

Rutgers Scholarship on Diversity & Inclusion: Present Findings & Future Considerations

Rutgers is home to many centers, initiatives and departments dedicated to diversity and inclusion-related research. On **Friday April 15, 2016**, we held a symposium titled, *Rutgers Scholarship on Diversity & Inclusion: Present Findings & Future Considerations*, which focused on the research of Rutgers faculty and advanced graduate students.

The symposium was created to support cross-disciplinary research collaborations and highlight the broad spectrum of diversity and inclusion related scholarship at Rutgers. Over 150 attendees, 41 faculty presenters, 14 schools, and 17 departments/institutes from across the university participated in discourse on 29 topics related to current faculty and graduate student research and scholarship.

For more information on the symposium themes, presenters, and research, please see the <u>Rutgers</u> <u>Diversity and Inclusion Research Directory</u>. The research directory includes links to research papers and PowerPoint presentations by faculty and graduate students. The <u>complete symposium agenda and program</u> is also available .Soon we will also make available a copy of an edited video of the symposium's opening statements and the keynote address for those of you who may wish to use them in classes.

Professor Taja-Nia Henderson, J.D., Ph.D, Associate Professor of Law at Rutgers Law School gave the keynote remarks, titled *The Inclusion Imperative in Higher Education* is also available for <u>download</u>.

We invite interested faculty to participate in The <u>Rutgers Inclusion and Diversity Research Portal</u>. This portal provides free access to the published articles of Rutgers University faculty and graduate students working on inclusion and diversity research across the disciplines. If you would like to be included, please contact Melissa Gasparotto, Alexander Library, with information on your research at <u>gasparom@rci.rutgers.edu</u>.

In addition, to the research portal the <u>Diversity Research Institute Journal (DRIJ)</u> is soliciting manuscripts for the Fall 2016 inaugural edition, please see the <u>call for papers</u> for details, the deadline is June 15, 2016. Professor Yana Rodgers presented information about the journal at the symposium. The DRIJ is a venue for business and academic collaboration which aims to advance the knowledge of diversity and inclusion in the workplace and the academy. This journal may be of interest if you are thinking about a publication outlet for your research.

A primary recommendation made by the participants in the symposium was that we create more opportunities to bring faculty, staff and graduate students together to exchange ideas and engage in further discussions. As a follow-up we plan to coordinate a series of mini-conversation programs for the next academic year. Please check this website periodically for more details on future programs.