

Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute for Child & Family Development

CENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM

Illuminating the Future for Children, Families and Community

Friday, May 21, 2021

Virtual 'Zoom' Symposium, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

- 8:45 am Begin "log-on" (all times are EDT)
- 9:00 Greeting John Hannigan, Ph.D. Welcome – President M. Roy Wilson, M.D.
- 9:05 Introductory Remarks: Kyle Ciani, Ph.D. (Introduced by Dr. Tracy Neumann) Associate Professor of History Illinois State University
- 9:20 Keynote: Vonnie C. McLoyd, Ph.D. (Introduced by Dr. Hilary Ratner) Ewart A. C. Thomas Collegiate Professor of Psychology University of Michigan Income Supplements, Social Support, and Community Connections: How They Matter to Child Development and Parenting in the Context of Economic Adversity
- 10:15 Merrill Palmer Skillman Video: Then & Now Brief break
- 10:25 **Brenda Jones-Harden, Ph.D.** (Introduced by Dr. Ann Stacks) Alison Richman Professor for Children and Families University of Maryland, School of Social Work

Promoting positive outcomes for young children in child welfare: Implications of the science of early childhood development and mental health

11:10 Jorge Luis Garcia, Ph.D. (Introduced by Dr. John Hannigan)Assistant Professor of EconomicsClemson University, College of Business

The Economic Impact of Quality Early Childhood Education on Communities

11:55 **Closing Remarks** – Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, Director, Merrill-Palmer Skillman Institute









