



**Women of Color**  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
**The Power of Sisterhood**

**Women's Day****FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018 | UMKC Student Union**

<b>6:30 -8:00 a.m</b>	Vendor Check-in
<b>8:00am</b>	Check in, Vender Showcase and Healthy Breakfast sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City
<b>8:50 - 9:20 a.m.</b>	University Welcome and Opening Plenary <b>Susan B. Wilson, Vice Chancellor, UMKC Division of Diversity and Inclusion</b> <b>Tyjaun Lee, Ph.D., President, Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley</b>

<b>EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS 9:25 – 10:25 a.m.</b>	<b>Presenter/Panelist</b>	<b>Room</b>
<p><b>Superando Juntos: International Perspectives on the Power of Sisterhood</b></p> <p>Come hear from practitioners from around the world discuss how diverse communities of women are challenging global poverty and the preconceptions of development nonprofits through their own collective leadership. This workshop will challenge traditional narratives about the power and potential of women in the developing world and their ability to drive their own change. Participants will learn that trusting the collective leadership of women yields powerful results in their communities, including Kansas City.</p>	<p><i>Yessenia Alfaro, Program Coordinator, Unbound</i></p> <p><i>Diamond Dixon, MA, Community Outreach and Media Relations Specialists, Unbound</i></p> <p><i>Pritha Hariharan, MBA, MA, International Program Director, Unbound</i></p> <p><i>Nimisha Poudyal, MBA, MPA, MA, Evaluation Specialist, Unbound</i></p>	<b>Theatre 103</b>
<p><b>True Color! What color leads you?</b></p> <p>In this workshop participants will gain a precise understanding of their personal and professional leadership styles through True Colors. Come take a fun personality assessment tool called True Colors, a valuable tool for successful leadership, to gain knowledge about your leadership style, learn how to use it for your benefit in the workplace, and how to more effectively work with others.</p>	<p><i>Hadith Zalzala, M.S., CEO, HZ Leadership Consulting Firm LLC</i></p>	<b>419</b>
<p><b>Get in Formation: Women of Color in Intersectional Advocacy</b></p> <p>Participants will learn about the resources needed to help women of color fill the gap between grassroots activism and successful advocacy on behalf of the issues that matter most to them. Facilitators will assess current movements led by and impacting women of color, the impact of these movements, and the role of intersectionality in advocacy issues. Presenters will teach specific tactics for engagement that participants can employ regardless of social, economic or educational status.</p>	<p><i>Angela Pearson, Account Coordinator at GPS Impact</i></p> <p><i>Michele L Watley, Founder &amp; President, The Griot Group</i></p>	<b>301</b>
<p><b>Self-compassion: Would you treat your sister like you treat yourself?</b></p> <p>As Women of Color we may often find ourselves attending to the needs of others, which leaves us susceptible to neglecting our own needs. The goal of this session is to introduce participants to the practice of self-compassion as a toll of self-preservation, growth, and connectivity. Participants will gain an understanding of self-compassion (i.e., mindfulness, sense of common humanity, self-kindness), how to practice, and discuss common barriers to practice and strategies for overcoming these barriers.</p>	<p><i>Mirella J. Flores, M.A., Counseling Psychology Doctoral Student, UMKC</i></p>	<b>302</b>
<p><b>#GETSOMEJOY! Loving MySELF Holy &amp; Wholly: Sacred, Spiritual, SELF-Care, Wellness &amp; Wholeness for Womyn Of Color</b></p> <p>In this workshop participants will identify &amp; understand why SELF-Care is integral and important to personal and professional growth and wellness, while transforming their commitment to self-care through mindful activities and visualization. The workshop also includes a My Sister, My Self SELF-Care Strategy Plan and Goal Building Take Aways that will assist them in learning and committing to loving themselves holy and wholly.</p>	<p><i>Cecilia Ananya, Co-Founder, Just Systems</i></p>	<b>402</b>

Empowerment Workshops 10:35 – 11:35 a.m.	Presenter/Panelist	Room
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding Our Collective Voice: Fostering Our Supportive Sisterhood</b></p> <p>The power of our collective voice and presence is important as we move through life. This workshop will empower and equip women of color to harness the collective power of their sisterhood. Participants will learn to leverage their individual strengths and influence to affect personal and professional change, how to “Intentionally Connect,” “support risk taking behavior,” and ask for help and support from their Sisters.</p>	<p><i>Carrie Francis Nyamusi K. Igambi Dorthea Johnson Denesha Snell Nicole Jacobs Silvey</i></p>	<p><b>Theatre 103</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reproductive Justice and Movement Building</b></p> <p>In this session participants will learn how intersectionality can be employed as a tool for liberation. The presenter will provide an overview of reproductive justice that includes defining the phrase and describing how healthcare is used to further the goals of neocolonialism and neoliberalism, and thus why it must be centered in movement work.</p>	<p><i>Evonnia Woods, MA, Missouri Organizer, Reproaction</i></p>	<p><b>302</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grandma Goals: Storytelling as a Catalyst for Strengthening Intergenerational Relationship Between Women</b></p> <p>In this session participants will learn retrospective faith narratives of self, in proximity to older women, thereby using storytelling as a catalyst for strengthening intergenerational relationships between women. This session is meant to spark awareness of how the faith journeys of older women (present and past) can be used as a tool of empowerment in inter-generational relationships. Participants will be encouraged to begin and continue to document their own journeys of faith, thereby documenting cultural legacies.</p>	<p><i>Jumesha Wade, M.S.Ed., Ph.D. Candidate in Educational Research, University of Kansas</i></p>	<p><b>419</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>G.I.R.L.s-Go getters/Innovators/Risk Takers/Leaders in the Latino and Urban KCK Community</b></p> <p>Learn about the importance of creating a space where girls and women can build courage, confidence and character by fostering a sisterhood and trying new things. Examples will be shared from Girl Scouts’ work in the community that has been successful to engage volunteers and families of color. Finally, there will be a time to reflect on and learn about personal drivers for volunteering as well as time to brainstorm ideas for how YOU can mobilize volunteers in your own work or personal life.</p>	<p><i>Lisa Peña, MPA, Troop Experience Manager/Hispanic Initiative, GSKSMO</i></p> <p><i>Marcela Rodriguez-Hill, Senior Director of Membership and Engagement, GSKSMO</i></p> <p><i>Adrienne Valdivia, Troop Experience Manager, GSKSMO</i></p>	<p><b>301</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inclusion through Decolonization</b></p> <p>This workshop will examine ways to engage underrepresented women; teaching them how to gain greater fluency in the strategy of inclusion and teaching what it means to decolonize feminism. The presenter will lead discussions around these issues and facilitate small group work to explore ways to personally strive toward inclusion through the decolonization of feminism.</p>	<p><i>Denise Perkins, B.A., AP Coordinator, HNTB</i></p>	<p><b>402</b></p>

