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May 1-4, 2011.
Hilton Oceanfront Resort
Hilton Head Island,
South Carolina

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The Conference on Research Directions is a biannual event that will be held at the beautiful Hilton Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina from May 1-4, 2011. Hilton Head is also the home of the Gullah people. These are African people who created a self-sustaining community after slavery with retention of their African heritage. Conferees will have the opportunity to take the Gullah Heritage Tour, narrated by author Emory Campbell, in addition to experiencing distinctive Gullah food delicacies, folk art, artifacts and landmarks.

Conferees will be entertained in the Shorehouse in view of the ocean at two cocktail receptions by Bryan Hurst, an acclaimed saxophonist and clarinetist from the Island of Grenada. Mr. Hurst is a charismatic and dynamic entertainer who plays classical, calypso, reggae, pop, rhythm and blues and jazz music. The conferees will be able to experience a beautiful oceanfront resort and also explore the West African heritage and seminal events in American history.

Keynote Speakers

Opening Plenary Session, Monday, May 2, 2011

Dr. Ivory A. Toldson, Associate Professor, Howard University, Editor of the *Journal of Negro Education*, Senior Research Analyst Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Dr. Toldson is author of *Breaking Barriers: Plotting the Path to Academic Achievement for School-Age African American Males*.*

Closing Plenary Session, Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Dr. Vincent G. Harding, Chairperson of the Veterans of Hope Project: A Center for the Study of Religion and Democratic Renewal, at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Harding was the first director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change and of the Institute of the Black World in Atlanta. He chaired the History Department at Spelman College and is the author of numerous publications including *There is a River: The Black Struggle for Freedom in America*.*

This conference is designed to bridge the gap between research and practice in education. All researchers and practitioners who are interested in the latest strategies for closing the academic achievement gap that affects African American children should attend.

The conferees fall into two categories — presenters and participants. Presenters are in the category of attendees who present their own research during the conference. Presenters can make poster and/or panel presentations. The conference provides a unique opportunity for graduate students, scholars and faculty to present their work in progress and receive feedback and suggestions from those who have firmly established themselves as researchers.

The second category of attendees are participants who are interested in cutting edge research that can inform their work in early childhood programs and K-12 school districts across the country in moving African American children to mastery and excellence.

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Please visit our Web site for the conference announcement, the conference schedule, guidelines for preparation of proposals, presenter proposal form, presenter and participant registration forms: www.coe.wayne.edu/ISAAC.

Deadline for receipt of proposals November 30, 2010. Proposals accepted beginning April 1, 2010

*Speakers' bios and pictures posted on Web site