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SUNDAY NIGHT KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Terrel W. Jones
Vice Provost for Educational Equity
The Pennsylvania State University

Dr. Terrell W. Jones, D.Ed., is the Vice Provost for Educational Equity at The Pennsylvania State University where he is responsible for leading the implementation of the University's strategic plan that embraces and supports diversity. Dr. Jones is a highly requested speaker on diversity issues and is known in higher education for his unique agenda and knack for teaching others how to appreciate diversity. He has authored numerous publications on the subject of cultural diversity.



MONDAY PLENARY SPEAKER

Dr. William B. Harvey
Vice President & Director
Center for Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity at the
American Council on Education

As Vice President and Director of the Center for Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity at the American Council on Education (ACE), William B. Harvey provides leadership on key higher education issues and works to influence public policy through advocacy, research and program initiatives. Prior to joining ACE, he served as Deputy Chancellor, Dean of the School of Educational Policy and Community Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A veteran of more than three decades in the higher education arena, Harvey has also held positions as an administrator, faculty member and researcher at North Carolina State University, the State University of New York at Stony Brook, the University of Pennsylvania, Earlham College, Stockton College, and Brookdale Community College.

The focus of his research and scholarly activity has been on the cultural and social factors that affect underserved populations, with particular emphasis on college and university settings. In addition to editing the highly acclaimed ACE Annual Status Report on Minorities in Higher Education, his extensive list of publications includes books, book chapters, refereed journal articles, and professional and technical reviews. He has been a Visiting Associate at the Brookings Institution, an American Council on Education Fellow, an Institute for Educational Leadership Summer Research Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Duke University, and has participated in two National Endowment for the Humanities Summer

Harvey received his bachelor's degree in English from West Chester University. His master's degree in Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education and his doctoral degree in Anthropology and Education were both earned at Rutgers University. In addition to serving as chair of the Education Advisory Board of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, he is also a member of several advisory boards for the Study of New Scholars project at Harvard University, the Yale-Harvard Partnership Center on Reducing Health Disparities, Project Site Support at Johns Hopkins University, and the W.E.B. DuBois Scholars Program at Princeton University. He is a member of the Board of Directors at Capella University and the Board of Visitors of the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh.

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MONDAY LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Edison O. Jackson
President
Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York

Dr. Edison O. Jackson has been the President of Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York since September 1, 1989, after serving as President of Compton Community College in California. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology, his Master of Arts degree in Counseling from Howard University, and his Doctorate in Education from Rutgers University with academic emphasis on the philosophy, function, role, and administration of urban educational institutions.

Dr. Jackson holds membership in a number of civic, educational, and community organizations and professional affiliations. Examples of his prolific involvement include the Board of Overseers of the New York University Graduate Program, The New York City Commission on Human Rights, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, American Association of Higher Education, The National Association of Black College Presidents and Chancellors, and the National Association of State Colleges and Universities. Dr. Jackson has served as a member of numerous Boards of Directors and in 1999, was among a select group of presidents invited by the Secretary of Education to participate in a summit on raising the quality of teacher preparation and improving the quality of teacher education.

His extensive list of publications focuses primarily on minority students and the community and on academic preparation and student performance. Dr. Jackson has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to social and educational endeavors. The Strathmore's Who's Who awarded for Leadership and Achievement (2002), The New York Governor's tribute to African-American leaders for Excellence in State Service Award (2002), and the 107th US Congressional Record for Outstanding Citizenship (2002) constitute examples of Dr. Jackson's well deserved awards for his long and outstanding career and contribution to the education community and to the community at large.



TUESDAY PLENARY SPEAKER

Dr. Estela Mara Bensimon
Professor of Higher Education, Rossier School of Education, USC
Director of the Center for Urban Education

Estela Mara Bensimon is a professor of Higher Education in the Rossier School of Education at USC, and the Director of the Center for Urban Education. Dr. Bensimon's research interests include organizational outcomes, women and minority faculty, and faculty evaluation and compensation. She teaches courses on organization theory, administration of higher education, and the Ph.D. seminar.

Her publications have appeared in *Change*, *The Review of Higher Education*, *Journal of Higher Education*, *Liberal Education*, and *Harvard Education Review*. She is the co-author of *Redesigning Collegiate Leadership: Teams and Teamwork in Higher Education* (with Anna Neumann), *Promotion and Tenure: Community and Socialization in Academe* (with W.G. Tierney), and *Working with Junior Faculty. The Role of Department Chairs* (with K. Ward and K. Sanders). Currently she directs and action research project funded by James Irvine Foundation to improve equity in educational outcomes for minority students in 14 urban colleges. Dr. Bensimon served as Associate Dean from 1996-2000, and she was a Fulbright Scholar to Mexico in 2002.