**The 23rd Annual Penn State Symposium on Family Issues**

**Boys and Men in African American Families**

**Monday, October 26, 2015**

Opening Speaker**:** **Black male achievement in the U.S.: Why families matter**

**Shawn Dove**, CEO, Campaign for Black Male Achievement

Session 1:  **Boyhood: Families' roles in the development and adjustment of African American boys in childhood and adolescence**

Lead Speaker: **Velma McBride Murry**, Professor and Betts Chair, Education and Human Development, Peabody College of Vanderbilt University

Discussants:

**Kevin Thomas**, Associate Professor of Sociology, Demography, and African-American Studies, Penn State

**Kristin Turney**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California-Irvine

Session 2:  **Pathways to manhood: Family influences in adolescence and young adulthood**

Lead Speaker:  **Howard Stevenson**, Constance Clayton Professor of Urban Education, Applied Psychology and Human Development Division, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania

Discussants:

**Jocelyn Smith Lee**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Marist College

**Bryant Marks**, Associate Professor of Psychology, Morehouse College; Director, Morehouse Male Initiative

**Patrick H. Tolan**, Director, Youth-Nex, and Professor, Curry School of Education and Department of Psychiatry & Neurobehavioral Sciences, University of Virginia

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Session 3:  **Staying on track: Family roles and the role of families**

Lead Speaker:  **David J. Harding**, Associate Professor of Sociology, UC-Berkeleyand **Jeffrey D. Morenoff**, Director, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan

Discussants:

**Sandra Smith**, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of California-Berkeley

**Alford Young, Jr**., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

**Marcus Anthony Hunter**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UCLA

Session 4: **Family influences on the health of African American men**

Lead Speaker**:  Cleopatra Caldwell***,* Professor, Health Behavior and Health Education, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Discussants:

**Derek Griffith**, Associate professor, Center for Medicine, Health and Society; Director, Institute for Research on Men’s Health, Vanderbilt University

**Wizdom Allava Powell**, Associate Professor, Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Closing Remarks:  **Where do family scholars go from here? A view from the field**

**Trabian Shorters**, Founder and CEO, BMe Community