. Lastly, Kenneth thinks creatively with all the work he does, with his schoolwork, BSA work and career work, but he makes time to build relationships and look out for others well-being and their success here at MSU.



RASHAD KEMP

Rashad Kemp is a senior Packaging student from Detroit, Michigan. To help build an inclusive environment, he served as an Intercultural Aide in Holmes Hall from 2018-2019. He is involved in Rising Black Men, a student organization to uplift the Black community at Michigan State University and the Greater Lansing community through mentorship. He is currently a member of the Coalition of Packaging Professionals and Academic Connections. After graduating, Rashad plans on getting his Ph.D. in Packaging. He enjoys collecting pro sports jerseys, listening to podcasts, and watching movies in his spare time.

BLACK STRATEGIC OUTREACH GROUP UPDATES



DR. D'WAYNE JENKINS

Dr. D'Wayne Jenkins has a passion for working with first generation college students, students of color, and Black males. He earned his Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Leadership from Central Michigan University, with a research emphasis on Black male leadership motivation, leadership efficacy & leadership capacity. He is a Director for Student Success, within the Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative, where he focuses on identity conscious student success outreach, in addition to providing leadership and direction for the Circles of Success Mentoring program. He has spent his career designing and implementing programs that emphasized support and access of education, specifically for first-generation, low-income students.

CLOSING REMARKS



Dr. Lee N. June

Lee N. June, a native of Manning, South Carolina earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee Institute/now Tuskegee University (biology); Master of Education (rehabilitation counseling), Master of Arts (clinical psychology), and the Doctor of Philosophy in clinical psychology all from the University of Illinois-Champaign- Urbana. He also earned a Master of Ministry Leadership degree from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary (Cornerstone University); a Certificate in Theological Studies from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary (Atlanta, Georgia); and did sabbatical study as a special student at the Duke University Divinity School. He is a licensed clinical psychologist in the state of Michigan.

Lee is the author, co-author, editor, or co-editor of numerous journal articles/book chapters and six books- *The Black family: Past Present, and Future* (1991), *Men to Men* (with Matthew Parker (1996), *Evangelism and Discipleship in African American Churches* (with Matthew Parker- 1999), *Counseling for Seemingly Impossible Problems* (with Sabrina Black and Willie Richardson- 2002), and *Yet With a Steady Beat: The Black Church Through a Psychological and Biblical Lens* (2008), and *African American Church Leadership: Principles of Effective Ministry and Community Leadership* (with Christopher Mathis (2013).

Lee is currently a professor in the Honors College and Department of Psychology at Michigan State University. He previously served as the director of the counseling center, as senior advisor to the provost for racial, ethnic and multicultural issues, assistant/associate provost for academic student services and multicultural issues, and vice president for student affairs and services- all at Michigan State University. His current interests and research are in the areas of the art and science of effective support services delivery to college students, factors affecting graduation and retention rates, multicultural psychology, and the psychology of religion and spirituality. He currently teaches a course entitled “The Psychology of Religion and Spirituality” and co-teaches a freshman Honors seminar focusing on inequities.

Among his many recognitions, Lee has received the Michigan State University Black Student Alliance Outstanding Administrator Award (2005); the Michigan State University Distinguished Black Alumni Award (2006); the Michigan State University All University Diversity Life Time Achievement Award (2006); the Michigan State University Muslim Students Association Recognition Award (2006); and the Greater Lansing Area Club of the National Business Professional Women’s Club Frederick Douglas Award (2016).

He is active in his local church (New Mount Calvary Baptist Church) where he serves on the ministerial staff and teaches Sunday school. He also serves as the Dean of the Lansing Area Ministerial Alliance, a member of the Advisory Council for Our Daily Bread Ministries, member of the Board of Directors of Free International Missions, chair of the Board of Directors for the Institute for Black Family Development, member of the Board of Trustees for Cornerstone University, member of the Executive Board on the Lansing chapter of the NAACP, and as a Commissioner on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan.

Lee is married to Shirley Spencer June and they are the parents of two sons, Brian and Stephen.

BREAKOUT FACILITATORS

- **AYODELE DARÉ**
- **DR. DARRELL KING**
- **DR. D’WAYNE JENKINS**
- **DREUX BAKER**
- **ED TILLET**
- **KEVIN BROOKS**
- **LAZARIUS MILLER**
- **MURRAY EDWARDS**
- **PHILLIP SEABORN**
- **SEAN HEMBRICK**
- **TERENCE BROWN**