



Washington University in St. Louis

A CONFERENCE IN HONOR OF ROBERT L. WILLIAMS

UMRATH LOUNGE 8:30AM - 5:30PM

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Foundations of Diversity

At Washington University and Throughout Academia



When Robert L. Williams began his illustrious career as an academic the most influential members of the African American community consisted largely of religious leaders. Professor Williams defied that trend as a social science pioneer who

dedicated his life to the betterment of society through innovative efforts to promote racial equality, and to eliminate unfair bias against minority children who were being misevaluated by diagnostics that were ill suited to their cultural background.

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- 8:30-9:00 Coffee Umrath Lounge
- 9:00-9:10 Welcome: Holden Thorp
- FACULTY PRESENTATIONS
- 9:15-9:30 Michael Sturbe
- 9:30-9:45 Gerald Early
- 9:45-10:00 Garrett Duncan
- 10:00-10:15 John Baugh
- 10:15-10:30 Adrienne Davis
- 10:30-10:45 Jonathan Fenderson
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- INVITED SPEAKERS
- 11:00-11:20 Lizette Smith
- 11:20-11:40 Robert A. Williams
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS
- 11:40-12:20 **Robert L. Williams**
- 12:30-1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30-1:50 Melvin Butler
- 1:50-2:10 Patricia Griffen
- 2:10-2:30 Horace Mitchell
- 2:30-2:45 Coffee Break
- 2:45-3:45 Student Presentations
- 3:45-4:00 Robb Wild
- 4:00-4:20 Joseph White
- 4:20-4:45 Discussion & Comments
- 4:45-5:00 Robert L. Williams
- Closing Remarks and Reflections
- 5:00-5:30 Break
- 5:30-7:00 Reception Sponsored by the Black Alumni Council at the Knight Conference Center

Washington University in St. Louis is proud to host a conference in esteemed tribute to Professor Emeritus Robert L. Williams. Few scholars have had a greater impact on science, education, society, and the pursuit of justice and equality. He is a loving father of eight children and a devoted husband to his wife, Ava.



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