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National Academy of Public Administration to Host 20th Annual Social Equity Leadership Conference June 9-11 Forum to Focus on “Fostering Social Equity: Innovation and Change”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration will host its 20th Annual Social Equity Leadership Conference [virtually](#) with live sessions June 9-11, focusing on “Fostering Social Equity: Innovation and Change.” Former Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley will deliver the keynote address June 10, on “Viewing Government Performance Through the Lens of Equity.”

The Social Equity Leadership Conference (SELC) is a widely anticipated annual gathering of scholars and practitioners who discuss and share their expertise on how public administrators can develop a broader understanding of social equity and recognize social equity’s implications within the administrative context.

Speakers and presenters will provide innovative suggestions for government, non-profits and the private sector to foster social equity in order to achieve a more equitable and just society. The 2021 SELC will offer the following tracks:

- **Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities**
- **Investing in Social Infrastructure**
- **Evidence-Based Capacity Building**
- **Dismantling Racism, Sexism and Other Inequities**
- **Conquering the COVID-19 Crisis**
- **#HBCUMatters on Race, Policy & Equity**
- **Data Science, Equity and Governance**
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Social Justice**

Highlights of the 2021 SELC will include:

June 9

Opening Plenary Session (9:30 AM ET): *Perspectives on Equity and Innovation: Leadership Matters*

[Cecelia Muñoz](#), Senior Advisor, New America

[Sonal Shah](#), President, The Asian American Foundation

[Terry Gerton](#), President/CEO, National Academy of Public Administration

Plenary Session (12:30 PM ET): *Higher Education*

[Dr. Alan Curtis](#), President/CEO, The Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation

[Dr. Brandi Blessett](#), University of Cincinnati

[Chancellor Nancy Cantor](#), Rutgers University - Newark

[Dean Susan Gooden](#), Virginia Commonwealth University

[Dr. RaJade Berry-James](#), North Carolina State University (moderator)

June 10

Keynote Address (8:30 AM ET): *Viewing Government Performance Through the Lens of Equity*

[Martin O'Malley](#), Former Governor, State of Maryland

Plenary Session (12:30 PM ET): *ONE Virginia: A Statewide Strategy to Advance Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*

[Dr. Samuel Brown](#), Old Dominion University (introduction)

[Dr. Janice Underwood](#), Chief Diversity Officer, Commonwealth of Virginia

[Dr. Ron Carlee](#), Old Dominion University (moderator)

June 11

Closing Plenary and Award Ceremony (12:30 PM ET): *Philip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award*

[Gary Glickman](#), Chair, Academy Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance

[Dean Lenneal Henderson](#), Virginia State University

[Valerie Lemmie](#), Director of Exploratory Research, Kettering Foundation

[Professor Sy Murray](#), Jackson State University

[Dr. Harvey White](#), University of Delaware

[Dr. David Bell](#), Indiana University (moderator)

To view the full schedule, visit [here](#).

** Media interested in attending should RSVP to bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com with requested sessions for registration purposes. **

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