Empowerment Workshops 11:45a.m -12:45p.m		Presenter/Panelist	Room
<p><b>Parallel Lives, Giving Voice: The Intersection of Art, Activism, Allyship &amp; Sisterhood</b></p> <p>The power of our collective voice and presence is important as we move through life. This workshop will empower and equip women of color to harness the collective power of their sisterhood. Participants will learn to leverage their individual strengths and influence to affect personal and professional change, how to “Intentionally Connect,” “support risk taking behavior,” and ask for help and support from their Sisters.</p>		<p><b>Jessica Ayala</b>, Author, Writer-in-resident, Charlotte Street Foundation</p> <p><b>Sandra Yoder</b>, MSW, Volunteer, Anytown KC</p> <p><b>Lucky Garcia</b></p> <p><b>Andi Meyer</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Cecilia Ananya</b>, Co-Founder, Just Systems</p>	<b>Theatre 103</b>
<p><b>Women of Color in Nonprofit</b></p> <p>Come hear the diverse perspectives; insights, resources, surprises, and best advice from women of color who work in the nonprofit sector. Participants will learn the common misconception that the nonprofit sector is significantly more equitable and more diverse than for-profit and government structures, receive frank, honest, professional answers to their questions that aren't answered by research alone, and connect with deep and broad resources for nonprofit professionals and those looking to get into nonprofit work, with a focus on addressing the needs of women of color.</p>		<p><b>Tomomi Suenaga Summers</b>, Director of eLearning, Nonprofit Connect</p> <p><b>Denise St Omer</b>, Vice President of Grantmaking and Inclusion Initiatives, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation</p> <p><b>Ashley Williamson</b>, MSW, Community Engagement Coordinator, Women's Employment Network</p> <p><b>Gaylene Crouser</b>, Executive Director, Kansas City Indian Center</p> <p><b>Mary Nguyen</b>, Communications Manager, Cultivate Kansas City</p>	<b>301</b>
<p><b>Navigating Health Information in order to Self-Advocate</b></p> <p>The purpose of this session is to aid attendees in locating, evaluating, and using freely available health information resources in order to make more informed health decisions and become better self-advocates for their healthcare. Participants will leave able to identify freely available health information resources, evaluate online health information, and start/continue conversations with their healthcare providers.</p>		<p><b>Nora Franco</b>, MSIS, Clinical Medical Librarian, UMKC Health Sciences Library</p> <p>*She/her/hers</p>	<b>419</b>
<p><b>Making Partner with an Afro</b></p> <p>The world gives women many messages about how they should show up in the world. These messages follow them into the workplace. For women of color the messages of gender are nuanced and often not adequately addressed by traditional gender initiatives and certainly excluded from most discussions on gender equity. This workshop will be intersectional in its approach and narrative as it encourages women to use their personal power, voice, and be unapologetically authentic.</p>		<p><b>Kori S. Carew</b>, Director of Strategic Diversity Initiatives, Shook, Hardy &amp; Bacon</p>	<b>302</b>
<p><b>Black &amp; Brown SiStars: Women Organizers in the Movement for Equity and Social Justice</b></p> <p>This workshop will expose women to the importance of community organizing and social justice advocacy and demonstrate how young black and brown women are engaged in this work. Presenters will instruct participants on how they can get involved in community organizing and introduce the concept of legal observing in order to protect their civil liberties.</p>		<p><b>Justice Gatson</b>, Community Organizer, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) PCHW-SJD, Social Justice Doula, Reale Justice Network</p> <p><b>Diana Martinez</b>, Community Organizer, Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation</p>	<b>402</b>
<b>12:45- 1:30 p.m.</b>	Lunch in Student Union Room 401		
<b>1:30- 2:30 p.m.</b>	Keynote Address and Q&A   <b>Ana Navarro</b> , Political Strategies and contributor to CNN, ABC News, and Telemundo		
<b>2:30-3:00 p.m.</b>	Meet and Greet with Ana Navarro		
<b>2:30-4:00pm.</b>	<p><b>Table Topics</b>   Choose a table to join a facilitated conversation about what you've learned throughout the day and how you can better engage in your community.</p> <p><b>Vendor Showcase</b></p>		