Office of Diversity and Inclusion’s
Dr. James L. Moore III Invited to Speak at Annual Congressional Black Caucus Conference

Dr. James L. Moore III, Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Director of the Todd Anthony Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male, and EHE Distinguished Professor of Urban Education, has been invited to be a guest speaker at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s 43rd Annual Legislative Conference. Dr. Moore is a nationally- and internationally-recognized scholar on recruitment and retention issues of students of color, particularly African Americans enrolled in K-12 gifted education and high-potential college students majoring in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. He will speak at the session titled, “Breaking Barriers: Legislative Actions, White House Initiatives, and School District Imperatives for Educating Black Males,” on Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

Sponsored by the Open Society Foundations Campaign for Black Male Achievement, the “Breaking Barriers” session will examine the relationship between executive initiatives and legislative actions to promote policy advocacy and best practices to improve academic outcomes for school-age black males. Government-influenced actions, such as publicly-funded alternatives to public schools, school closures, and evolving standards as Common Core, are reshaping education in the United States. Emerging charter schools and district-level black male initiatives, such as the Expanded Success Initiative in New York, have demonstrated some promise for black male achievement. However, the decentralization of schools and the realigning of educational priorities are creating uncertainty among many black students and their parents. As a national series devoted to developing and disseminating policy solutions for black male success, the “Breaking Barriers” session includes educational experts, policymakers and advocates who have propose meaningful strategies to expand promising practices and confront systemic barriers to educating school-age black males.

The Congressional Black Caucus was founded in 1971 and is an organization representing the black members of the United States Congress. Its annual conference is the premier conference on legislative and policy issues impacting the African American community.