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Adriel A. Hilton, Ph.D. is an associate professor of education at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO). Most recently, he served as vice-chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management at SUNO. Prior to transitioning to SUNO, he served as dean of students and diversity officer at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. In the past, Dr. Hilton has served as chief of staff and executive assistant to the president at Grambling State University and assistant professor and director of the Higher Education Student Affairs program at Western Carolina University. An award-winning author and highly regarded thought leader, Dr. Hilton is an expert on current issues confronting higher education and the significance and relevance of diversity in U.S. colleges and universities.

SPEAKING TOPICS

- Access and Achievement in Higher Education
- Recruitment and Retention of Students of Color in Higher Education
- Race Neutral Admission Policies
- African American Male Achievement
- Support of Affirmative Action
- Relevance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities

TESTIMONIALS

"Adriel is clearly an exceptional scholar and his academic credentials are impeccable."

Greg S. Goodman, Ed.D.

Past Associate Professor of Education
Clarion University of Pennsylvania

"Dr. Hilton is a highly competent and personable individual and brings a great work ethic to his professional endeavors and builds trust among those with whom he interacts."

Patricia Green-Powell, PhD

Professor of Educational Leadership
Florida A&M University

"His ability for critical thinking related to complex issues is impressive and indicative of his attitude toward tackling and resolving some of the difficult issues of our day."

Earl S. Richardson, Ed.D.

President Emeritus
Morgan State University

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BIOGRAPHY



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Subsequent positions include the director of the Webster University Myrtle Beach Metropolitan Extended Campus; chief of staff and executive assistant to the president at Grambling State University; assistant professor and director of the Higher Education Student Affairs program at Western Carolina University; and inaugural assistant vice president for inclusion initiatives at Grand Valley State University. He honed his expertise in higher education administration and teaching at Upper Iowa University (UIU) as executive assistant to the president and assistant secretary to the board of trustees, and adjunct faculty member at both UIU and the University of Northern Iowa. Hilton was appointed UIU's very first chief diversity officer.

Hilton is also an avid scholar. As a Frederick Douglass Teaching Scholar at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, he taught and developed academic programs within the Office of the Provost. Previously, he served as the first public policy fellow at the Greater Baltimore Committee, a leading regional organization comprised of civic and business leaders in Baltimore, Maryland. While there, Hilton worked closely with advisors to research, develop, and advocate a public policy agenda to advance the organization's work in various areas, including access to health care.

A prolific author and researcher, Hilton's research is published in refereed journals, such as the *Teachers College Record*, *Journal of College Student Development*, *Community College Review*, *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, *Journal of Applied Research in the Community College*, and the *Journal of the Professoriate*. His numerous service commitments include membership on the editorial boards of the renowned *Journal of Negro Education* and the highly acclaimed *College Student Affairs Journal*.

Hilton holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration, with a concentration in finance from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia; a Master of Applied Social Science degree, with a concentration in public administration from Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida; a Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University, Saint Louis, Missouri; and a PhD in higher education, with a concentration in administration, from Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland.

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Dr. Hilton, an experienced panelist and engaging lecturer, also provides informative workshops on the following topics:

ACCESS TO AND ACHIEVEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Addressing access and achievement in the higher education context is complex. Dr. Hilton, a published author on these subjects, describes how colleges and universities unintentionally create barriers to access and undermine student achievement.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

A seasoned administrator and prolific researcher, Dr. Hilton provides valuable insights on the effective recruitment of students of color, particularly males, and identifies factors correlated with their successful retention.

RACE NEUTRAL ADMISSION POLICIES

What is the overall effect of substituting affirmative action admission policies with race neutral ones? Dr. Hilton shares his research and analysis of this subject. Government leaders as well as colleges and universities will want to better understand the impact of this trend, which is proliferating throughout the United States.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE ACHIEVEMENT

The achievement gap between students of color and their counterparts is a disturbing and persistent aspect of higher education in the United States. Dr. Hilton identifies the many variables at play which impact the gap, particularly for African American males, and brings a fresh perspective to addressing this problematic issue.

SUPPORT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Dr. Hilton is an expert on affirmative action, the fair treatment of minorities and other underrepresented populations, in the higher education context.

