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VENUE
MARGARET MARTIN LECTURE THEATRE,
EDGEWOOD CAMPUS

DATE
THURS, 19TH JANUARY 2023

TIME
13H30 - 16H00

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Anissa McNeil began her educational career in Head Start and went on to receive a Doctorate in South African English in Organisational Leadership from Pepperdine University, USA. McNeil is passionate about education and working with organisations to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn and achieve their full potential. McNeil believes that “Education Works”. McNeil is the founder and CEO of Education Works Consulting Services. The organisation provides a Consultant Service, Mental Health & Social Justice Clinic and Global Education programmes.

Dr. Carl Highshaw is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Arming Minorities Against Addiction & Disease (AMAAD) Institute, which is based in South Los Angeles, California. Highshaw fully developed the AMAAD Institute as a local grassroots community-based organisation (CBO) in the provision of integrated social work-related services for underserved and marginalized populations. With more than 25 years of nonprofit programme and administrative management experience, Highshaw completed his Bachelor of Psychology from Western Illinois University, his Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from Washington University in St. Louis and his Doctor of Social Work (DSW) from the University of Southern California. Highshaw also received a substance use disorder (SUD) Certification from the Los Angeles Training Institute for Drug and Alcohol Counseling as well as a Human Resources Management Certification from California State University Dominguez Hills.



Jessica Ellis is the Executive Director at Centinela Youth Services. Jessica Ellis is a results-driven professional with first-rate skills in organisational development and change management. She has 13 years experience providing consulting to school districts and non-profits on developing ethical organisational culture, board building, and organisational effectiveness. Outstanding interpersonal and relationship building skills, relating well with staff at all levels to lead both bottom up (frontline user) solutions and top down (executive team) culture change. Ellis has diagnostic skills to assess structural and process problems and identify appropriate interventions. She has experience instituting data-driven decision making and facilitating implementation of technological solutions for efficiency. Ellis is a compelling communicator skilled in staff development, including training, coaching and evaluation. She also has experience leading cross-functional teams with the courage to challenge the status quo to bring new ideas. Constant improvement is her hallmark.