

Speaker Biosketches

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Malika Jeffries-El received BA degrees in Chemistry and Africana Studies at Wellesley College and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry from The George Washington University. After spending one year at Smith College as a Mendenhall Fellow she worked as a post-doctoral fellow under the direction of Professor Richard D. McCullough at Carnegie Mellon University. In 2005 she joined the faculty in the Chemistry Department at Iowa State University and was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2012. She is the recipient of a 3M untenured faculty award (2008), the Emerald Honors for most promising minority scientist (2008), the Lloyd Ferguson Award from the National Organization of Black Chemist and Chemical Engineers (2009), NSF CAREER award (2009), the ISU-College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Diversity Award (2011), the ACS Women Chemist Committee Rising Star award (2012) and the Iota Sigma Pi Agnes Fay Morgan Research Award. She also held the ISU Gregory L. and Kathleen C. Geoffroy Faculty Fellowship (2005-2008) and is currently a Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.