



5th
Bi-Annual
Conference
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Education

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May 7 - May 10, 2017
Hilton Head Island,
South Carolina

The African-American Child in School

Conference on Research Directions

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The Conference on Research Directions is a biannual event that will be held at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina from May 7 - May 10, 2017. 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.

At the 5th Bi-annual conference, ISAAC will introduce a new track — Leading Light — for those who work on the front line for reform and innovation in school districts. This will be a track for those who can bring our research and scholarship to full realization in the schools that serve African American children. School "gurus" will meet, share concerns and devise strategies for enabling ISAAC to assist you in your work. Our goal is to shorten the time between when research is generated and when it is implemented to benefit our children and improve academic outcomes.

Conferees will be entertained in view of the ocean at two cocktail receptions by Ross Brown and a luncheon by Lavon Stevens, two acclaimed musicians. They are both charismatic and dynamic entertainers who play 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 8, 2017

Dr. Joyce E. King, Professor, Benjamin E. Mays Endowed Chair for Urban Teaching, Learning and Leadership; Alonzo Crim Center for Urban Education Excellence, Educational Policy Studies.

Topic: **Dysconscious Racism, Afrocentric Praxis and Education for Human Future**



Closing Plenary Session, Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Pastor Emeritus of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, theologian, author and civil rights activist. Rev. Moss is well known for his friendship with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. He is also the father of Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III, the current pastor of the famous Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago.

This conference is designed to bridge the gap between research and practice in education. All researchers and school leaders 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.

CORD presentations will be published in an edited volume of *Conference Proceedings* that will be published on the ISAAC website.

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Please visit our Web site for the conference information sheet, fee, the conference schedule and participant registration forms: www.africana-children-isaac.org

*Speakers' bios and pictures posted on reverse of this flyer.



Joyce E. King

Dr. Joyce King received the Ph.D. degree in the Social Foundations of Education from Stanford University, the B.A. degree from Stanford and a certificate from the Harvard Institute in Educational Management.

Since 2004, Joyce E. King has served as the

Benjamin E. Mays Endowed Chair for Urban Teaching, Learning and Leadership and Professor of Educational Policy Studies in the College of Education & Human Development at Georgia State University.

Her specializations include:

- The role of cultural knowledge
- Diaspora literacy and heritage knowledge in teaching and preparing teachers for diversity
- Black teachers' emancipatory pedagogy
- Curriculum change Black studies theorizing in education/Black education
- Co-auto ethnography/qualitative research methods-as-pedagogy
- Visionary parent education
- Global education

Widely respected in the fields of urban education and the sociology of education, King's research has contributed to the knowledge-base on preparing teachers for diversity and curriculum theorizing through her scholarship, teaching practice and leadership.

Recent publications include the *Harvard Educational Review*, *The Handbook of Research on Black Education*, *The Handbook of Research on Teacher Education and Voices of Historical and Contemporary Black Pioneers*. In addition, King organized and edited a landmark book, *Black Education: A Transformative Research and Action Agenda for the New Century* that was published for the American Educational Research Association (2005).

She has served as co-editor of the top-ranked *Review of Educational Research*, and her concept of "dysconscious racism" continues to influence research and practice in education and sociology as well in the U.S. and in other countries. A forthcoming book produced in collaboration with teacher educators and classroom teachers is: "*Re-membering" History in Student and Teacher Learning: An Afrocentric and Culturally Informed Praxis*.

A dynamic leader and visionary teacher/scholar, King has a wealth of academic, administrative and leadership experience in public, private and non-profit settings, including historical Black and predominately White colleges and universities.

In 2013, King was voted president-elect of the American Educational Research Association.



Rev. Otis Moss Jr.

Rev. Otis Moss Jr. is a distinguished pastor, theologian, speaker, author, and activist. Moss is well known for his involvement in the American Civil Rights movement and his friendship with both Martin Luther King Jr. and Martin Luther King Sr. He is also the father of Otis Moss III, the

current pastor of the famous Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago.

Rev. Moss earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary; graduate course work from the Interdenominational Theological Center and the B.A. degree from Morehouse College.

Rev. Moss served as the regional director of Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In 1971 he served as co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta with Martin Luther King Sr. In 1975 he answered the Call to pastor the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, which was then the largest Black church in the state of Ohio. He led the church for 33 years before retiring in 2008. During his time at the church, besides continuing to be a sought-after speaker and influential figure in social justice movements, he was an advisor to President Jimmy Carter and also befriended such figures as Bill Clinton, Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, and Jesse Jackson. In 1997, Rev. Moss partnered with University Hospitals to create the Otis Moss Jr. Medical Center. He was also repeatedly named one of America's most influential Black preachers by *Ebony Magazine*.

Moss has long-been a sought-after speaker, lecturing at hundreds of colleges and churches throughout the world, including at the Oxford Roundtable at Oxford University and in the Lyman Beecher Lecture Series at Yale University, and the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. He has also spoken in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Jordan, Israel, and South Africa.

Rev. Moss served on the Board and as Chair of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees for over 10 years.