



## 2024 Women in Educational Leadership Virtual Symposium (WIELS) Schedule of Events

**Thursday, October 3, 2024**  
Time: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm: EST

**1:00 pm—1:15 pm**

**Opening Remarks**

- Precious Mudiwa, Executive Director, WIELS

**Remarks from the Dean of the Reich College of Education**

- Melba Spooner, Dean, Reich College of Education, Appalachian State University

**1:15 pm—2:15 pm**

**Keynote Presentation: Leadership Journey - Moving the Impossible to Possible Starts with You**

- Deanna Townsend-Smith, [Dudley Flood Center for Educational Equity & Opportunity](#)

**2:15 pm--2:30 pm**

**Break**

**2:30 pm-3:30 pm**

**Invited Panel: The Evolving Role of Artificial Intelligence in Education: Transformations, Challenges, and Opportunities**

- Dr. Siobahn Day Grady, *Assistant Professor & Program Director of Information Science*, NCCU School of Library and Information Sciences
- Dr. Amy Holcombe, Dean of the Stout School of Education, High Point University
- Dr. Amy Washburn, Director of Digital Teaching & Learning, Reich College of Education, and Interim Chair of the Department of Leadership and Educational Studies, Appalachian State University
- Dr. Denise Hunt, Lead Instructional Coach, North Carolina New Teacher Support, School of Education University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Dr. Sarah Egan Warren, Teaching Assistant Professor, Institute for Advanced Analytics, DELTA Faculty Fellow, North Carolina State University
- **Moderator:** Dr. Lisa Mitchell, Associate Dean School of Education, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

**3:30 pm-3:45 pm**

**Break**

**3:45 pm--4:45 pm**

**Concurrent Sessions (select one)**

- Beyond the Blueprint: Recreate the Vision
  - Dr. Alexandra Fields,, Dr. Betsy Aspinwall and Evelyn Rucker, Western Carolina

University

- Hemispheric Preferences: Lessons for Leaders
  - Dr. Rebecca Shore, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Paper Presentations
  - Black Women Educational Leaders Need Safe Spaces Too
    - Dr. Stephanie Woodard, Lenoir-Rhyne University and Dr. Tamera Moore, Charleston Southern University.

**Friday, October 4, 2024**  
Time: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm EST

**1:00 pm—1:10 pm**

**Welcome Day Two**

- Precious Mudiwa, Executive Director, WIELS
- Amy Washburn, Associate Executive Director, WIELS

**1:10 pm—2:15 pm**

**Keynote Presentation: Establishing a Growth Mindset**

- Amy Wartham, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

**2:15 pm—2:30 pm**

**Break**

**2:30 pm—3:30 pm**

**Concurrent Sessions (select one)**

- Navigating through the Tenure and Promotion Process in Higher Education: Indigenous Women's Perspective
  - Dr. Camille Goins and Dr. Jennifer Jones-Locklear, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Staying Vital and Connected in the Last Years of Your Career
  - Dr. Diana Zablotzky, and Dr. Heather Smith, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Millennial Higher Ed Practitioner 101: Navigating Game Changers and Game Managers
  - Dr. Jerisha V. Farrer, Forsyth Technical Community College

**3:30 pm—3:40 pm**

**Break**

**3:40 pm—4:40 pm**

**Concurrent Sessions (select one)**

- Building the Ukraine House
  - Dr. Elizabeth Bellows, Appalachian State University
- Paper Presentations (paper sessions are 30 minutes each)
  - Women in the Superintendency, Trying to Climb the Executive Leadership Ladder Faster than a Snail in Mud
    - Dr. Tracy Mulvaney, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Dr. Deborah Bleisnick, New Jersey department of Education and Dr. Lindsay Jablonski, Moorestown Township Public Schools
  - Still Climbing: Gender and its effects on Women in Educational Leaderships' Career Development in NJ: A Mixed Methods Study
    - Dr. Lindsay Jablonski, Moorestown Township Public Schools

**4:40 pm--5:00 pm**

**Closing Remarks**

- Melba Spooner, Dean, Reich College of Education, Appalachian State University
- Precious Mudiwa, Executive Director, WIELS

