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14th Annual

# WOMEN OF *Color* EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 12TH-14TH

## SPEAKERS



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DR. SIMONE  
ARNOLD



DR. ADJOA  
B. ASAMOAH



DR. WONJEN  
BAGLEY



JAYNE  
KENNEDY



HOLLY  
ROBINSON  
PEETE



CORAL  
BROWN



ALTHEA  
LARGIE CEASOR



ALEX  
FINNIE



DR. NADINE  
GREENE



DR. TAMEKA  
BRADLEY  
HOBBS



SAVI  
HORNE



LAUREN  
MAILLIAN



DR. GINA  
PAIGE



EVA  
MARCILLE



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MOHAN



DR. MARTINA  
MOORE



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POLK



KATICA  
ROY



“WOMEN RISING: INSPIRING CHANGE & GROWTH”

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

4:00 PM	Registration
5:00 PM	<b>The Speed of AI and Its Biases with Lauren Maillian</b> Global CEO, Serial Entrepreneur and Best-Selling Author <b>Description:</b> Learn how the rapid growth of AI technologies is revolutionizing industries but also raising critical questions about inherent biases embedded within these systems.
6:00 PM	<b>Networking Reception &amp; Inspiration Awards</b> Honorees: Gepsie Morisset-Metellus, Sandy-Michael McDonald and Coral Brown

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH *(Wear vibrant colors!)*

7:00 AM	Registration and Breakfast
8:00 AM	Welcome and Recognition of Sponsoring Partners
8:10 AM	<b>Fighting Through Fear: Mental Health and Self-Care Strategies</b> <b>Session Facilitator:</b> Michelle Austin Pamies, Director, Women of Color Empowerment Institute, Inc. <b>Description:</b> In a world marked by constant change and pivotal life decisions, fear can often serve as a formidable barrier to personal and professional growth. This panel will explore the essential stages of overcoming fear and navigating uncertainty for maximum leadership performance. <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Wonjen C. Bagley, DSW, LMSW, Social Work Educator, Nonprofit Consultant</li><li>Dr. Nadine Greene, PHD, LCSW, MA CTP, Clinical Coordinator, Henderson Behavioral Health</li><li>Dr. Martina Moore, PHD, LPCC-S, Founding President, Moore Counseling &amp; Mediation Services</li></ul>
9:00 AM	<b>Who Are You and Where Did You Come From?: Acknowledging Roots as a Foundation for Change, Growth and Leadership Success</b> <b>Session Facilitator:</b> Dr. Simone Arnold, Vice President, Product Management, Fiserv <b>Description:</b> Knowledge of one’s ancestral history fosters personal empowerment. “To be absent in identity is to be absent in humanity.” Dr. Tameka Bradley Hobbs and Dr. Gina Paige will equip attendees with the tools necessary to “Know Thyself.” Learn how understanding and embracing origin can provide a greater sense of identity, belonging and grounding for future success and growth. <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Gina Paige, Founder, African Ancestry</li><li>Dr. Tameka Bradley Hobbs, Director, Broward County African American Research Library and Cultural Center</li></ul>

10:00 AM	<b>Money Mastery: The ABC’s of Thriving Financially in Uncertain Times</b> <b>Session Facilitator:</b> Kathy Eggleston, Director, Women of Color Empowerment Institute, Inc. <b>Description:</b> As we navigate a pivotal moment in our society, the challenges of financial uncertainty, housing affordability, and the sustainability of small businesses have never been more pronounced. This session aims to equip attendees with essential insights into the current economic landscape while providing actionable strategies to thrive amid unpredictability. Learn from an award-winning gender economist and a savvy investment strategist on what can be done to advance economic freedom now. <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Althea Largie Ceasor, Senior Vice President, Bank of America Private Bank</li><li>Katica Roy, Award-winning Gender Economist</li></ul>
11:00 AM	<b>Next Level Empowerment with Actor, Author, and Philanthropist Holly Robinson Peete</b> <b>Session Facilitator:</b> Neki Mohan, Vice President of Business Development and Community Engagement, Visit Lauderdale <b>Description:</b> This inspiring session featuring Holly Robinson Peete, will offer valuable tools for personal and professional growth for overcoming barriers, embracing authenticity and driving positive change. This session will enhance understanding of how compassion and purpose can fuel empowerment to take you to the next level. Prepare to be uplifted and motivated to further step into your greatness.
12:00 PM BALLROOM	<b>POWER LUNCHEON</b> <b>Mistress of Ceremonies:</b> Terri Crook, Entertainer and Television Producer <b>Blessing of Food</b> Words from Our Presenting Sponsor Wells Fargo ~ Lunch Is Served ~ <b>Musical Selection --</b> Khalifa White, Expressionist, Broadway Actress & Singer Songwriter seen in Broadways “Caroline or Change”, Nala in “The Lion King” and “Little Shop of Horrors” off Broadway. <b>All About the Institute</b> <b>Successfully Pivoting with Eva Marcille, Actor, Model, Entrepreneur, TV Host, Radio Host and Star in Acclaimed BET Series “All the Queens Men”</b> <b>Description:</b> Eva Marcille’s ability to successfully pivot is characterized by her adaptability and willingness to embrace new opportunities. Her professional portfolio is vast, and her journey exemplifies resilience and the importance of leveraging one’s platform. Whether you are looking to pivot or simply think outside the box, mindset is everything. Eva Marcille tells us why. <b>Session Facilitator:</b> Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Director, Women of Color Empowerment Institute, Inc.
1:30 PM	<b>It Only Takes One with The Crown Act Champion &amp; Scholar Dr. Adjoa B. Asamoah</b> <b>Session Facilitator:</b> Bacardi L. Jackson, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Florida <b>Description:</b> Everyone has the ability to create meaningful change. Join us for an inspiring session with international power player and award-winning impact strategist Dr. Adjoa B. Asamoah. This session will focus on the POWER OF ONE!
2:30 PM	<b>Preserving Legacy: A Dialogue on Black Land and Community Empowerment</b> <b>Session Facilitator:</b> Eternal Polk, Film Director of “Gaining Ground: The Fight for Black Land” Description: This engaging conversation will delve into the historical and contemporary challenges faced by Black landowners and the importance of providing insights into the intersection of public policy and land preservation. <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Abbey Ajayi, Broward County Tax Collector</li><li>Coral Brown, Co-Founder and Vice President of Winemaking, Brown Estate</li><li>Savi Horne, North Carolina Association of Black Land Loss Prevention Project</li></ul>
3:30 PM	<b>Change and Growth with Jayne Kennedy: “The Queen of Infinite Wins”</b> <b>Session Facilitator:</b> Alex Finnie, Anchor, Reporter, Local 10 News <b>Description:</b> This discussion will reveal lessons learned on the journey to reclaiming one’s own narrative. Jayne Kennedy’s new book “Plain Jayne” is a behind the scenes look at the complexities of life’s ups and downs in order to achieve personal growth. The pearls of wisdom shared will resonate with anyone navigating their own challenges.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

7:00 AM	<b>SUNRISE HEALTH AND WELLNESS BREAKFAST EXPERIENCE</b> Casual white attire and swim wear welcomed. Yoga 6:45 AM.  <b>See Registration Representative for Transportation Options to the Sunday Off-Site Venue</b>
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