Welcome & Keynotes (Kirsch Auditorium)
9 to 9:15 a.m.
Welcome
Carla Koretsky, Dean, Lee Honors College
John Dunn, President, Western Michigan University

9:15 to 10 a.m.
“W.K. Kellogg Foundation Initiative: America Healing”
Luz Benitez Delgado, Program Officer for Racial Equity, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Morning Sessions: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at WMU (Kirsch Auditorium)
10 to 10:25 a.m.
“WMU Campus Climate Survey and Diversity and Multicultural Action Plan”
Mary Zwoyer Anderson, Professor, WMU Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology Department
Tiffany B. White, Director of Operations, WMU Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Break
10:25 to 10:30 a.m.

10:30 to 10:55 a.m.
“Responding to the Campus Climate Survey: Campus Climate for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Tactical Action Community and Project Action Teams”
Jeff Carr, Manager, WMU Maintenance Services
Jen Hsu, Coordinator LBGT Student Services, WMU Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Break
10:55 to 11 a.m.

11 to 11:25 a.m.
“Theatre Arts-Based Research and Outreach”
Nicholas Thornton, Tamsen Glaser and Michael Hyatt, WMU Theatre Department Students

Break
11:25 to 11:30 a.m.

11:30 to noon
Panel Discussion

LUNCH Noon to 1 p.m. poster session, boxed lunches available, $9
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Posters (Room 1035)
Afternoon Session I: Health Equity in Southwest Michigan (Kirsch Auditorium)
1 to 1:25 p.m.
“Toward Data-Driven Maternal and Infant Health Interventions: Creating a Community Mapping Website Tool”
Amy Curtis, Professor, WMU College of Health and Human Services
Kathleen Baker, Associate Professor, WMU Department of Geography
Rajib Paul, Associate Professor, WMU Department of Statistics

1:25 to 1:50 p.m.
“Reducing Inequities through Healthcare Triggers and Care Coordination”
Cheryl Dickson, Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine
Catherine Kothari, Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine

1:50 to 2:15 p.m.
“Baby Steps: Building Relationships to Facilitate Mother-Infant Co-Regulation”
Michelle Suarez, Assistant Professor, WMU Occupational Therapy Department

Break
2:15 to 2:25 p.m.

2:25 to 2:50 p.m.
“Keeping Promises in Kalamazoo: Achieving Optimal Health Equity in Kalamazoo through connected trauma-informed systems: Using Lessons Learned to Plot Future Directions”
Mark A. Sloane, DO, Adjunct Instructor, WMU Occupational Therapy Department

2:50 to 3:15 p.m.
“Southwest Michigan Health Equity Alliance”
Cheryl Dickson, Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine

Break
3:15 to 3:25 p.m.

3:25 to 3:50 p.m.
Panel discussion

Afternoon Session II: Educational Equity in Southwest Michigan (Room 2030)
1 to 1:25 p.m.
“Improving School Readiness for Vulnerable Children by Implementing Phonological Awareness Instruction in KC Ready 4s Classrooms”
Michele Anderson, Assistant Professor, WMU Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
Ann Tyler, Chair, WMU Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology

(Posters will be on display all day)
1:25 to 1:50 p.m.
“Aviation After School Programming – What We Learned”
Beth M. Beaudin-Seiler, Research Associate, WMU College of Aviation
Shelbi Tierney and Gabrielle Blakemore, Tori Price, Mackenzie Ritsema and Samantha TenHove

1:50 to 2:15 p.m.
“Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations: Teaching, Research and Service to Build More Equitable and Inclusive Communities”
Timothy Ready, Director, WMU Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations

Break
2:15 to 2:25 p.m.

2:25 to 2:50 p.m.
“Empowering African-American Males through Self-Identity, Service-Learning and Leadership”
Toni Woolfork-Barnes, Director, WMU First Year Experience Programs
Shawn Tenney, Coordinator of Service Learning, WMU Center for Academic Success Programs
Maurice Washington, WMU Undergraduate Student
Douglas Davidson, Associate Professor, WMU Department of Sociology

2:50 to 3:15 p.m.
“Toward a Model of Authentic Family Engagement for School Readiness and Academic Success”
Evelyn Winfield-Thomas, Executive Director, WMU Office of Institutional Equity
Meg Blinkiewicz
Linwood Cousins, Professor, WMU School of Social Work

Break
3:15 to 3:25 p.m.

3:25 to 3:50 p.m.
Panel discussion

Wrap-Up and Closing Keynote (Kirsch Auditorium)
4 to 4:50 p.m.
“Love With Power”
Mia Henry, Executive Director, Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership at Kalamazoo College