



Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute

CENTENNIAL VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

Illuminating the Future for Children, Families and Community

Friday, May 21, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

8:50 Log-on

9:00 **Greeting** – John Hannigan, Ph.D.

Welcome – President Wilson or Provost

9:05 **Introductory Remarks: Kyle Ciani, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of History
Illinois State University



9:20 **Keynote: Vonnie C. McLoyd, Ph.D.**

Ewart A. C. Thomas Collegiate Professor of Psychology
University of Michigan
Associate Editor, *American Psychologist*



10:15 Merrill Palmer Skillman Video: Then & Now

10:20 Brief break

10:25 **Brenda Jones-Harden, Ph.D.**

Alison Richman Professor for Children and Families
University of Maryland, School of Social Work

***Using an Early Childhood Mental Health Lens to Serve
Young Children in the Child Welfare System.***



11:10 **Jorge Luis Garcia, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Economics
Clemson University, College of Business

***The Economic Impact of Quality Early Childhood
Education on Communities.***



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

Pre-registration is required. Click to register:

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