

Social Equity LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



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Environmental Protection

Voices from an Urban Wetland: Narratives, Vision, and Praxis

Friday 11:00 am; Panel 1

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Abstract: How did an environmentally neglected section of Raleigh become a rallying point for promoting environmental protection, education, and sustainable community development? What visions do those who have been involved with the development of the wetland hold for its future? How do they envision their local university helping to make that vision a reality through town-gown collaboration? Within historically African American and economically depressed southeast Raleigh, there exists a natural wetland habitat, which has become the focus of community development efforts. The Intellectual Entrepreneurship Committee of the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) at NC State University has been exploring ways in which it might facilitate local community development for enduring constructive social change, by incorporating the “voices” of “people on the ground” into policy formation. This panel provides a forum for those voices to be heard.