



Event Panelist



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Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson is the Director for the [Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at UMass Boston](#), and Graduate Program Director for the Gender, Leadership and Public Policy graduate certificate program. In 2018, she was a Visiting Professor in the same program. She has held faculty and senior scientist positions at the Heller School for Social Policy and

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In prior academic roles, Nsiah-Jefferson has headed efforts related to diversity, equity, and inclusion at the Heller School, and was the concentration head for women, gender, and sexuality studies for the Master's in Public Policy Program.

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Nsiah-Jefferson earned a PhD in social policy with a concentration in Health Policy/Health Services from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, and a master's in women and gender studies from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Brandeis University. She also received a Master's in Public Health (MPH) degree in Health Services Administration from Yale University School of Medicine, Dept. of Epidemiology and Public Health. In addition, she holds a BA in African and Afro-American studies and politics from Brandeis University.