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## BUILDING AND CROSSING BRIDGES TOGETHER

**Thursday, October 13** 

First Session: 2-5pm Second Session: 6-8pm

**Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A** 

Light refreshments will be served

## FIRST SESSION

2-5PM

2:00-2:05PM: INTRODUCTION
Iowa City Human Rights Commission Chair
Shams Ghoneim

2:05-2:25PM: Former Congressman the Honorable **James Leach** 

2:25-2:40PM: City of Iowa City Mayor **Jim Throgmorton** 

2:40-3:00PM: NETWORKING

3:00-3:15: BREAK

3:15-4:00PM: PANEL DISCUSSION
Panelists: **Diane Finnerty, Motier Haskins, Kendra Malone, & Rafael Morataya** 

Moderator: **Jason Harshman**, Assistant Professor at the College of Education & Co-Chair of the College of Education Diversity Committee

TOPIC: How can we move beyond superficial dialogue and engage individuals and groups with different backgrounds and beliefs to build and cross bridges together to meet the polarizing challenges in our city.

4:00-5:00PM: BREAKOUT GROUPS & LEADERS REPORTS

## SECOND SESSION

6-8PM

5:00-6:00PM: DINNER ON YOUR OWN

6:00-6:15PM: Mayor Protem and Iowa City Community School Board Equity Director, **Kingsley Botchway** 

\*Update on ICCSD School Climate Survey

\*Student Perspective on racial, political, religious, social climate as well as climate for persons with disabilities and LGBQTIA community

6:15-7:00PM: BREAKOUT GROUP REPORT Breakout groups and leaders report. Personal stories and takeaways

7:00-7:15PM: BREAK

7:15-7:50PM: FEEDBACK & INFORMATION A general sharing of concerns, where to go from here, was the event helpful

7:50-8:00PM: CLOSING & ADJOURNMENT

- \*Addressing Student's Perspective/Concerns
   Their spoken words **Kingsley Botchway**
- \*Information on potential follow up event, Shams Ghoneim