

19 OCT 2019 ULSAMP CONFERENCE featuring GEM GRAD LAB  
UPSTATE LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION

*“Building on the Best”*

8:30-9:30 AM ATRIUM, PHYSICAL SCIENCES BLDG (PSB)	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; BREAKFAST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Full Breakfast</li><li>▪ Poster Setup</li></ul> <p><i>Following breakfast and the luncheon, snacks are available in the Atrium and 7th floor of Clark</i></p>
9:30-10:15 AM 120 PSB	<b>WELCOME &amp; PLENARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Welcome &amp; Introduction:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mark E. Lewis, Sr. Associate Dean, Diversity &amp; Faculty Development, Cornell Engineering</li></ul></li><li>▪ “Why Graduate School in a STEM Field”<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Keynote: Dr. Malika Grayson, Senior Principal Computer Systems Architect, Northrop Grumman Corporation</li></ul></li></ul>
10:25-11:15 AM 700 CLARK	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ How to Prepare &amp; Apply to Graduate School<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Claire Meaders. PhD, Postdoctoral Associate, Cornell University</li></ul></li></ul>
294A CLARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Transfer Admissions Overview for Community College Scholars<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Erin Treat, Associate Director, Admissions, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs), Cornell University</li><li>○ Sandy A. Drumluk, Assistant Director, Admissions / Transfer Coordinator, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs), Cornell University</li></ul></li></ul>
294C CLARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ ULSAMP &amp; STEM Administrators Roundtable</li></ul>
11:25-12:15PM BAKER PORTICO , PSB WEST PAVILION, PSB	<b>RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION &amp; GRAD SCHOOL FAIR</b> <p>Explore the research posters and engage with recruiters from top undergraduate and graduate programs</p>
12:25-1:50 PM ATRIUM, PSB	<b>LUNCHEON &amp; KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction: Jami P. Joyner, Director, Diversity Programs in Engineering, Cornell University</li><li>▪ “Building on the Best”<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Keynote: Calvin Mackie, PhD, Founder, STEM NOLA; President and CEO of the Channel ZerO Group LLC</li></ul></li></ul>
2:00-2:50 PM 700 CLARK	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS II</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ How to Fund Graduate School &amp; Understanding the GEM Fellowship<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Michael D. Smith, D.Eng., Deputy Executive Director, Internal Operations, The National GEM Consortium</li><li>○ Dr. Trey Waller, Director of Graduate Student Programs, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</li></ul></li></ul>
701 CLARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The Value of Undergraduate Research and Summer Programs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Olufunmilayo (Funmi) Adebayo, PhD, Assistant Dean for Inclusion and Engagement, University of Massachusetts, Amherst</li></ul></li></ul>

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3:00-3:50 PM  
700 CLARK

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS III**

- Mastering the Personal Statement
  - Dr. Malika Grayson, Senior Principal Computer Systems Architect, Northrop Grumman Corporation
  
- The Hidden Curriculum of Graduate School
  - Zeinab Mohamed, PhD Candidate, Biomedical Engineering, Cornell University
  - Ferra Pinnock, PhD Student, Robert Frederick Smith School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, Cornell University
  
- Maximizing Mentorships
  - Shantel Martinez, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University

4:00-4:50 PM  
120 PSB

**AFTERNOON PLENARY**

- Voices from the Field, Panel

*Panel Moderator:*

- Sara Xayarath Hernandez, Associate Dean for Inclusion & Student Engagement, Graduate School, Cornell University

*Panelists:*

- Benjamin Allen, MS Student & GEM Fellow, Applied Data Science, Syracuse University
- Alicia Cintora, PhD Candidate & GEM Fellow, Materials Science and Engineering, Cornell University
- Darian Nwankwo, PhD Candidate & GEM Fellow, Computer Science, Cornell University
- Hazel Rivera, PhD Student & GEM Fellow, Mechanical Engineering, Cornell University
- Johanna Smith-Palliser, M.Eng. Student & GEM Fellow, Computer Science, Cornell University
- William Terrell, PhD Student & GEM Fellow, Biomedical Engineering, Binghamton University

4:55-5:15 PM  
120 PSB

**CLOSING**

- Poster Competition Awards, Raffle, & Remarks
  - Cindy Mosqueda, Associate Director, Diversity Programs in Engineering, Cornell University