**Becoming a Scientist in the 21st Century:**
20 Years of FIRST as a Model for Success

Symposium organized by and featuring current and former FIRST Fellows

*Emory University, Cox Hall, 10am-3:30pm*

**Welcome:** Claire E. Sterk, PhD, President of Emory University

**Keynote Speaker:** Andrea Morris, PhD, Director of Career and Professional Development at Rockefeller University

**Panel I: Teaching Diverse and Non-traditional Students**

**Moderators:** Valerie Haftel, PhD, Associate Professor, Morehouse College; Ernest Ricks, PhD, Assistant Professor, Georgia Gwinnett College.
**Panelists:** Kenny Friedrich, PhD, Division Dean, Portland Community College; Jennifer Hurst-Kennedy, PhD, Chair, Associate Professor of Biology, Georgia Gwinnett College; Ethell Vereen, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biology, Morehouse College.

**Panel II: How to Research Vulnerable Populations & Underrepresented Groups**

**Moderators:** Eladio Abreu, PhD, Lecturer in Biology, Emory University; Tiffany Oliver, PhD, Associate Professor of Biology, Spelman College.
**Panelists:** Natasha Crooks, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago; LaTonia Taliaferro-Smith, PhD, Director of Undergrad Laboratories, Biology Lecturer, Oxford College of Emory University; Elizabeth Walker, PhD, MPH, MAT, Research Assistant Professor, Emory University.

**Panel III: Science Careers: Traditional, Non-Traditional, and Just Plain Different**

**Moderators:** Emmanuel Peprah, PhD, Assistant Professor, Global Public Health, NYU; Teresa Lee, FIRST Postdoctoral Associate, Cell Biology, Emory University.
**Panelists:** Michele M. Doucette, PhD, Associate Professor, Director of Curriculum Innovation & Instructional Design, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus; Jerrold Jackson, PhD, Vice President, Data Strategy, Standard Media Index; Shayla Shorter, PhD, Scientific Program Manager, Lupus Research Alliance.

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