

West Virginia University  
Colloquium for Underrepresented Aspiring Doctoral Candidates  
April 13-14, 2021

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. Welcome:**

Meshea L. Poore, Esq. – Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Melissa Latimer, Ph.D. – Professor and Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Culture

Matt Turner – Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration, WV Higher Education Policy Commission

Ron Dulaney, Jr. – Morgantown Mayor

Richard Thomas, Ph.D. – Interim Associate Provost for Graduate Academic Affairs

**9:30 a.m. Meet & Greet**

Participants only, facilitated by the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion / Building Community as Underrepresented Students

**10:00 a.m. BREAK**

**Noon Lunchtime Keynote: Why WVU?**

Damien Clement, Ph.D. – Assistant Dean, WVU Honors College

**1:00 p.m. Creating Community at WVU**

LGBTQ+ Center – Ellen Rodrigues, Ph.D., Interim Director

Center for Black Culture and Research – Marjorie Fuller, Director

Women’s Resource Center – Leslie Tower, Director

First Presbyterian Church – Zac Morton, Pastor

Morgantown Human Rights Commission – Don Spencer, Member

**2:00 p.m. BREAK**

**5:00 p.m. Social Hour**

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. Demystifying Graduate Language**

Betty Mei, Ph.D. – Program Director for Graduate Student Success

**9:30 a.m. Graduate Funding**

Richard Thomas, Ph.D. – Interim Associate Provost for Graduate Academic Affairs

Greg Elkins, Ed.D. – Interim Assistant Provost for Graduate Academic Affairs – Fellowships, Scholarships and Assistantships

**10:00 a.m. BREAK**

**Noon Lunchtime Keynote: Why Diversity Matters at WVU**

Maria del Guadalupe Davidson, Ph. D. – Associate Dean for Social Justice, Faculty Development and Innovation

**1:00 p.m. Q&A with Doctoral Students**

**2:00 p.m. – Applying to Graduate School**

Shelly Quance, Director of Graduate Admissions and Recruitment, University Relations/Enrollment Management

**2:30 p.m. BREAK**

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