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|               |                               | Director of the Center for Diversity and Community at University of South Dakota  
|               |                               | Director of the South Dakota African American History Museum |
| 10:30 AM – 10:50 AM | NETWORKING BREAK             |                                                      |
| 10:50 AM – 11:20 AM | MUSICIAN ADDRESS             | Kaori Matsui Barvin                                  |
|               |                               | Founder of The Heights Violin Studio                |
|               |                               | Accompanied by Meredith Harris (violist)            |
| 11:20 AM – 11:40 AM | NETWORKING BREAK             |                                                      |
| 11:40 AM – 11:50 AM | CLOSING REMARKS              |                                                      |
SHAWN E SIMMONS, PHD
Dr. Simmons received a MS in Environmental Engineering degree from Rice on the path to her PhD in Environmental Toxicology from Texas Southern University. She received a BS in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Oklahoma before attending Rice. Dr. Simmons is currently the Environmental & Permitting Manager at ExxonMobil for the Gulf Coast Growth Venture, a member of the Alumni Advisory Board of the Rice Center for Career Development and the lead engineering recruiter for ExxonMobil at Rice. Her previous roles include Water, Waste and State Regulatory Manager of the Exxon Mobil Corporation in Houston, TX, and Environmental & Regulatory Supervisor for ExxonMobil Development Co. in Lagos, Nigeria. Dr. Simmons is also passionate about volunteer service and leadership, particularly related to advocating for female and underrepresented minority representation in STEM.

LAURA RENÉE CHANDLER, PHD
In 2003, Dr. Chandler received her bachelor’s degree in Political Science, History, and African Studies at Macalester College. She received both her Masters and PhD in History from Rice University. After graduating in 2016, she became Assistant Professor of History at South Dakota State University. She currently serves as Director of the Center for Diversity and Community at University of South Dakota and Director of the South Dakota African American History Museum located in Sioux Falls, SD. Ten years ago, Dr. Chandler wrote A Brief History of The Graduate Student Association at Rice University 1969-2009.

KAORI MATSUI BARVIN
Kaori Matsui Barvin earned her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music from The Shepherd School of Music at Rice University under the tutelage of Paul Kantor. During her studies as an avid orchestral and chamber music musician, Kaori studied and performed at Aspen Music Festival and School, Spoleto Festival USA, Pacific Music Festival, and New York String Orchestra Seminar. Since graduating from her Master’s degree, Kaori opened The Heights Violin Studio, where she uses the Suzuki Method to share her passion for music with her students. Kaori discovered her love for teaching when she served as a chamber music faculty in the Michael P. Hammond Preparatory Program at The Shepherd School of Music. Her first class was a group of three six-year-old students—not only was it her first time teaching a group class, but it was her first time teaching young children. Immediately she felt a great desire to learn more about teaching children and to become more equipped to teach a broader range of students. This is how her Suzuki journey began. Outside of The Heights Violin Studio, she also teaches at local organizations such as AFA Houston, Houston Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Southeast Texas Suzuki Association. Recently Kaori began her involvement with KINETIC Ensemble, a conductor-less ensemble started by a Rice student.
GSA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
Brockman 101
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

OPENING CEREMONIES
Lynn Fahey, PhD
Cat Majors, PhD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
Kyle Morrow Room, Fondren
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE ALUMNI SERIES
Shawn E Simmons, PhD
Laura Renée Chandler, PhD
Kaori Matsui Barvin

Graduate Commons, Valhalla
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

GRADUATE STUDENT PICNIC
Annual More than a Sausagefest Picnic hosted by Physics and Astronomy, Applied Physics, Chemistry to raise awareness for women scientists, and lack thereof, in male dominated departments

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
Rice Stadium Parking Lot,
NE Corner near Entrance 17
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

HOOTS TAILGATE
HOOTS has distributed scholarships to assist in the education of employees and dependents of employees from Facilities, Engineering and Planning, Housing and Dining, Transportation and Parking and the Rice University Police Department.

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