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**Harris-Stowe to Host Educational Summit**

*“A Community in Turmoil: How did we get here and how do we break the cycle?”*

ST. LOUIS, MO (August 15, 2014) – Harris-Stowe State University will host an educational summit, “A Community in Turmoil: How did we get here and how do we break the cycle?” on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, at 6 p.m. in the Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration Building Main Auditorium.

This symposium will serve as a platform for public discourse and civic engagement surrounding the events that have occurred in Ferguson, Mo., and how such events are aligned with systemic issues that continue to impact the civil rights of all Americans.

This three-pronged analysis will include experts in their fields from across the nation divided into three panels; political landscape, education and economic/community development. Panelist include Dan Isom, former chief of police; Goldie Taylor, MSNBC contributor; Dr. Sudarsent Kant, HSSU assistant professor of political science; Mike Jones, vice president of the Missouri State Board of Education; Tim Wise, American anti-racism activist and writer; Jazminique Holley, NAACP Missouri Youth and College President; Tony Thompson, president/CEO of KWAME Building Group, Inc.; Tishaura Jones, St. Louis city treasurer; and Daryl Jones, owner of D&D Concessions.

Additionally, the Honorable Theodore Hoskins, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, Mo.; Dr. Stefan Bradley, chair of African-American studies and associate history professor at Saint Louis University; Rev. Ken McCoy, pastor of Progressive AME Zion Church; and Dr. Michelle McClure, HSSU assistant vice president for Academic Affairs will conclude the discussion on next steps as to how we move forward as a community towards positive systematic change.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a fully accredited four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in the areas of teacher education, business and arts & sciences. In 2013, HSSU ranked No. 1 in the state in degree production of African-Americans in mathematics (Missouri Department of Higher Education). The university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor’s degree in the state of Missouri.

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