

2021 PreConference Introduction!

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Hello from Michigan! My name is Erin Powell and I am a member of the NEAFCS Annual Session planning committee. I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce you to one of our preconference speakers, Ritchie H. Harrison.



Ritchie will be leading the preconference session *Values Driven Leadership: Working Towards a Vision for Common Good*. This workshop will help participants broaden their knowledge and understanding of the key leadership skills and values that can empower self and others. Topics will include effective strategies for working across differences, identifying core values to create a greater sense of satisfaction, creating synergy between values, vision, and impact, improving interactions in conversations and dialogue with others, and increasing feelings of inspiration, drive, and enthusiasm.

Ritchie is currently the co-director of the Great Lakes Leadership Academy (GLLA) at Michigan State University Extension. Ritchie is a passionate leader and advocate for building thriving communities. He has led programs targeting neighborhood improvement and revitalization in the City of Detroit. His range of experience and competencies includes community and economic development; urban planning and land-use; community engagement; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and leadership development.

Prior to joining Michigan State University Extension, Ritchie was the community planner for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy where he led extensive planning and development efforts targeting the Detroit Riverfront. His work demonstrates successful achievements of collaboration, diverse civic participation, and engagement.

We hope you consider joining us for the preconference session to learn more about values driven leadership!