

2020 Centennial Celebration Conference Speakers

Monday Morning

Katty Kay

Lead Anchor, BBC World News America



Washington, D.C. based British news anchor, Katty Kay brings a fresh perspective to the reporting of American politics and global affairs. Katty's insights reflect a global mindset that is a natural offshoot of having grown up in the Middle East and worked as a journalist in Europe, Africa, and Asia before coming to Washington in 1996. The award-winning journalist is currently co-anchor of *Beyond 100 Days*, a one-hour news program that covers Washington politics and its impact globally. The show airs to an enormous audience worldwide. Katty is also a regular guest and substitute co-host of

MSNBC's *Morning Joe* program. When she's not busy making sense of the news from Washington and around the globe, Katty writes on the art and science of women and self-assurance - helping them turn thoughts into action to master a more confident mindset. She is co-author (with Claire Shipman) of three New York Times bestsellers: *The Confidence Code*; *The Confidence Code for Girls*; and *Womenomics*.

Jada Monica Drew



When people think of Jada, they think; results, impact, innovation, and community. Jada takes intentional time with clients to ensure optimum results and an engaged experience. This is evidenced as she was recently selected as the Small Business Minority Person of the Year. Jada is passionate about working with leaders and serving as a catalyst for growth as an intentional trainer, coach, and consultant. Her work in the independent school sector includes serving as a reoccurring (North Carolina Association of Independent Schools) NCAIS keynote speaker, workshop facilitator at the Global Forum on Girls' Education and Diversity Consultant for Greensboro Day School.

She is the CEO of Social Designs, a leadership and diversity firm and the visionary of the Bloom: Innovative Solutions for Inclusion annual seminar. Jada knows what truly drives systemic change; building relationships, historic truth-telling, and creative action. She has been recognized as a United Nations DPINGO speaker and featured in [Made in Greensboro](#). She is also active in the community as a board member and current ArtsFund Chair of ArtsGreensboro, board member of American Friends Service Committee, and a co-chair of the Other Voices Chamber of Commerce Leadership Development Program. When she's taking a break from speaking and training, Jada enjoys cooking, spending time with family, working out, and traveling.

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Monday Afternoon

Jennifer Pharr Davis



Jennifer Pharr Davis is a true Renaissance woman. As a hiker, she has covered tens of thousands of miles on every continent but Antarctica. In 2011, she hiked 47 miles a day for 46 straight days to set the "fastest known time" on the Appalachian Trail. She also backpacked 550 miles while pregnant with her daughter and hiked 1,200 miles while nursing her son. At age 24, Jennifer founded Blue Ridge Hiking Company to make trails accessible to hikers of all ages, genders, and ability levels.

Her company is 11 years old, includes two locations, and takes over 1,500 people on hikes each year. Jennifer has authored seven books and written articles for the New York Times, Outside and Backpacker. In 2012, she was named a National Geographic Adventurer of the Year. Jennifer lives in Asheville with her husband Brew, their daughter Charley and son Gus.

Monday Evening

Samantha Ege



Samantha Ege is a British scholar, pianist and educator. She is about to complete her PhD at University of York, which centres on the African-American composer Florence Price. As a concert pianist, Ege's focus on women composers has led to performances in Singapore (supported by the British High Commission and International Women's Day), and lecture-recitals at the Chicago Symphony Center, Berklee College of Music and the Women Composers Festival of Hartford.

Ege released her debut album in May 2018 called [Four Women](#). The album featured the piano music of four women composers from the first half of the twentieth century and included a world première recording. It is her mission to challenge systems of oppression and amplify historically silenced voices through her music and message. Ege currently lives in Singapore where she teaches Music at the United World College of South East Asia.

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Tuesday Morning

Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum



Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, president emerita of Spelman College, is a clinical psychologist widely known for both her expertise on race relations and as a thought leader in higher education. Her thirteen years as the president of Spelman College (2002-2015) were marked by innovation and growth and her visionary leadership was recognized in 2013 with the Carnegie Academic Leadership Award. The author of several books including the best-selling “Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?” and Other Conversations About Race (now in a new 2017 20th anniversary edition) and *Can We Talk About Race?* and *Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation* (2007), Tatum is a sought-after speaker on the topics of racial identity development, race and education, strategies for creating inclusive campus environments, and higher education leadership. In 2005 Dr. Tatum was awarded the prestigious Brock International Prize in Education for her innovative leadership in the field. A Fellow of the American Psychological Association, she was the 2014 recipient of the APA Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology.

A civic leader in the Atlanta community, Dr. Tatum is engaged in educational initiatives designed to expand educational opportunity for underserved students and their families. In Atlanta she serves on the governing boards of the Westside Future Fund, Achieve Atlanta, Morehouse College, the Tull Charitable Foundation and the Georgia Power Company. She is also on the boards of Smith College, TIAA Charitable, and the Educational Testing Service.

She holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Wesleyan University, and M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan as well as an M.A. in Religious Studies from Hartford Seminary. Over the course of her career, she has served as a faculty member at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Westfield State University, and Mount Holyoke College. Prior to her 2002 appointment as president of Spelman, she served as dean and acting president at Mount Holyoke College. In Spring 2017, she was the Mimi and Peter E. Haas Distinguished Visitor at Stanford University. She is married to Dr. Travis Tatum; they are the parents of two adult sons.

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The Most Reverend Dr. Katherine Jefferts Shori



Katharine Jefferts Schori, XXVI Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church (2006-2015), served as chief pastor to The Episcopal Church's members in 17 nations. In 2016 she was the Trotter Visiting Professor at Virginia Theological Seminary, and the St. Margaret's Visiting Professor at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. She served as Assisting Bishop (interim) in the Diocese of San Diego 2017-2019.

Dr. Jefferts Schori previously served as Bishop of Nevada, and as a university lecturer, priest, and hospice chaplain in Oregon. She holds a B.S. degree in biology from Stanford University, an M.S. and Ph.D. in oceanography from Oregon State University, and has been awarded several honorary doctorates. She was a member of President Obama's Council on Neighborhood and Faith-Based Partnerships and served on the Division of Earth and Life Studies board of the National Academy of Sciences.