RELEVANCE OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Dr. Hilton has experienced, first-hand, the effectiveness of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in developing and graduating students who are competitive in all sectors of the U.S. economy. His research explores the factors in creating successful higher educational experiences for students of color.

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Literati Award Recipient for Outstanding Author Contribution,
EmeraldPublishing 2022

Ten HBCU And PBI Alumni In Leadership That You Should Know,
HBCU Campaign Fund, 2022

30 Under 40 Award Recipient,
Pan African Network, ACPA 2021

40 Under 40 Award Recipient,
The Pittsburgh Magazine, 2020

BE Modern Man of Distinction,
Black Enterprise Magazine, 2019

Fab 40 Award,
The New Pittsburgh Courier, 2019

Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award,
Pennsylvania College Personnel Association, 2019

40 Under Forty Achievement Award,
The Network Journal, 2018

Champion of Diversity Individual Award,
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, 2018

Top 20 Under 40,
South Carolina Black Pages, 2017

Hilda F. Owens Contribution to Knowledge in the Field Award,
South Carolina College Personnel Association, 2016

Harry Canon Outstanding Professional Award,
ACPA Coalition on Men & Masculinities, 2016

Newly Published Research Award,
NASPA Men and Masculinities Knowledge Community, 2016

Melvne Draheim Hardee Award,
Southern Association for College Student Affairs, 2015

Sadie M. Yancey Professional Service Award,
National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, 2015

Outstanding Professional Contribution & Distinguished Scholar Award,
North Carolina College Personnel Association, 2015

Michael A. Powell, Esq. Service Award,
National Black Graduate Student Association, 2013

Joseph H. Silver, Sr., Leadership and Mentoring Initiative Alumni Award,
American Association of Blacks in Higher Education, 2013

Outstanding Alumni of the Quasiquicentennial Award,
Florida A&M University, 2012

Dr. Carlos J. Vallejo Memorial Award for Exemplary Scholarship,
American Educational Research Association, Multicultural/Multiethnic Special Interest Group, 2010

Outstanding Research Award,
American College Personnel Association Standing Committee for Men, 2009

Top Young Leaders Under 30,
Ebony magazine, 2009

Doctoral Student Dissertation Award,
Second Place Recipient, American Association of Blacks in Higher Education, 2009

Top 40 InSpirers of the Year,
InSpire magazine, 2009

Educator of the Year, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,
Incorporated, Baltimore Alumni Chapter, 2008

Paper of the Year, First Place (Social Science Category),
National Black Graduate Student Conference, 2008

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“Dr. Hilton is not just an accomplished scholar; he is also a seasoned administrator and passionate educator. He continues to greatly impact his university community, the broader higher education community, and beyond.”

Donald Mitchell, Jr., PhD

Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Molloy University

“I have known Dr. Hilton for quite some time. Since the first time that I first met him, he has always demonstrated himself to be a distinguished administrator and professor. Wise beyond his years, Dr. Hilton is one of the young preeminent scholars in the field of education who is dedicated to advancing Black education. Without reservation, I would recommend him as a consultant, leader, and scholar and I am confident in his abilities to lead and effect positive change.”

Sydney Freeman, Jr., PhD

Professor of Adult, Organizational Learning
and Leadership
The University of Idaho

“Dr. Hilton has an excellent combination of self-motivation and the ability to function effectively as a senior level administrator in the academy.”

Alan G. Walker, PhD

Past President
Sierra Nevada College & Upper Iowa University

“Dr. Adriel Hilton is definitely making his mark in the world of academe. His intentionality to advancing the body of knowledge surrounding students of colors’ success is so significant and necessary. Adriel, continue to make a positive difference in the lives of others!”

Robert L. Canida, II, PhD

Vice President for Inclusive Excellence
University of Lynchburg

“Dr. Adriel Hilton is an inspiring, compassionate, and student centered professional who speaks with incredible confidence and authority. To miss Adriel speaking is to miss an opportunity to grow both professionally and personally. He is a dynamic keynote speaker!”

Crystal Bryant, PhD

Coordinator, Academic Programming
& Accountability
Florida A&M University

“Dr. Hilton is an exceptionally bright and ambitious young man and working with him was a pleasure. He is an outstanding leader...”

Pamela E. Scott-Johnson, PhD

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Spelman College

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