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This is an interactive session with plenty of audience involvement. Each participant will leave with a personal action plan that can be used for motivating, educating and stimulating those you work with and/ or work for (starting with self!).

Traditional thinking will be challenged:

1. What role do we play in our oppression?
2. When did "discipline" become a taboo topic in our households?
3. Are you part of the solution or part of the problem?
4. When do African-American/Hispanics learn to value the very diversity within our own race that we expect others to value?
5. We give students "titles." When do we teach them how to lead?
6. We talk about "at risk" students. When do we address the people and institutions that keep them at risk?
7. What role does motivation play?
8. How do we nurture a collective quest for academic excellence?
9. How do we get faculty/staff of color to "stand up?"
10. How do we move from just "talking" about these issues to "doing something" about them?

This session is a must for all individuals seeking a proactive approach to dealing with these long-standing issues that impact our communities. Come prepared to move from "Affirmation to . . . Action!"

## **PRESENTER:**

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