



American Association of Blacks in Higher Education

LEADERSHIP & MENTORING INSTITUTE

“The Next Phase of Academic Leadership”

2017 Silver LMI Alumni Award Recipient

Dr. Barbara J. Johnson, LMI '03, has been awarded the 2017 Joseph H. Silver, Sr., Leadership and Mentoring Institute (LMI) Alumni Award. Dr. Joseph H. Silver, Sr. will present the award at the 2017 AABHE National Conference Opening Luncheon.

Currently, Dr. Johnson is a Vice President for Accreditation Relations at the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), one of seven regional accrediting bodies in the United States. Before assuming her post at HLC, she held two executive leadership positions at Meharry Medical College (MMC).



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Dr. Johnson actively participates in several professional associations within the profession and most notably is a charter member of the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE). Through her work with LMI and within the academy, Dr. Johnson has mentored numerous students, administrators, and junior faculty. Active involvement in civic life is a guiding value for Dr. Johnson, and she currently engages in public service in Chicago with the Community Action Committee of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and often volunteers for national sporting events as a 'goodwill' ambassador. In addition, she is committed to her church family where she participates using her many talents whether with fundraising, mentoring, or serving meals.

She received her baccalaureate degree in accounting from Winston-Salem State University, her M.B.A. with a marketing focus from The Ohio State University, and her Ph.D. in Education and Human Development with an emphasis in Higher Education from Vanderbilt University.

A special thank you is extended to the Silver LMI Alumni Award Committee: Dr. Terry Carter – chair, LMI '03, Noran Moffett, LMI '11, and Dawn Williams, LMI '11.

The Joseph H. Silver, Sr., LMI Alumni Award was established in 2012 to honor outstanding alumni of LMI who have exemplified leadership and mentoring within their profession and in civic activities. To be considered, the nominee must be nominated by a member of AABHE or another LMI Alumnus.



AABHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 23– 25, 2017

*The Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown Hotel
Raleigh, North Carolina*

THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd

3rd Annual LMI Pre-Conference

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

LMI Focus Group (Invitation Only)

3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24th

*LMI Listening Session with
AABHE Board and External Stakeholders*

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

*Alumni Perspectives on the LMI
Experience*

(Open to Prospective LMI Applicants)

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

*LMI Listening Session (Open to LMI
Alumni Only)*

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

*LMI Alumni Reception & Networking
Social (LMI Alumni Only)*

5:30 p.m.



LMI ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Congratulations to **Dr. Joseph Seabrooks**, LMI '06 and LMI Faculty, on his selection as President of Cedar Valley College (Dallas, TX). Dr. Seabrooks began his appointment on September 1, 2016.

Dr. Roland Smith, LMI Faculty, was honored with the Legacy Award at Blueprint for Excellence Gala organized by the Association of Rice University Black Alumni (ARUBA) in October 2016. The event celebrated 50 years of Black undergraduate life at Rice University.

Congratulations to **Dr. Lamar McWaine**, LMI '12, on receiving the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award for outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff. He was honored by the League for Innovation in the Community College at their Innovations Conference.

Dr. Brandon Wolfe, LMI '15, was selected as Associate Vice President of Campus and Community Engagement at the University of Alabama – Birmingham in December 2016.



Dr. Brandon Wolfe

Dr. Jerrel Wade, LMI '15, was elected to serve on the AABHE Board of Directors (2017 – 2019).

Mr. Richard Bazile, LMI '15, now serves as Assistant Dean, Learning Commons and Academic Support Services at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ms. Jamila S. Maxie, LMI '12, was elected to serve on the Governing Board for the National College Testing Association (NCTA) for a 3-year term (2016 – 2019).

Hats off to **Dr. Nathalie Jones**, LMI '14, on her research in Mexico and Central America. She will be honored at the Kenneth L. Clinton Awards Luncheon on April 20, 2017.

Dr. Kimberly Smith, LMI '09, was named winner of the Outstanding Advisor Award – Administrator and the Regional Advising Award from the National Academic Advising Association. She is the newly-elected Secretary (2017 – 2019) for the AABHE Board of Directors.



3rd Annual LMI Pre-Conference

The Politics of Advancement: Sharing Strategies of Empowerment

Have you ever wondered how politics within the United States of America may be reflected within our colleges and universities?

Join us as we navigate this important conversation at the 3rd Annual LMI Pre-Conference during the 2017 American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE) Annual Conference on Thursday, March 23rd at the Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown Hotel in Raleigh, NC. The LMI Pre-Conference theme is *The Politics of Advancement: Sharing Strategies of Empowerment*. The LMI Pre-Conference will explore how the greater political landscape can impact the institutional climate and how individuals can prepare for these changing times.

This year's pre-conference will feature a diverse panel of LMI faculty and alumni engaging in a provocative conversation about the current political climate and its impact on our campuses. This interactive and informative session is designed to provide individuals with strategies to empower themselves and others on their campuses as they continue to seek advancement during these uncertain times.

