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# **AGEP-NC NEWSLETTER**



#### Dr. Lisa Merriweather

Featured Moderator at the National AGEP Conference

Dr. Lisa Merriweather, UNCC's co-Principal Investigator for the AGEP Grant, will moderate the panel titled "Future of AGEP: Institutional Change and Intersectionality" at the AGEP National Conference.

### Joint Fellows Meeting November 7th

The Alliance-wide AGEP meeting for Faculty Fellows is scheduled for **November 7th, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**. We will be sharing insights on each campus's processes and plans, as well as discussing the contents and potential improvements for graduate handbooks. This meeting will provide an opportunity for valuable exchange and collaboration across campuses.





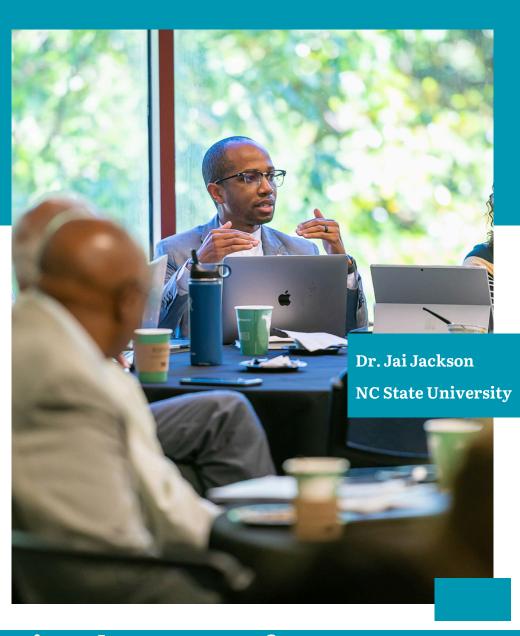


In recognition of the NSF <u>AGEP</u> Program's 25th anniversary, the #AGEPat25 conference will bring together both current and past AGEP Alliances and projects, including former AGEP-funded students and fellows who are now faculty at institutions of higher education to celebrate the influence and impact of the program and share research to guide future work.

Registration is open until September 9th. Save your spot today! <a href="https://go.edc.org/AGEP25">https://go.edc.org/AGEP25</a>



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## National AGEP Conference Poster and Panel Acceptance

Drs. Lisa Merriweather (Professor) and Dilara Yaya-Bryson (Postdoctoral Researcher) will represent North Carolina AGEP (AGEP-NC). Since the beginning of our alliance, with the leadership of Dr. Merriweather, the social science research team has focused on unpacking cross-cultural doctoral mentorship experiences of the STEM doctoral students and faculty members through indepth interviews and surveys. For the AGEP@25 presentation, the researchers aim to compile the striking findings of the AGEP-NC Social Science Research efforts with a qualitative meta-analysis, share them with the AGEP society, as well as discuss future directions and implications for culturally liberative mentoring practices.

On **October 9th**, the AGEP-NC Alliance will also present the following work at the AGEP@25 Conference.

Poster Presentation: "Diverse Paths to Impact: Fellow Approaches Across The Three NC AGEP Campuses."

Panel Discussion: "A Flexible Framework for Promoting Departmental Change"

Panelists: Abdellah Ahmidouch, Yvette Huet, and Marcia Gumpertz

The North Carolina AGEP (AGEP-NC) Grant, funded through the NSF AGEP Program, developed a framework to create institutional, department-level, and faculty change to promote underrepresented minority (URM) students in completing their doctoral degrees and preparing for faculty roles. We are a collaboration of three different types of institutions: NC A&T, a land grant HBCU with a national reputation in STEM education; NC State, a land grant research I PWI; and UNC Charlotte, North Carolina's urban research university. The AGEP-NC model is intended to be flexible so that institutions and departments can tailor the program to suit their own needs and cultures. In this panel discussion we explain the ways that implementation has differed among our three campuses.