Have you ever wondered why some partnerships and campus politics work well and others seem to stall or explode? Join us as we navigate this important topic at the 2nd Annual LMI Pre-Conference during the 2016 American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE) Annual Conference on Thursday April 7th at the Westin Long Beach Hotel in Long Beach, CA. The conference theme is “Pathways to Success in Higher Education: Powerful Partnerships for Powerful Results”. In keeping with the conference theme and based on feedback from recent LMI Alumni surveys, the LMI Pre-Conference will explore “Fostering Partnerships to Aid in Career Advancement”.

The keynote speaker for the Pre-Conference will be Dr. John T. Wolfe, Jr., Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Leadership in the Office of Academic Affairs at the University System of Maryland. Dr. Wolfe also serves as an LMI Faculty member and generously shares his wealth of experience and wisdom with Institute participants. The keynote address will inspire, encourage, and inform LMI alumni as Dr. Wolfe shares his insight and strategies.

The Pre-Conference will also include roundtable discussions on “Partnerships and Politics: How They Intersect for Career Advancement.” This candid conversation, with fellow Alumni and other LMI Faculty, will provide practical insight, advice, and lessons learned from decades of experience in navigating partnerships and campus politics within higher education.

LMI alumni are encouraged to attend the LMI Pre-Conference and other LMI events at the AABHE Conference (details provided in inset).
Congratulations to Dr. Joseph Seabrook, LMI ’06 and LMI Faculty, on his selection as the recipient of the prestigious Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction, named in honor of Phi Theta Kappa’s longest serving Board Chair and a founder and long-time President of Highline Community College in Washington.

Barbara J. Johnson, Ph.D., LMI ’03 and LMI Director, was recognized as a 2015 Alumni Achiever Award on Friday, October 30, 2015 at Winston-Salem State University in recognition of her academic and professional accomplishments.

Congratulations to Richard Bray, LMI ’13, and Vicki Bonds, LMI ’14, on their recent election to the AABHE Board of Directors.

Dr. Charles Richardson, Jr., LMI ’12, was appointed as Dean of the School of Business at Claflin University. Richardson has extensive business and academic experience. Richardson was a visiting professor at William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J. He also served as an assistant and associate professor of marketing at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, GA.

Hats off to Dr. Pamela Queen, LMI ’14, on her appointment to the District 14 State House vacancy by the Montgomery County Democrats. She prevailed over two other candidates for the opening in District 14.

Dr. Alexander Okwanna, LMI ’14, was elected as a State Board Member for the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE) during the March 2016 annual conference in Fort Worth, TX.

Dr. Adriel A. Hilton, LMI ’09, received The Melvyn Draheim Hardee Award for his career work from the Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA) at its annual conference. This award recognizes contributions to student personnel work by a member of the association.

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Congratulations to Dr. Henrietta Pichon, LMI ’08 and LMI Associate Director, for being awarded the Donald C. Roush Excellence in Teaching Award at New Mexico State University. The award consists of a medallion bearing the name of the award, the recipient’s name, college, and the academic year of the award. The recipients are selected by the Academic Deans/Community College Presidents, taking into consideration input from department heads and students.

Margo Foreman, LMI ’12, will become Iowa State University's next Director of Equal Opportunity. Foreman will start her new post at Iowa State on April 25. Currently, she serves as the Associate Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Dr. Brandon Wolfe, LMI ’15, recently co-authored an article published in the *Review of Educational Research* (RER) entitled “Transitioning Normalcy: Organizational Culture, African American Administrators, and Diversity Leadership in Higher Education”. The RER has a 10% acceptance rate. Dr. Wolfe is the Director of Minority Enhancement for the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine.

**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.

**Maxie Named LMI Assistant Director**

Jamila S. Maxie, LMI ’12, was selected to serve as LMI Assistant Director. She previously served as the inaugural LMI Fellow from 2013-2015. As the Assistant Director for LMI, she will collaborate with other administrative staff and will report directly to the LMI Director. Duties include overseeing the Fundraising Committee, managing the LMI website and database(s), and assisting with planning for the annual Institute.

Dr. Barbara J. Johnson, LMI ’03 and LMI Director, noted that throughout her fellowship, Ms. Maxie consistently displayed a strong commitment to the progress and success of LMI. “She has been instrumental in helping to position the Institute as a premiere leadership and mentoring organization,” said Johnson. “I am excited that she will continue to assist as Assistant Director.”

Currently, Ms. Maxie is the Director of the Testing Center at University of Houston - Clear Lake in Houston, Texas. She has worked in academe for over 13 years gaining experience in recruitment, enrollment management, advising, student activities/affairs, and test administration. Her previous professional experience includes financial marketing.

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