

## About the Presenter



Venita Kelley, Ph.D., is the founder and CEO of Kelley Communications and Consulting, a cultural competence, leadership development, and media consulting firm. Her expertise is in media, intercultural communication, and leadership development. She was recently named as Ohio Governor Ted Strickland's official representative for Closing the Achievement Gap, an initiative to improve the educational progress of at-risk students. Dr. Kelley previously served as urban scholar for the cultural competency professional development training segment of the initiative, based in the Institute of Urban Education at Central State University.

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