

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY



Academic Symposium

"Women Leading from a Global Perspective"

Thursday, October 2, 2014
9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Inaugural Symposium in Honor of

Roslyn Clark Artis, J.D., Ed.D.

As Florida Memorial University welcomes and inaugurates our first female President, this academic symposium focuses on “Women Leading from a Global Perspective”. This event provides a context for discussing the significance and international implications of our institutional mission to “instill in students the importance of becoming global citizens through life-long learning, leadership, character, and service which will enhance their lives and the lives of others.”





Dr. Artis is a graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where she earned her Doctorate in Higher Education Leadership and Policy. She received her Juris Doctorate degree from West Virginia University College of Law in Morgantown, West Virginia, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from West Virginia State University in Institute, West Virginia. The consummate professional, Dr. Artis has extensive experience in university fundraising and holds a Certificate of Fundraising Management from Indiana University. She has also earned a Certificate of Mastery in Prior Learning Assessment from DePaul University's School of Continuing & Professional Education.

In February, 2014, Dr. Artis was appointed unanimously by the Board of Trustees as the 13th President of Florida Memorial University. She is the first female President in the University's 135 year history. During her short stint as Acting President at Florida Memorial University, Dr. Artis provided immeasurable leadership and direction to the University family on all levels. In a short time, she has become well-acclimated to the South Florida community, and has been appointed to multiple community boards and associations, increasing involvement and exposure of the University significantly.

On campus, Dr. Artis has spearheaded a series of new and innovative programs for students and is diligently striving to improve corporate and community relations and endowment initiatives for the institution.

Throughout her career, Dr. Artis' extensive academic experience and accomplishments have been widely accepted and highly successful. For nearly a decade, she served in numerous roles at Mountain State University; including Director of Legal Studies, Senior Academic Officer for Distance Education, Vice President of University Advancement, Executive Vice President & Chief Academic Officer, and the University's Provost. Her responsibilities included the management and supervision of all academic courses and programs for the University; including its distance education offerings, branch campuses, sites and centers, as well as Institutional Research and Assessment.

Dr. Artis' academic interests have included student retention, particularly as it relates to adult and non-traditional students, academic and co-curricular support structures in alternative learning modalities, strategic planning, institutional effectiveness and executive leadership.

Prior to embarking on a career in academia, Dr. Artis enjoyed an active general litigation practice for eight (8) years. A strong community activist, Dr. Artis is active in a host of statewide and local organizations. She is a past Chair of the Board of Law Examiners for the state of West Virginia and a past president of the Mountain State Bar Association – the oldest minority bar association in the country.

Currently, she serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Miami Dade Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors for the Honey Shine Program and the Orange Bowl Committee. Additionally, Dr. Artis is actively engaged with the Beacon Council as a member of the Academic Leaders Council, a member of the planning committee for the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Senior Executive Orientation Program, the Educational Testing Service Presidents' Advisory Council and has been named to Miami's Executive Roundtable.

She is married to Selby R. Artis and is the proud mother of three: Christopher, Jayden and Jocelyn.

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**WELCOME AND GREETINGS
ROSLYN CLARK ARTIS, J.D., Ed.D.**

13TH PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

“Women Leading from a Global Perspective”



FIU-FMU AUDITORIUM

9:30 A.M.

"HUMAN RIGHTS: THEN & NOW"

FIU-FMU AUDITORIUM

9:35 a.m. -10:45 a.m.

Human Rights is an issue that plagues all nations. In both developing and developed countries women continue to fight for dignity and respect for themselves and their families. The struggles of women as they continue to fight for dignity and respect for them and their families. Panelists will address how women are confronting these challenges.

PANEL MODERATOR:

Tameka Hobbs, Ph.D.

PANELISTS:

Dorothy Fields, Ph.D.

Marlene Bastien

Anna Jerome-Raja, Ed.D.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Appreciate the plight of women seeking opportunities for education and leadership in today's world from a global context.
- Understand the current status of human rights, and especially women's rights, from an international perspective.
- Anticipate the challenges and opportunities facing future generations of women around the globe in the areas of economy, politics, and society.

ACADEMIC FACILITATORS:

Keshia Abraham, Ph.D.

Rose Thevenin, Ph.D.

iffany Austin, Ph.D.

Student Facilitators: SGA Representatives

Dr. Dorothy Fields, Dorothy Jenkins Fields preservationist, archivist, professor, published author, historian and freelance writer of issues relating to 20th century and 21st African American social history in the urban south, particularly, Miami-Dade County, Florida. In 1977 she incorporated The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida as a non-profit 501(c)3 membership organization. From her vision and perseverance the Lyric Theater, a performing arts and motion picture theater built in 1913, was purchased by The Black Archives in the 1988. Fields established Miami Dade County's Black Heritage Trail and the Historic Overtown Folklife Village, designated by Florida's Secretary of State a Main Street Community. She was the principal black history researcher for the book, *Julia's Daughters, Women in Dade County's History*, produced and published in 1980 by the American Association of University Women. In 2010 she wrote the introduction to *Linkages & Legacies: Historical Profiles Depicting Notable Greater Miami, Florida Pioneers of African Descent*, produced and published by The Links, Inc., Greater Miami Chapter.

