THE INAUGURATION OF
Helene D. Gayle, MD, MPH
HONORING OUR PAST… CLAIMING OUR FUTURE

Academic Symposium
Thursday, April 27 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby, Ed.D.
Academic Center Auditorium
10:00 a.m.: Opening Remarks by President, Dr. Helene Gayle and Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Dolores Bradley Brennan

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.: Black Women’s Health in a Troubled World
MODERATOR: Dr. Mona Phillips ~ Professor, Sociology & Anthropology Department, Spelman College, C’76
- Dr. Dázon Dixon Diallo ~ Founder/President, SisterLove, Inc., C’86
- Dr. Natalie Crawford ~ Associate Professor, Behavioral, Social and Health Education Sciences, Rollins School of Public Health; Co-Director of the Prevention and Implementation Sciences Core in the Center for AIDS Research, Emory University, C’2004
- Professor Suneye Holmes ~ Senior Instructor, Economics Department, Spelman College, C’2004
- Dr. Ebony Glover ~ Associate Professor of Neuroscience, Psychological Sciences Department, Kennesaw State University, C’2002

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: A Troubled World
MODERATOR: Dr. Erica Williams ~ Associate Professor, Sociology & Anthropology Department, Spelman College
- Dr. Dorian Crosby ~ Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Spelman College, C’91
- Dr. Banah Ghadbian ~ Assistant Professor, Comparative Women’s Studies Program, Spelman College, C’2015
- Dr. Sara Busdiecker ~ Associate Professor, International Studies Program, Spelman College

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: The Urgency of Women’s Studies and Queer Studies in a Troubled World
MODERATOR: Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall ~ Distinguished Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women’s Studies; Founding Director of the Women’s Research and Resource Center; Comparative Women’s Studies Program Chair, Spelman College, C’66
- Dr. Evelynn Hammonds ~ Inaugural Audre Lorde Visiting Professor of Queer Studies, Spelman College; Barbara Gutmann Rosenzantz Professor of the History of Science; Department Chair and Professor of African and African American Studies, Harvard University, C’76
- Dr. Moon Charania ~ Associate Professor, International Studies Program, Spelman College
- Dr. M. Bahati Kuumba ~ Associate Director, Women’s Research and Resource Center; Professor, Comparative Women’s Studies Program, Spelman College

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.: Empowering Black Women in OUR Troubled World
MODERATOR: Michelle S. Hite, Ph.D. ~ Director, Ethel Waddell Githii Honors Program; Co-Director, Prestigious International Fellowships; UNCF Mellon Mays Campus Coordinator; Associate Professor, English Department, Spelman College
- Dr. Na’Taki Kelks ~ Assistant Professor, Environmental & Health Sciences Program, Spelman College, C’95
- Dr. Celeste Lee ~ Assistant Professor, Sociology & Anthropology Department, Spelman College
- Dr. Candice Price ~ Inaugural Center of Excellence for Minority Women in STEM (COE-MWS) Falconer Scholar-in-Residence, Spelman College; Associate Professor of Mathematics, Smith College

4:15 p.m.: Closing Remarks by Dr. Lisa Hibbard, Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry Department; Faculty Council President, Spelman College

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.: Spelman College Faculty Showcase & Reception
Peter Chen, Ph.D.
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Guest Speakers