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THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
Division of Student Life
Blackburn Institute

Schedule of Events
Blackburn Community and Invited Guests

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Friday, August 27, 2021

11:00 – 11:50 am  Check-In/Advisory Board and Fellows Meet and Greet (Ferg Anderson Room/3125)
12:00 – 1:30 pm  Check-In/Advisory Board and Fellows Lunch (Ferg Heritage Room/3300)
1:15– 1:45 pm  Student Check-In (near Ferg 3104)
1:45 – 3:00 pm  Check-In at Breakout Sessions (Fellows and Students)

- #Session I – Growing Gratitude: A Self-Reflective Practice for Leaders (Ferg 3107)
  - Presenter: Dr. Abby Grammar Horton (Blackburn Fellow) – Assistant Professor of Nursing, The University of Alabama
- #Session II – With Liberty and Justice for All: How Dynamic Leaders Shape a Racially Just and Equitable Next Normal (Ferg 3104)
  - Presenter: Ms. Tracie Ransom (Blackburn Fellow) – Founder, Ransom Strategies Group LLC

1:45 – 4:15 pm  Advisory Board Meeting (Ferg 3700/Forum)
3:15 – 4:15 pm  Breakout Sessions (Fellows and Students)

- #Session III – Criminalizing Poverty: How Thousands of Alabamians are Impacted by Debt-Based Driver’s License Suspensions (Ferg 3108)
  - Co-Presenter: Mrs. Akiesha Anderson (Blackburn Fellow) – Policy Director, Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
  - Co-Presenter: Ms. Leah Nelson – Research Director, Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

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- **#Session IV – What's on the Books: Sexual and Gender Minority Health in Alabama post-2020** (Ferg 3111)
  - Co-Presenter: Dr. Samantha Hill – Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Alabama at Birmingham
  - Co-Presenter: Mr. Matthew Kiszla – M.D. Candidate, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine
  - Co-Presenter: Dr. Morissa Ladinsky – Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Alabama at Birmingham

4:30 – 5:30 pm  **Check-In/Opening Beer and Wine Reception** (Ferg Great Hall/Great Hall Porch)
5:45 – 7:45 pm  **Full Community Dinner** (Ferg Ballroom/Heritage Room)
8:00 – 9:30 pm  **Coffee and Conversations** (Ferg 3103, 3104, 3106, 3107, 3108, 3111, 3115, 3125/Anderson Room, 3700/Forum)

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

7:00 – 8:00 am  **Check-In/Breakfast with Mimosas** (Ferg Great Hall/Great Hall Porch)
8:15 – 9:30am   **#Featured Content Session: America’s Reckoning with the Myths of History** (Ferg Theater)
  - Co-Presenter: Dr. Ty Seidule – Professor Emeritus of History, United States Military Academy
  - Co-Presenter: Hon. Doug Jones (Blackburn Advisory Board Member) – Former United States Senator

9:45 – 10:35am  **Breakout Sessions**

- **#Session V – Public Memory in Alabama** (Ferg 3104)
  - Co-Presenter: Dr. Hilary Green – Associate Professor, Gender and Race Studies, The University of Alabama
  - Co-Presenter: Hon. Doug Jones (Blackburn Advisory Board Member) – Former United States Senator
  - Co-Presenter: Dr. Ty Seidule – Professor Emeritus of History, United States Military Academy

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• **Session VI** – *Cybersecurity: Assessing the Threat in Alabama* (Ferg 3108)
  - Co-Presenter: Mr. Chance Tudor (Blackburn Fellow) – Cybersecurity Analyst, Deloitte
  - Co-Presenter: Ms. Ally Martin (Blackburn Fellow) – Agent, United States Secret Service

• **Session VII** – *Taking Initiative on Mid-Career Leadership Development* (Ferg 3107)
  - Co-Panelist: Mr. Prince Cleveland (Blackburn Advisory Board Member and Fellow) – Content Usage Specialist, EBSCO Industries
  - Co-Panelist: Mr. John Hammontree (Blackburn Advisory Board Member and Fellow) – Managing Producer, Reckon by AL.com
  - Co-Panelist: Mr. Landon Nichols (Blackburn Fellow) – Civic Health Liaison, Medical Advocacy and Outreach
  - Co-Panelist: Mrs. Rashme Sharif (Blackburn Advisory Board Member and Fellow) – Project Manager, Cigna

10:35 – 11:00 am  **Coffee Break** (near Ferg 3104)

11:00 – 11:50 am  Breakout Sessions

• **Session VIII** – *Improving Your Leadership is a Lifelong Process* (Ferg 3114)
  - Co-Presenter: Mr. John Covington (Blackburn Advisory Board Member) – President, Chesapeake Consulting
  - Co-Presenter: Mr. Brad Newman (Blackburn Advisory Board Member) – President, Shelton State Community College

• **Session IX** – *Building Coalitions for Change: Inside the Fight Against Private Megaprisons in Alabama* (Ferg 3700/Forum)
  - Co-Presenter: Ms. Veronica Johnson – Deputy Director – Alabama Justice Initiative
  - Co-Presenter: Mr. Dana Sweeney (Blackburn Fellow) – Statewide Organizer, Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
  - Co-Presenter: Mr. David Zell (Blackburn Student) - Co-Founder, Alabama Students Against Prisons

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- **Session X** – [Alabama Public Television: Opportunities in Education for the Future](Ferg 3115)
  - Moderator: Mr. Ben Foster (Blackburn Advisory Board Member and Fellow) – Compliance Officer, Vulcan Value Partners
  - Panelist: Mr. Philip Hutcheson – Chief Legal Counsel and FCO, Alabama Public Television
  - Panelist: Mr. Mike McKenzie – Director of Programming and Public Information, Alabama Public Television
  - Panelist: Mr. Jack Williams – Governmental Affairs Manager, Alabama Public Television

12:00 – 1:30 pm **Blackburn Community Lunch** (Ferg Ballroom/Heritage)

1:40 – 2:30 pm **Breakout Sessions**

- **#Session XI** – [Rural Legislative Initiatives in Changing Times](Ferg 3700/Forum)
  - Moderator: Mr. Ben Foster (Blackburn Advisory Board Member and Fellow) – Compliance Officer, Vulcan Value Partners
  - Panelist: Rep. Prince Chestnut – Member, Alabama House of Representatives
  - Panelist: Rep. David Standridge – Member, Alabama House of Representatives

- **Session XII** – [Development for Whom? Building Sustainable and Inclusive Communities](Ferg 3104)
  - Co-Panelist: Ms. Mashonda Taylor (Blackburn Advisory Board Member) – Executive Director, Woodlawn Foundation
  - Co-Panelist: Mr. David Simpson (Blackburn Fellow) – Political Science Doctoral Candidate, Columbia University

- ***Session XIII** – [Making the Most of Your Mentoring Relationship](Ferg 3107)
  - Presenter: Dr. Karla Gower – Director, Plank Center for Leadership in Public Relations

3:00 – 4:15 pm **#Frank A. Nix Memorial Lecture on Ethical Leadership**: Ms. Catherine Coleman Flowers – Founder, Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice (Ferg Theater)

4:15 – 5:15 pm **Closing Reception with Heavy Hors D’oeuvres** (Ferg Great Hall/Great Hall Porch)

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