Ms. Marleine Bastien, is the founder and Executive Director of Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc. (Haitian women of Miami), a group that provides desperately needed assistance not only to Haitian women and their families, but to the community at large. She is the Chair of the Florida Immigration coalition and Vice-Chair of the Haitian-American Grassroots Coalition. Under Bastien's leadership, FANM has showed a unique ability to provide an array of social services while also organizing around issues such as immigration, housing, health access, education reform, gender equality, and human rights. Bastien formed the Justice Coalition for the Haitian Children of Guantanamo, is a founding member of the Haitian-American Grassroots Coalition, the Haitian Neighborhood Center (Sant La), and many more community organizations. Bastien is the recipient of many awards including, most recently, the 2013 U.S. Human Rights Movement Builders Award from the U.S. Human Rights Network.

Dr. Anna Jerome-Raja, is an assistant Professor of Exceptional Student Education in the School of Education at Florida Memorial University, Miami, Florida, USA. Her professional experiences include working as a special educator in India at two institutions serving persons with disabilities and their families. Coming from India which is a very diverse country, she brings with her a multicultural perspective to teaching and professionalism. She is also actively involved in Indian cultural organizations and has served as the Dade county director for South Florida Tamil Sangam (An Indian cultural association) for two years. She organizes and participates in Indian cultural events. Having received formal training in Barathnatyam a classical Indian dance, she performs and choreographs classical and Bollywood dance performances. Dr. Jerome-Raja is an ardent believer of inculcating strong cultural values and traditions in children and youth particularly those from the culturally and linguistically diverse populations and believes strongly in the role of women for the upliftment of society.

SESSION II

"21st Century Successful Women"

Albert E. & Sadie B. Smith Conference Center C

10:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m.

There is a common thread of characteristics that successful women in leadership roles share. Discussed will be some of the qualities needed by women to become successful leaders. Personal stories will be shared by the panelists.

PANEL MODERATOR:

Mary Angie Salva-Ramirez, Ph.D.

PANELISTS:

Eve Wright, J.D.

VP & Associate General Counsel
Miami Heat

Yolanda Rabun, J.D.

Corporate Counsel and Privacy Officer, Software and
Systems Group IBM Corporation
National Jazz Recording Artist

Magda Vives, J.D.

Sr. VP of Legal & Business Affairs at
Universal Music Latin America

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Gain greater self-understanding.
- Appreciate the common thread of successful leadership skills.
- Develop a greater understanding of individual and collective community responsibilities.

ACADEMIC FACILITATORS:

Abigail Mobley, Ph.D.
Nicole Yarling

Student Facilitators: PRSSA

Eve Wright, Esq., serves as a Board Director for USA Track & Field and hadn't even reached 35 when she earned a top spot as Vice President and Associate General Counsel for the Miami HEAT and the American Airlines Arena. She is also the founder of the Spark, an executive development program for women and is the author of *Life at the Speed of Passion*—a book which revolutionizes the way you think about what your life looks like, what you do for a living . . . and why you do it. Her track record of success ranges from the corporate law firm setting to the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) to the Member Team of the National Basketball Association. Ms. Wright has been featured in various publications, including the Sports Business Journal, Black Enterprise, Success Magazine, Legacy Magazine, African-American Golfer's Digest, the Atlanta Tribune, the Atlanta Post and The DePauw magazines, to name a few. She's also been featured on Fox Business News, Better TV as well as The Golf Channel television network. Ms. Wright has received several awards, among them the coveted Sports Business Journal's Forty Under 40 Award; Black Enterprise Magazine's 40 Under 40; The Thurgood Marshall Fund Distinguished Young Leader Award; Executive 50 Award and the National Bar Association's 40 Under 40 Nations Best Advocates.

Yolanda Rabun, Esq., serves as Corporate Counsel and Privacy Officer with the IBM Law Department on the Software and Systems Legal team in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Yolanda serves as the Law Department Czarina on Education and has won several IBM awards and well as the Triangle Business Journal's Top 40 under 40 Leadership Award, the Durham Chamber of Commerce Connector Award and the TBJ's Women in Business Award. Yolanda received a B.A. with Honors from the College of the Holy Cross and her J.D. from Boston College Law School. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Corporate Counsel Women of Color and admitted to practice law in New York and Georgia. As an award winning North Carolina actor and chart-topping national jazz recording artist, Yolanda has also shared the stage with several Broadway Tony winners, toured the world with her music and was featured on "20/20" and Good Morning America.

Magda Vives, Esq., in her post as Senior Vice President of Legal and Business Affairs at Universal Music Latin America, has used her legal acumen to hammer out sharp deals for some of the best known Latin music artists in the world. Prior to joining Universal, Magda was the Vice President of Business & Legal Affairs at Warner Music Latin America for 12 years. Upon graduation Vives became an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx working in the prestigious Appeals Bureau, arguing appeals before a number of courts, including both the city's Appellate Division, First Department, and the highest court in the state, the Court of Appeals in Albany. She took a job with a successful boutique entertainment law firm in the Wall Street area and immediately realized that she had found her passion, representing many successful R&B artists, Grammy Award-winning jazz musicians, record label executives, and hit-making producers.

RECEPTION

At the Conclusion of Session II

Meet Author Eve Wright, Esq., and receive a signed copy of her book, “Life at the Speed of Passion”. A book which revolutionizes the way you think about what your life looks like, what you do for a living . . . and why you do it.



Meet Jazz Artist, Yolanda Rabun, Esq., and receive a signed copy of her new CD, “So Real”. Her CD is sultry, soulful, expressive, dynamic and memorable.



If your plan is for one year, plant rice.

If your plan is for ten years, plant trees.

If your plan is for one hundred years, educate women.

-----Confucius