



Brooklyn College Conference
Building Bridges: Community Partnerships and Learning
May 6-7, 2010
Brooklyn College Student Center
Field trip to Plum Beach

Brooklyn College will host this two-day conference, highlighting community partnerships and learning. The conference will mark the beginning of a new decade with creative directions in education.

CONFERENCE MISSION:

The conference focuses on Brooklyn College's mission to be a "model citizen" in the borough. Faculty, students and administrators have been working deliberately over the past year to examine our relationship with the borough and to enhance our partnership with the community. Through the conference, we aim to:

- 1) shine a light on successful college-community partners;
- 2) provide workshops on how to create these partnerships; and
- 3) connect students, faculty and community partners interested in working together for a sustainable future.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Thursday, May 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.:

- Keynote address by Dr. Beverly Wright, environmental justice scholar and activist, and founder of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice.
- Panels highlighting "best practices" for sustainable college-community partnerships.
- Community Partner Fair: Organizations from around the borough will have tables and will share the work that they do and highlight potential areas for community-university partnerships.
- Workshops on how to create and sustain university-community partnerships

Friday, May 7, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.:

- Field trip to Plum Beach. See an example of what students and our community partners at the National Park Service are doing to preserve Plum Beach. Lunch at Floyd Bennett Field.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Dr. Beverly Wright, environmental justice scholar and activist, is the founder of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, currently at Dillard University in New Orleans. The center addresses environmental and health inequities along the Mississippi River Chemical Corridor and is a community-university partnership providing education, training and job placement. Since Hurricane Katrina, the center has focused largely on research, policy, community outreach, assistance and the education of displaced African-American residents of New Orleans.

Dr. Wright is currently the co-chairperson of the Sustainable Energy and Environmental Taskforce for New Orleans Mayor-Elect Mitch Landrieu's transition team. She has served on the Corps of Engineers' Environmental Advisory Board, the Mayor's Office of Environmental Affairs' Brownfields Consortium, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the New Orleans' Select Committee for the Sewerage and Water Board; chaired the 2002 Second National People of Color Leadership Summit; and currently co-chairs the Environmental Justice Climate Change Initiative, is a member of the Commission Delegation to the U.N. Conference on Climate Change (COP15) and serves as the president of the African American Women of Purpose and Power in New Orleans. Dr. Wright received the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Award in 2006, the 2008 EPA Environmental Justice Achievement Award, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition 2008 Community Award, the Ford Motor Company's Freedom's Sisters Award in July of 2009 and the prestigious 2009 Heinz Award.

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