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Leading Change

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Peabody Auditorium



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Conference Agenda

"What if we go beyond how are you?"

10 - 10:30 a.m. **Check-in and Network**

Location: Peabody Auditorium (In-Person)

10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Welcome and Collaborative Keynote**



Navigating the Road to Resiliency

Location: **Peabody Auditorium** (In-Person and Virtual)

Emcee: **Genie Snyder Chamberlin**, EdD | Founder/Principal | Genius Team | SnyderRemarks

Keynote Speakers:

Cathy Cox, JD, President | Georgia College

Candace Doby, MA, Speaker/Author/Coach | Candace Doby | The Courage Hotline

Ebony Glover, PhD, Associate Professor, Neuroscience | Kennesaw State University

"How can I build meaningful relationships?"

12:15 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch and Building Connections**

Location: Kilpatrick Atrium (In-Person)

1:30 - 1:45 p.m. **From Thoughts and Prayers to Policy and Change**

Location: Peabody Auditorium (Virtual)

Presenter: Shannon Watts, *Founder of Moms Demand Action, American University Sine Fellow, and author of Fight Like a Mother*

Description: Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action, shares how she built the largest grassroots gun safety movement in the U.S., and how moms, allies, students, and survivors can lead the charge to a safer future. She'll discuss components to effective advocacy and movement building, how people can work to affect change in their communities, and how Moms Demand Action is working to recruit, empower, and train advocates to run for elected office and work on campaigns.

2 - 2:50 p.m. Breakout Session One


Choose one to attend

 **Ways in Knowing; Meaning Making for Leadership and Self**

Location: Peabody Auditorium (Virtual)

Presenter: Dr. Ursula Thomas, *Associate Chair of Cultural and Behavioral Science and Associate Professor of Education at Georgia State University-Perimeter College*

Description: This session will examine how women lead and manage their own identity and self-awareness. The session will unpack ways in which women leaders make meaning in dynamic work environments and still create community.

 **Self-Awareness to Enhance Productivity within your Team**

Location: Kilpatrick 125 (In-Person)

Presenters: Angela Roberts, *Lecturer in Nursing, Georgia College* and Jennifer Goldsberry, *Associate Professor in Nursing, Georgia College*

Description: This session will explore personality types and how various personalities can affect team productivity and cohesion. The presenters will utilize a tool entitled, "True Colors Personality Test." This tool will be used interactively to produce cohesion problem-solving skills among team members.

 **Self-Care as a Restorative Means for Success**

Location: Kilpatrick 132 (In-Person)

Presenter: Eva Ruan, *CSAA program at UGA*, Hanna Jane Morrell and Anna Lippy, *Women's Center, Georgia College*

Description: This presentation discusses the ways in which self-care can be reframed as a restorative and proactive means to invest in one's future and their success as they themselves define it. We will deconstruct the myth of self-care, the stigma behind mental health, and the systems that perpetuate harmful habits, and provide innovative ways for participants to reflect on their identities, reframe self-care, and create action steps to work toward.

3 - 3:50 p.m. Breakout Session Two

Choose one to attend

 **Unlocking Inclusive Leadership**

Location: Peabody Auditorium (Virtual)

Presenter: Dr. Miriam Harris, *CEO/Principal Consultant Workforce Evolution Today*

Description: Interactive discussion on Keys to Creating Harmony within the Workplace and an Environment which Fosters and Nurtures Growth among All Team Members, beginning with Leadership.

Forces for Change: The Impact of Women on the U.S. Criminal Justice and Child Welfare System

Location: Kilpatrick 125 (In-Person)

Presenter: Olivia Eason, *JPPS II, Department of Juvenile Justice and Adjunct Instructor of Criminal Justice, Brewton-Parker College*

Description: Women have long been a driving force for reform in the American legal system. From the concerned citizens who first demanded protections for abused children and justice-involved youth in the late 19th century to the founders of the Black Lives Matter movement, women have used their voices to fight against injustice. This session will discuss challenges and strategies for community-minded women who are still working in these fields today either as professionals or volunteers.

One Safe Place Macon: A Model of Community Resiliency and Collaboration

Location: Kilpatrick 132 (In-Person)

Presenter: Sarah Schanck, *Site Coordinator, One Safe Place Macon*

Description: One Safe Place Macon will serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking through coordinated services in a centralized center. Twenty entities, through public-private partnership, are collaborating to serve victims and their families under one roof. All because a group of county leaders came together and said- we can work better by coordinating services... how do we do that?

“What refreshes you?”

3:50 - 4 p.m. Networking Break

Location: Kilpatrick Atrium (In-Person)

“Where do we go from here?”

4 - 5 p.m. Idea Showcase

Location: Peabody Auditorium (In-Person)

Building Your Social Fundamentals in Leadership

Presenters: Meghan Broady Aguilera, *Client Education Manager/Security Internship Focal IBM Managed Security Services* and Melissa Thomann, *Director of Client Services, IBM Managed Security Services*

Description: We will incorporate the elements of a successful leader. Using the principles behind the importance of mentorship, learning your passion and how to change course. We will promote the life-long fundamentals that we have learned over our combined years in the IT Industry that can be applied throughout all areas.

Lessons in Failure

Presenter: Anna Whiteside, *Assistant Director, Honors and Coordinator, National Scholarships Office, Georgia College*

Description: Failure: everybody does it, but not everyone likes to talk about it. And yet, investigating our failures can be a valuable way for us to develop as individuals and as professionals. This showcase will look at the different types of failures we might encounter and consider: what is failure, anyway, and how can we learn from it?