

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM/AGENDA/FORMAT**  
**Monday, October 21, 2024 - (9:15am-4:30pm)**  
**Location - University Hall, 7th Floor Conference Center**

**9:15-9:45am - Breakfast and Connecting**

**9:45-10:00am - Welcome**

- *Introduction and plan for day (Dr. Sudha Wadhvani and Adela Caceres)*
- *Message about OSHE grant (Dr. Jaclyn Friedman-Lombardo)*
- *Opening Remarks on behalf of President Koppell (VP Dr. Dawn Meza Soufleris)*
- *Introduction of Keynote Speaker/Consultant (Dr. Sudha Wadhvani)*

**10:00am-11:30pm - Keynote Presentation: Dr. David Rivera**

**11:30-11:50am - Student Voices - CAPS Mental Health Ambassadors, OSJD Peer Leaders, IE2 GA**

**11:50am-12:00pm - Break**

**12:00-1:00pm - Lunch and table discussions** (lunch provided; networking) - *Share name/dept/role on campus; how has this presentation been relevant to you in your role at Montclair?* (facilitated by CAPS, OSJD, and IE2 staff)

**1:00-2:00pm - Faculty/Staff/Admin Panel (Moderated by Dr. Rivera): “Bridging the Silos”** - Addressing student and campus needs in our diverse community

- *Dr. Ashante Connor (Associate Vice President of Inclusive Excellence; Special Advisor to the President)*
- *Dr. Leslie Wilson (Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences; Professor of History)*
- *Dr. Yolanda Alvarez (Associate Dean of Students, Student Development and Campus Life)*
- *Dr. Eunice Park (Professor of Public Health, College for Community Health)*
- *Dr. Milton Fuentes (Interim Chair, Social Work and Child Advocacy; Special Advisor to the Provost; Professor of Psychology)*

**2:00-2:30pm - Table discussions** (focused on “Bridging the Silos”) - *Reactions to the panel; your role/position on campus, how does this topic relate to your department and work, how can you impact bridging these silos?* (facilitated by CAPS, OSJD, and IE2 staff)

**2:30-2:50pm - Large group discussion** (tables reporting/sharing with large group)

**2:50-3:00pm - Break**

**3:00-4:30pm - Break out sessions -**

Please choose 1 of the 4 breakout sessions:

1. **“Basic Needs Insecurity: Increasing Awareness of Systemic Barriers & Supporting Student Success”** - This interactive session will provide an overview of factors contributing to basic needs insecurity and identify resources that can assist students in overcoming barriers. Presenters will share compelling data that will empower attendees to support students by building rapport, creating healthy relationships, and encouraging students to recognize and utilize their personal agency in order to achieve their goals.  
**Arian Craig, M.A.M.F.T.** (Student Support Services Case Manager/Program Coordinator for Red Hawk Fellows Program, Dean of Students Office; M.H.F.A.I.)  
**Tabitha L. Riley** (Academic Program Coordinator, University College)  
**Moderator: Carmen Reyes-Cuevas** (Assistant Director, EOF)
2. **“Intersectionality & Belonging”** - Understanding the complexity of students’ intersecting identities and how this can impact their sense of belonging is crucial. This panel will explore diverse intersecting identities as they relate to student belonging. Our goal is to move our community towards creating more inclusive spaces where students can be their full selves, in and outside of the classroom.  
**Dr. Laura Quiros** (Associate Professor, Social Work and Child Advocacy, College of Humanities and Social Sciences)  
**Jonnine DeLoatch** (Director, Office of Student Belonging, Student Development and Campus Life)  
**Sabriya Williams** (Associate Director, Office of Student Belonging, Student Development and Campus Life)  
**Moderator: Meghan Hearn** (Director, Disability Resource Center)
3. **“Healing in Solidarity: Interfaith Conversations”** - This workshop will focus on building essential tools for creating positive engagement within our diverse campus community. Presenters will share concepts and strategies learned at the 2024 Interfaith Leadership Summit, focused on pluralism, bridge building, and interfaith engagement in higher education. We hope to facilitate opportunities to engage in healing, connecting, listening to understand, and respecting other perspectives, in order to learn and grow from one another.  
**Dr. Sudha Wadhvani** (Staff Psychologist, Coordinator of Equity, Inclusion, and Community Initiatives, Counseling and Psychological Services, CAPS)  
**Darius W. Edwards** (Assistant Director, Office For Social Justice and Diversity)
4. **“Campus/Systems Level Consultation with Dr. David Rivera (Only for Administrators/Deans/Managers)”** - Red Hawk administrators and managers will gather to discuss implementing systems-level changes to improve mental health support and overall campus climate. The consultation will focus on identifying key areas for intervention, including infusing mental health supports across campus,

integrating mental health education into the curriculum, and creating more inclusive spaces for learning and connection. Participants are advised to come prepared with specific questions and related scenarios.

**Moderators:** *Dr. Jaclyn Friedman-Lombardo (Director, Counseling and Psychological Services, CAPS); Dr. Ashante Connor (Associate Vice President of Inclusive Excellence; Special Advisor to the President)*