

THE CROSSING BRIDGES SUMMIT 2020-2021

Examining Black Women's Health



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Message from Jacqueline Edmondson Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer

We are starting our fourth year of the Crossing Bridges Summit. The purpose has always been for our campus to be a catalyst for change as we work to bridge racial divides in the Mon Valley.

Our events in the year ahead are particularly timely as we take up questions about Black women's health that were raised in the Pittsburgh Inequality report issued by researchers at the University of Pittsburgh last fall. There's a heightened awareness in our communities about racism and inequity that provides an important context and urgency to our work.

We look forward to engaging our campus and community partners in courageous conversations as we determine actions that will bring positive changes in the region.

Crossing Bridges Pillars

Speaker Series: The Speaker Series brings two prominent figures to campus, each academic year, to offer different perspectives on questions of race and racism in the United States and the Mon Valley.

Summit Talks: Summit Talks occur after each speaker. Faculty, staff, students and community members join discussion leaders to consider each speaker's major points. Participants identify actionable items Greater Allegheny will pursue as it works to be an agent for positive change.

Unity Talks: These student-led campus-based discussions focus on topics that emerge from student dialogue about race and racism. Unity Talks engage students, faculty, and staff in honest dialogue about issues that concern students.

Visiting Scholar: The Visiting Scholar Series brings intellectuals, artists, activists and others to campus for a yearlong engagement to include teaching, community outreach, research, and/or creative performance. Dr. Tom Poole, a civil rights scholar with extensive work in educational equity is the current Visiting Scholar.

Task Force on Racial Equity and Justice: Our Task Force on Racial Equity and Justice is responsible for examining curriculum and programming and making recommendations to ensure that all members of the campus community develop an understanding of racial justice, racism, and its impact on society.

Speaker Series - Schedule of Events

Watch Live: watch.psu.edu/crossingbridges

Fall 2020

Thursday, October 15, 2020 | 3:00 p.m. ET

Medical perspectives on Black women's health

Panelists will discuss the findings in Pittsburgh's Inequity Across Gender and Race (2019) report and will put a lens on Black maternal health in particular.

Thursday, December 10, 2020 | 3:00 p.m. ET

Socioeconomic & environmental perspectives on Black women's health

Panelists will focus on community and societal factors that influence black women's health.

Spring 2021

Date and time to be announced

Psychological influences on Black women's health

Panelists will consider trauma, including generational trauma, and other psychological influences that impact Black women's health.

Date and time to be announced

Political influences on Black women's health

Panelists will consider political and policy influences on Black women's health.

Summit Talks - Schedule of Events

To learn more: greaterallegheny.psu.edu/cbsummit

On the Saturday following each panel, The Crossing Bridges Summit Committee will host Summit Talks and determine actionable items to end systemic racism.

Unity Talks - Schedule of Events

To learn more: psugreaterallegheny.campuslabs.com/engage

Fall 2020

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 | 12:15 p.m. ET

Do you feel safe in your own skin

Date to be announced | 12:15 p.m. ET

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Greater Allegheny at a Glance

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UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS

49%

FIRST GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS

43%

DIVERSE
POPULATION

57%

MALE
STUDENTS

43%

FEMALE
STUDENTS