

2019 HBCU/MSI RESEARCH SUMMIT AT VIRGINIA TECH

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AND SUPPORT OF RESEARCH, RESOURCES, AND
RECRUITMENT: **VIRGINIA TECH AND BEYOND**

Welcome to the 2019 Virginia Tech HBCU/MSI Research Summit!

The summit provides an opportunity for faculty, students, and administrators to explore research opportunities and potential collaborations between historically black colleges/universities (HBCUs), minority serving institutions (MSIs), and Virginia Tech. Through these partnerships we seek to enhance the quality of research and graduate education by placing equity, diversity, and inclusion at the forefront of our pursuit of excellence. Our goals in hosting the annual research summit include:

- **Research:** Fostering cross-institutional research partnerships between HBCUs, MSIs and Virginia Tech.
- **Recruitment:** Providing current HBCU and MSI students with a preview of Virginia Tech's graduate programs, allowing Virginia Tech graduate programs a key opportunity to recruit prospective students if graduate pathways are not available or aligned with student's interests at their current/home institution.
- **Degree Partnerships:** Facilitate discussions about the feasibility of shared degree programs between the HBCUs and MSIs and Virginia Tech programs.

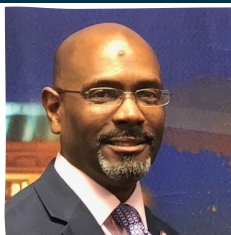
Graduate School Welcome



Dean Karen P. DePauw

Karen P. DePauw serves as Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education and holds academic appointments as tenured Professor in the Department of Sociology and the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods & Exercise at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. Since her arrival at Virginia Tech, her major accomplishments include success in building a strong, diverse and inclusive graduate community; establishing the national award-winning innovative Graduate Life Center (GLC); and implementing the signature academic initiative known as Transformative Graduate Education (TGE), including the global perspectives and preparing the future professoriate programs.

University Welcome



Dr. Ellington Graves

Ellington Graves attended the Johns Hopkins University, graduating with a BA in sociology in 1986. He subsequently earned a master's degree in sociology from Virginia Tech and completed his doctoral studies in sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has been a faculty member of the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech since August of 2000. He has served as the director of Virginia Tech's Africana Studies Program since 2012, and was recently appointed to the position of Assistant Provost for Inclusion and Diversity. He also serves as co-program director for the Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition Strategic Growth Area, working with university leaders to integrate consideration of issues of diversity and inequality into the strategic vision of the university.

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith

Gena E. Chandler-Smith received her bachelor's degree (English) from Florida A&M University in 1996 and her Master's and Doctorate degrees (English) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1999 and 2004, respectively. She is an associate professor and the director of the MA Program in English at Virginia Tech. Dr. Chandler-Smith's research interests include African American literature, American literature, postcolonial literature, pedagogy, and critical literary theory. She has published articles on the work of Charles Johnson, including a piece in *Texas Studies in Literature and Language* and a piece in the edited collection *Charles Johnson: The Novelist as Philosopher* (2007). Her book *The Wanderer in African American Literature* (University of Tennessee Press) is forthcoming in the spring of 2020. She has taught at the college level since 1998 and at Virginia Tech since 2004. She has earned the 2015 Virginia Tech Certificate of Teaching Excellence Award, the 2015 College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Carroll B. Shannon Excellence in Teaching Award, and the 2007 Diggs Teaching Scholar Award.



Program

Sunday, October 13

Summit Check-in

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Lobby, Inn at Virginia Tech

Lunch

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Latham Ballroom, Inn at Virginia Tech

Welcome and Graduate School Admissions Workshop

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, Inn at Virginia Tech

All faculty are welcome to attend.

Relaxation/Social Room (Faculty only)

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Solitude Room, Inn at Virginia Tech

Faculty Panel and Poster Session: An ICTAS Initiative

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Cascades Room, Inn at Virginia Tech

Student Panel: Graduate Student Research Experiences

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, Inn at Virginia Tech

Faculty Institutional Partnerships and Collaborations

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Duck Pond Room, Inn at Virginia Tech

Student Panel: HBCU/MSI Alumni at Virginia Tech

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Cascades Room, Inn at Virginia Tech

Refreshments available

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Solitude Room, Inn at Virginia Tech

Hotel Check-in

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Inn at Virginia Tech, Residence Inn, Hyatt Place

Networking and Information Table

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., outside Latham Ballroom, Inn at Virginia Tech

Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Latham Ballroom, Inn at Virginia Tech

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith

Monday, October 14

Networking Breakfast and Closing Remarks

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., Latham Ballroom, Inn at Virginia Tech

Please arrive by 8:30 am.

College and Department Visits

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The hashtag for the event is **#HBCUMSIResearchSummit**



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