ON BECOMING BETTER MENTORS AND ADVOCATES IN STEM

Dr. Harris is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Her professional mission is to develop learning communities that reinforce students' self-identity as scientists, in particular for women and underrepresented minorities. In support of this mission, Dr. Harris co-organizes research symposia and professional development sessions for the national conference of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS). Moreover, in order to provide visibility to and increase the positive impact of the role models within our community, Dr. Harris co-founded Lathisms.org, a platform that features the contributions of Latinx and Hispanic scholars in the Mathematical Sciences.

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ABSTRACT
In this talk, Dr. Harris will discuss some of her past mentoring experiences and their effects on her self-confidence and her career progression. Based on these experiences, she will share concrete ideas on how to build better mentoring relationships. She also will detail how becoming advocates for systemic and cultural changes in STEM fields provides another way to help create environments in which members of groups who have been historically underrepresented and underserved can thrive authentically in the STEM community.

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