

LUNCH SPEAKER PANEL

Tanika Apaloo serves as the assistant director for the UW-South Madison Partnership office while working closely with the director of Community Relations. In this role, Mrs. Apaloo connects with people and organizations across the UW-Madison campus and the Madison community, with a focus on South Madison, while promoting stable and productive relationships between the university and community.

Emily Auerbach has been a Professor of English at UW-Madison for four decades, winning awards for teaching, broadcasting, the arts, social justice, and embodying the Wisconsin Idea. She co-founded the life-changing UW Odyssey Project 20 years ago and is its Executive Director. Her favorite quote from a student is "The Odyssey Project helped me unwrap my gifts and rewrite the story of my life."

Brian Benford graduated from Odyssey in 2007 and went on to receive both his bachelor's and MSW from UW. Along with his therapy dog Duke Ellington, Brian now serves as Odyssey's Success Coach, supporting students and alumni facing obstacles that stand in the way of pursuing higher education. Brian has worked for numerous community-based organizations in Dane County for over 30 years and is completing his second term as an Alder for the City of Madison, speaking up against injustice and working to implement a truth and reconciliation process.

Char Braxton graduated from Odyssey in 2006 and is currently an Ambassador and Classroom Assistant for this empowering and award-winning program. A High Honors student at Madison College graduating in Spring 2023, she then seeks a transfer to UW-Madison majoring in Creative Writing and the Chinese Language. Her first poetry entry earned the top prize from the UW-Writer's Conference. She believes "we are all diamonds and it's our choice to let our light shine."

To learn more about the Odyssey Project and UW South Madison Partnership, scan these barcodes with an electronic device, preferably a phone or tablet.



UW South Madison Partnership



Odyssey Project



Wisconsin Idea Conference

Are We There Yet? Actualizing the
WI Idea through Community Engagement

MARCH 27, 2023
UNION SOUTH
MADISON, WI

Morgridge Center for Public Service

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:15 - 9AM

Doors open + Breakfast

9:00 - 9:45AM

Welcome Remarks

Travis Wright, Associate Professor in Counseling Psychology and Faculty Director of the Morgridge Center for Public Service; Chancellor Mnookin; Karl Martin, Dean of Extension

9:45 - 10:30AM

**Keynote:
Reverend Judge Everett Mitchell**

10:30 - 10:45AM

Refreshments in Varsity Hall III

10:45 - Noon

Breakout Session One

12:00 - 1:30PM

**Lunch and Land Acknowledgment
Student Speaker Kane Funmaker
Madtown Singers Drum Group
South Madison Speaker Panel**

1:30 - 2:45PM

Breakout Session Two

2:45 - 3:00PM

Refreshments in Varsity Hall III

3:00 - 4:15PM

Breakout Session Three

4:30 - 5:30PM

Socials and Networking

Network and socialize with other community-engaged professionals during the CPO-sponsored social after the WI Idea Conference in Union South. This event is open to any UW employee or community member interested in partnership. Individuals are not required to register for the WI Idea Conference to attend. We'll meet **in the Sett** and have some refreshments available.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**REVEREND JUDGE
EVERETT MITCHELL**



Judge Mitchell is a graduate of Morehouse College, Princeton Theological Seminary, and University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Currently, he is an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School where he teaches courses on "Race, Racism and the Law" as well as the "Foundational Principles of the Juvenile Justice System." He is also the former Director of Community Relations for UW.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Mitchell has worked with colleagues to change courtroom policies to reflect trauma-informed practices, such as removing restraints and handcuffs on youth during hearings. He joined several judges in petitioning the Wisconsin Supreme Court to support changing the presumption to ensure that children in Wisconsin can attend their court hearings without restraints and handcuffs.

Judge Mitchell worked with the Madison Metropolitan School District, the second-largest district in the state, to create an Office of Youth Engagement that provides a bridge for youth involved in the criminal justice system to educational programming. Judge Mitchell works tirelessly to ensure the youth under his jurisdiction are treated with respect and dignity. While this may be common sense, it is not always common practice.

Judge Mitchell has lectured or spoken at colleges and universities, national conferences, community events, corporate events, professional development workshops, and in front of many other diverse audiences. Judge Mitchell's social justice lens is steeped in his calling and commitment to justice and equity.



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