

## Press Release

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***Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*** Magazine Profiles Top “Under 40” Scholars

**FAIRFAX, VA—*Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*** will kick off 2017 with its 16th annual *Emerging Scholars* edition.

The **January 26, 2017** edition will profile 12 “under 40” scholars from around the country who are making their mark in the academy through teaching, research and service. These outstanding scholars serve as an inspiration to both students and colleagues.

The 2017 *Emerging Scholars* are:

- **Dr. Raheem Beyah**, Motorola Foundation Professor and associate chair for strategic initiatives and innovation, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Georgia Tech
- **Dr. Tyesha Burks**, assistant professor of biology, Bowie State University
- **Dr. Mique'l Dangeli**, assistant professor of Alaska Native studies, University of Alaska Southeast
- **Dr. Ramon Goings**, assistant professor of educational leadership, Loyola University Maryland
- **Dr. Luisa Heredia**, Joanne Woodward Chair in Public Policy, Sarah Lawrence College
- **Dr. Thai-Huy Nguyen**, assistant professor, student development administration, Seattle University
- **Dr. Devaka Premawardhana**, assistant professor, Department of Religion, Colorado College
- **Dr. Ala Qattawi**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, University of California, Merced
- **Dr. Nila Ricks**, assistant professor, Social Work Program, Texas Woman’s University
- **Dr. Lara Thompson**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, University of the District of Columbia
- **Dr. Desireé Vega**, assistant professor, school psychology, University of Arizona

- **Dr. Cecilia Zurita-Lopez**, assistant professor of biochemistry, California State University, Los Angeles

About *Emerging Scholars*:

***Diverse***, then ***Black Issues In Higher Education***, first published its *Emerging Scholars* edition in 2002. It has remained one of the magazine's most popular editions since its inception. ***Diverse*** editors select honorees from a pool of candidates recommended by various scholars, department chairs, university public information officers, and others.

Each scholar is selected based on research, educational background, publishing record, teaching record, competitiveness of field of study, and uniqueness of field of study. Each leader selected has demonstrated perseverance, tenacity and has had broad impact on the academy and beyond.

The announcement of the 2017 Class of Emerging Scholars will take place in the **January 26, 2017**, edition of ***Diverse***.

*For three decades, [Diverse: Issues In Higher Education](#) has been America's premier source of timely news, provocative commentary, insightful interviews and in-depth special reports on diversity in higher education. Savvy individuals who appreciate the crucial and ever-changing role that higher education plays in the lives of students, professionals, their families, and their communities make reading [Diverse](#) a regular habit.*

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