

*West Michigan College and University Presidents’  
Compact Committee Conference*

***Diversity Strategies: Creating, Sustaining, and Bridging  
Communities in Higher Education***

**October 11, 2013**

**Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University  
17 Fountain St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI**

This annual regional conference is open to college and university faculty, staff, administrators, and students. The conference features a series of panels and a plenary speaker which address issues surrounding inclusive communities, pedagogy, and current diversity related scholarship. Please join us!



**Featured Speaker - Damon A. Williams, PhD** is one of the leading experts on diversity in higher education. He is the author of the book *Strategic Diversity Leadership* and co-author of the book *The Chief Diversity Officer*. Formerly the Vice Provost and Chief Diversity Officer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is currently leading Program, Training & Youth Development Services for the Boys and Girls Club of America

**Conference Schedule**

- 9:00-10:15 a.m.** Keynote: Damon William: *Building an Inclusive Campus with an Eye towards the Retention of Faculty, Staff, and Students of Color.*
- 10:30-11:45 a.m.** Panel: *Local Best Practices on Retaining Students of Color*
- 12:00-12:45 p.m.** Lunch: *Lunch is provided. While eating enjoy networking opportunities with colleagues from across the region.*
- 1:00-1:45 p.m.** Panel: *Local Best Practices on Retaining Faculty and Staff of Color*
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Panel and Reception: *Hearing from Community Leaders: What are WMPCC institutions doing well? What Can WMPCC Learn from our Community Partners? How Can Partnerships Be Strengthened?*

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