LMI alumni are encouraged to attend the LMI Pre-Conference and other LMI events at the AABHE Conference (see page 1).

LMI NEWS & UPDATES

Mark Your Calendars for

LMI 2017

July 9-16, 2017

LMI 2017 will take place July 9-16, 2017 at Miles College (Fairfield, AL). *The deadline for receipt of all application materials is April 1st.*

Please recommend your friends, colleagues, and talented staff to apply for LMI by directing them to our website: <http://lmiexperience.org/>. **The application process is 100% on-line** via the LMI website.



Class of 2015
Picture taken in front of 16th Street Baptist Church
Birmingham, Alabama

LMI FUNDRAISING:

Building Our Legacy by Investing in Our Future

After a successful *Giving Tuesday* in November 2016, the **Fundraising Committee** continues to push forward with financial goals that align with the LMI strategic plan. Building on the theme, *Building Our Legacy by Investing in Our Future*, the Committee has set forth a two-phase plan with the goal of raising \$8,000 for 2017 through alumni support and external donors.



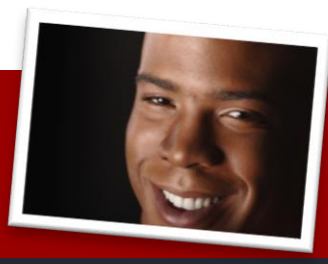
Phase I centers on building LMI alumni support and includes outreach efforts to build awareness and increase annual giving to LMI. Phase II targets building external revenue via grants, corporate partnerships, support from friends of LMI, and other external fundraising initiatives.

The goal of the fundraising committee is to generate the resources needed to realize the vision of LMI becoming *the leading and relevant professional development experience for African Americans in higher education*. In order to achieve our vision, LMI will need to establish long-term financial stability to cover the Institute's increasing annual operating expenses, professional development for alumni, and a virtual library of resources.

On social media, LMI fundraising opportunities will utilize the hashtag #GivetoLMI. Alumni are encouraged to connect with LMI on the following social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. The LMI social media information is detailed on page 4 of the newsletter.



The Fundraising Committee is seeking innovative ideas to create equity for LMI. If you have any experience with fundraising, grant writing or any relevant outreach skills or connections, please consider joining the Fundraising Committee. Send your inquiry to aabhe.lmi@gmail.com.



LMI PARTNERS WITH ALUMNUS ON GRANT FOR MENTORSHIP TRAINING

LMI extends a hearty congratulations to Dr. Wilson Rumbelha, *LMI '13*, a Professor of Veterinary Toxicology at Iowa State University, on receipt of an \$800,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Rumbelha designed a collaborative program between Iowa State University and Tuskegee University to increase the competitiveness of undergraduate students from underrepresented groups in gaining admission to biomedical graduate programs and to ultimately pursue careers within the field of toxicology.

Dr. Rumbelha collaborated with LMI to provide training for mentors and mentees. LMI Director, Dr. Barbara J. Johnson, facilitated a 2-hour training session, *Developing a Mentoring Relationship that Works*, for 15 mentors. The activities were designed to provide mentors with awareness, empathy, and flexible strategies to facilitate a solid rapport and relationship with mentees. Additionally, Dr. Johnson delivered a 1-hour training session to 15 mentees on how to work effectively with their mentor.

LMI BLOG SUBMISSIONS WANTED

LMI blog is a bi-monthly publication providing LMI Alumni with an opportunity to share narratives, accomplishments, and tools needed for success of African Americans preparing for senior administrative and faculty positions. Blogs should address issues related to leadership and mentoring. In addition, blogs should be informative, provocative, and insightful as well as anecdotal or academic in nature.

For blog submission guidelines visit <http://lmiexperience.org/welcome-to-lmi-blog/>.

LMI DONOR RECOGNITION

THANK YOU to all LMI alumni, faculty and supporters who made generous contributions. We are genuinely appreciative of your contributions. Donor contributions of \$1910 assist with defraying the increasing operating expenses for LMI. We hope your willingness to give will spark a desire in others to give!

Patricia Hammock, *LMI '14*

Lamar McWaine, *LMI '12*

Nathalie Jones, *LMI '14*

Noran Moffett, *LMI '11*

Pamela Queen, *LMI '14*

Shanita Brown, *LMI '13*

Jamila S. Maxie, *LMI '12*

Tremayne Waller, *LMI '12*

Henrietta Williams Pichon, *LMI '08*

Barbara J. Johnson, *LMI '03*

Adriel Hilton, *LMI '09*

Terry Carter, *LMI '03*

Roland B. Smith, Jr., *LMI Faculty*

Bernard Oliver, *Friend of LMI*

Joseph H. Silver, Sr., *LMI Founding Director and Faculty*

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