The University of North Carolina Wilmington and the UNCW Black Faculty and Staff Association are pleased to host this inaugural UNC System-wide professional opportunity. The Summit targets faculty, staff and graduate/professional students identifying as being a part of (or demonstrating interests in the success of those from) the African Diaspora. The program will include tracks of interest to the three constituent groups (faculty, staff and graduate/professional students) and will consist of poster presentations, invited panels/panelists that speak to the conference theme as well as opportunities to present research or theory-based sessions, and to engage in professional development sessions. We ask that you to distribute this information to faculty, staff and graduate/professional student groups on your campus.

As recruitment, retention, degree completion and building a pipeline to higher education opportunities for diverse populations remain a concern for all, this Summit provides opportunities for enhancing research and other professional collaborations, encouraging professional development opportunities and building professional networks. In addition, this Summit can assist in enhancing retention and professional satisfaction of professionals and advanced grad/professional students by increasing awareness of UNC System colleagues and resources.

**Summit Schedule**

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This web link provides the contact, program proposal/submission and registration information for the Summit. There is no registration fee; however, registration is required for planning purposes. [http://www_uncw.edu/bfsa/UNCSYSTEMSpring2014Summit.html](http://www_uncw.edu/bfsa/UNCSYSTEMSpring2014Summit.html)
We encourage Summit participants to remain in Wilmington for the weekend! Among the many leisure options available is a UNCW diversity scholarship event “Stompin’ at the Savoy” on Saturday evening. Conference participants are offered the UNCW faculty/staff rate for this event. It is a wonderful evening of food and fellowship with members of the UNCW and Wilmington communities! The link below contains information about Stompin’ and how to secure tickets. [http://www.uncw.edu/bfsa/StompinattheSavoy.html](http://www.uncw.edu/bfsa/StompinattheSavoy.html)

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