The Center for Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education (CDIHE) is hosting its inaugural Thought Leaders Summit, a forum that will bring together a select group of scholars, administrators, and advocates to discuss issues and trends that can define a national research and policy agenda toward improving social justice and equity in postsecondary institutions.

CDIHE is excited to invite the UMD campus community to our keynote speaker sessions focusing on the challenges and opportunities facing diversity and inclusion in higher education. Speaker events are FREE and open to all UMD affiliated students, staff, faculty, and community members.

**DR. MICHAEL ERIC DYSON**

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018**  
**7:00 - 8:30pm | The Hotel at UMD - Calvert Ballroom**  
**Serving the Underserved: Race and Higher Education in America**

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is presently University Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University where, in 2011, he received widespread attention for his course "Sociology of Hip-Hop: Jay-Z." His legendary rise - from welfare father to Princeton Ph.D., from church pastor to college professor, from a factory worker who didn't start college until he was 21 to a figure who has become what writer Naomi Wolf terms "the ideal public intellectual of our time" - may help explain why author Nathan McCall simply calls him "a street fighter in suit and tie."

**DR. BRITTNEY COOPER**

**Thursday, February 1, 2018**  
**12:00 - 1:30pm | The Hotel at UMD - Terrapin Ballroom**  
**Beyond Diversity and Inclusion:**  
**Why Higher Education Must Embrace Intersectionality**

Dr. Brittney Cooper is a writer, teacher, and public speaker. She is Associate Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies and Africana Studies at Rutgers University, and is the co-founder of the popular Crunk Feminist Collective blog. Dr. Cooper is also a contributing writer for Cosmopolitan.com and a former contributor to Salon.com. Her cultural commentary has been featured on MSNBC’s All In With Chris Hayes, Melissa Harris-Perry, Al Jazeera’s Third Rail, the New York Times, the Washington Post, NPR, PBS, Ebony.com, Essence.com, TheRoot.com, and TED.com.

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