**Abbreviated Biography for Keynote Introductions**

Dr. Terrell Strayhorn is Founding Chief Executive Officer of Do Good Work Educational Consulting, LLC. He also serves as Interim Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs and Professor of Urban Education at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, TN. Previously, Strayhorn was on the faculty at The Ohio State University, where he served as Professor & Director of the Center for Higher Education Enterprise (CHEE).

An internationally-recognized student success scholar and “a foremost authority on issues of equity and diversity,” Strayhorn is author of over 10 books and more than 200 book chapters, journal articles, and other scholarly publications. His most popular book, *College Students’ Sense of Belonging: A Key to Educational Success*, sold record copies nationally and its 2nd edition will debut September 2018. Strayhorn is lead editor of a forthcoming book on the future of HBCUs that charts a way forward for transforming Black colleges today. He has given hundreds of invited keynote lectures at more than 700 universities and conferences across the globe. He has had an abiding life-long commitment to equity, diversity, and social justice. Longtime civil rights leader and activist, Marian Wright Edelman, President of the Children’s Defense Fund, wrote in 2014: “Strayhorn [is] a brilliant, Black professor” whose research yields critical insights for addressing long-standing problems in education.

Known for using the hashtag #DoGoodWork on social media, Strayhorn was named one of the country’s top diversity scholars by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* in 2011, one of Business First’s “Top 40 under 40,” one of the “Top 20 to Know in Education,” and became the youngest full professor in Ohio State University’s history in 2014. He has been quoted in major news outlets including the *Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside HigherEd*, *Huffington Post*, and newspapers across the nation. He shares his expertise on a national level as Guest Board Member for the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) and Immediate Past-Chair of AERA’s Research Focus on Black Education (RFBE).

Strayhorn received a bachelor’s degree (BA) from the University of Virginia (UVA), a masters degree (MEd) in educational policy from the Curry School of Education at UVA, and doctorate (PhD) in higher education from Virginia Tech. He is currently pursuing a graduate certificate in Biblical Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, several honor society’s including Phi Kappa Phi, and a proud native of Virginia Beach, Virginia.