

NC MLK Commission AI in Our Lives Discussion Panel

Dr. Leslie Clement (NC JCSU)



Dr. Leslie Clement is a PAR Excellence professor with 25 years of teaching experience who currently serves as the University Honors Program Director at Johnson C. Smith University. With numerous degrees and certificates of higher education herself, Dr. Clement is a proud HBCU-educator who wholeheartedly embraces the mission of HBCUs in providing a student-centered academic experience that affirms and empowers students of African descent by implementing heritage-infused curricula and programming. Working with others to lead the efforts on implementing AI education within North Carolina's HBCUs, Dr. Clement is a self-proclaimed equity warrior and coalition builder shaping the future for students in our State.

Dr. Jonathan N. Livingston (NCCU)



Dr. Jonathan Livingston is a Benjamin S. Ruffin Distinguished Professor of Civic Education, a social justice professor, and is serving as the interim chair of the Department of Psychology at NC Central University. With several degrees in higher education, Dr. Livingston has dedicated his career to areas of interest like: African American psychological well-being; the cumulative effects of racism; and social inequities on African American mental health and health disparities. Having received multiple Excellence in Teaching awards from various institutions, Dr. Livingston's teachings, publications, and research on community,

psychology, growth and development, research methodology, and health disparities within the African American community continue to make an impact on his students and peers.

[Dr. Felesia Stukes \(NC JCSU\)](#)



Dr. Felesia Stukes serves as an Associate Professor of Computer Science in the Computer, Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Department at Johnson C. Smith University. Holding multiple higher education degrees, Dr. Stukes also co-directs the HBCU-Data Science Consortium for JSCU. She has led several federally funded programs to develop research capacity in data sciences by developing thoughtful programs that broaden participation in computing within groups that have been historically marginalized.

[Dr. Siobhan Day Grady \(NCCU\)](#)



Dr. Siobhan Day Grady currently serves as the Director of the Institute of Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Research at North Carolina Central University where she is leading cutting-edge innovations to drive technological advancement. Being the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in computer science from NC A&T State University, Dr. Grady also serves as an assistant professor for and program director of information sciences and systems in the School of Library and Information Sciences at NCCU. With research efforts exploring artificial intelligence, human-computer interactions, and STEM, Dr. Grady has

been recognized nationally and internationally for her impact to include the creation of six merit-based, STEM-focused endowed scholarships at all of North Carolina's HBCUs.