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Greetings Faculty, Staff, Student Leaders, and Community Members:

On behalf of the Black Issues Conference Planning Committee, the University of Tennessee Chapter of the NAACP, and the Office of Multicultural Student Life, we would like to invite you to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Issues Conference. Since its inception in 2006, the Black Issues Conference has endeavored to assist in the educational development of students through uniting the campus and community on issues that affect the black community. This year's conference theme is *Illuminating Our Power, Unveiling Our Truth*. The conference is scheduled for **Saturday, February 2, 2019** in the \*Student Union Auditorium from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. {Please note new location}

We would like to extend an invitation to you as faculty, staff, student leaders, and community members to share in this experience by presenting a 50 minute presentation on a topic of your choice during our workshop sessions. Some topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Social Media (Power of black twitter/ role in social media)
- State of Black Men
- Power of Black Female Leadership
- What's next for the Black Community?
- Current Events
- Melanin in the Media
- LGBTQIAA
- Civil Rights and Politics
- Mental Health
- Education & the Black Community
- Violence in the Black Community
- Free Speech
- Double Consciousness
- Unifying the Black Community
- Intersectionality in the Black Community
- Black Ownership
- Colorism

In organizing your workshop, we ask that you integrate elements of the conference theme into your presentation. **Please use the following link to electronically submit your proposal and an outline of your program to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Issues Conference Planning Committee by no later than January 11, 2019:**

[http://trace.tennessee.edu/cgi/ir\\_submit.cgi?context=omsaconference](http://trace.tennessee.edu/cgi/ir_submit.cgi?context=omsaconference).

The Black Issues Conference is free to all UT opted-in students. Registration for opted-in students opens on **October 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Faculty, staff, opted-out students and other registered participants will pay a \$10 fee. Registration opens on **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://multicultural.utk.edu/events/signature-events/bic/>.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope that you will join us either as a presenter or as a conference attendee.

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