JagTalks Presenters
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM, Campus Center Room 405

Dr. Robin Hughes
Associate Professor of Higher Education and Students Affairs, School of Education
JagTalks Topic: Deconstructing ballin’: Sporting participation in education
Dr. Hughes will discuss her research on student athletes and how they are constructed in educational and in social spaces. She will provide specific thoughts about the ways in which the Black athlete is socially constructed and how those constructions impact their collegiate experiences. Myths regarding athletes and socialization will also be discussed.

Dr. David G. Marrero
J.O. Ritchey Endowed Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine
JagTalks Topic: Translating Diabetes to Public Health
Dr. Marrero will discuss how translational research into diabetes identification and management has shown that improving risk factors depends upon tailoring disease management programs to specific populations to better address health disparities. He will explain a practical application of this work and the novel approach he and his colleagues have developed that explains the risks of cardiovascular disease and then provide education on strategies to reduce those risks. Dr. Marrero will also share how innovative intervention programs are successfully being implemented in local community organizations.

Dr. Khadija Khaja
Associate Professor, School of Social Work
Faculty Fellow for the Common Theme Project Find Your Voice, Hear My Voice
JagTalks Topic: Social Service Needs of Muslim Communities
Dr. Khaja will provide a brief snapshot of her passion for international research. She will also share some of the important findings of her study on the Social Service Needs of Muslims Living in Ontario, Canada. This qualitative research study explored the growing needs of Muslim youth, women, men and elderly populations.

Dr. Sheila Suess Kennedy
Professor, Law and Public Policy, School of Public and Environmental Affairs
JagTalks Topic: Researching Our Civic Deficit
Dr. Kennedy will discuss elements of her current research, which focuses on the personal, political and civic consequences of our “civic deficit,” and the reasons it persists. She will share how she hopes to increase understanding of the dimensions of the existing civic deficit and the effect of that deficit upon personal efficacy, civil liberties and democratic engagement.