Navigating the Future
Schedule of Events for January 31, 2015, Shelby Hall

8:00 a.m.……... **Registration, Resource Exhibits, and Breakfast**
Breakfast sponsored by *The Bluff at Waterworks Landing*

9:00 a.m.……... **Opening Remarks**
*Dr. David Francko*, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
*Dr. Viola Acoff*, Associate Dean, Professor of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
Guest Three Minute Thesis presentation

9:30 a.m.……... **Session I** (choose one of the following)

- **How to be a Leader and Develop Your Executive Presence**
  *Jackie Blakley*, Southern Company
  Room 1004

- **Is Graduate School For Me? Plus Scholarships and Funding Opportunities at UA**
  *Dr. Andrew Goodliffe* and *Dr. Susan Burkett*
  Room 1092

- **Negotiating Career Benefits**
  *Zoë Storey*, Women & Gender Resource Center
  Room 1093

10:15 a.m.……. **Coffee and Networking Break**

10:30 a.m.……. **Session II** (choose one of the following)

- **Interviewing, Presenting Yourself, and Setting Yourself Apart**
  *Dr. Barrie Taylor*, Halliburton
  Room 1004

- **Hitchhikers Guide to Graduate School**
  *Hillary Sletten* and *Gabrielle Smith*, doctoral candidates at UA
  Room 1092

- **Innovation and Creating Your Own Job – The Story of MagnnPro**
  *Dr. Yuping Bao*, Assistant Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering, UA, and Founder of MagnnPro, LLC
  Room 1093

11:15 a.m.……. **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jenna Carpenter**
Women-in-STEM Professional Organizations: A Keystone for Success
1:15 p.m. .......... **Session III** (choose one of the following)

- **Life Entrepreneurship**  
  *Dr. Jonn Kim, founder and CEO of Geeks and Nerds Corporation (GaN)*  
  Room 1004

- **Finding Balance in All Stages of Life**  
  *Panelists: Dr. Donna Reese, Mississippi State; Aimee Henderson, InsureSoft; Jade Watters, Graduate Parent Support Coordinator; Kia Boyd, TideTogether Coordinator*  
  Room 1092

- **A Day in the Life of Working in a STEM career**  
  *Dr. Jennifer Hite, Naval Research Lab, Washington, DC*  
  Room 1093

2:00 p.m. .......... **Break and Poster Session**  
Rotunda, Corridors, 1004, 1092, 1093

2:45 p.m. .......... **“Where Do We Go From Here” Forum**  
Opening Speakers:  
*Dr. Catherine Randall, Chair, Alabama Academy of Honor and Pettus Randall Holdings,*  
*Denise Hills, Director, Energy Investigations, Geological Survey of Alabama*  
Discussion, Brainstorming, and Networking  
*Guest Three Minute Thesis presentation*  
Room 1004

3:45 p.m. .......... **Closing Remarks and Door Prizes**  
*Dr. Andrew Goodliffe, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School,*  
*Travis Railsback, Director of UA Career Center- Upcoming Science Career Fair,*  
*Dr. Cori Perdue, Director of Graduate School Programs*  
Room 1004

4:15 p.m. .......... **End of Symposium.** We look forward to seeing you next year!

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