



## WomenNC Parallel event proposal for CSW64

### **Beijing +25: Pivot Point for Intergenerational Activism**

At this panel WomenNC presents an effective model of engaging and empowering youth to implement the Beijing Platform for Action at the local level using the framework of Cities for CEDAW. Our work focuses on bringing international imperatives for local consideration. Though alliances with universities and like-minded NGOs as well as with intergenerational collaboration, young adults provide specific and local research for effective direct advocacy as a solution for implementation of BPfA. We highlight the mentor-mentee relationship that undergirds this multi-generational program, including the engagement of our own Juanita Bryant, a life-long advocate for gender equity, who brings her 1995 Beijing Women's Conference experience to enhance our current activism.

Those who attend this parallel event will hear directly from millennials about their research and advocacy work that includes several specific areas of concern that relate to the 2030 Agenda including maternal and child, transgender and gender non-conforming, and oral healthcare, sex and reproductive education, and gender-based violence. Ours is a model for of research-based public policy advocacy and an illustration of successful intergenerational collaboration.

We achieve our mission of leading young adults in the elimination of injustice against women and girls by implementing a replicable program that requires the collaboration between young and old, the fusion of research and advocacy, and the application of lessons learned from our experiences at Beijing +5, +10, +20 with attention to the particular current local situation. With a cohort of 8 university scholars we bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to implement the Beijing Platform for Action.

## Event Participants:

### Moderator:

**Maria Murray Riemann, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, WomenNC

### Panelists:

**Juanita Bryant**, Former Executive Director, NC Council for Women; Leader of the NC delegation, 1995 Beijing Conference; Former International President of General Federation of Women's Clubs

**Beth Dehghan**, Founder, WomenNC and NC Coalition for CEDAW

**Bridget Pittman-Blackwell**, North Carolina Central University, Dress code policies, body shaming, and sexualization: The learning environment of African American middle school girls

**Leticia Ross**, North Carolina Central University, Improving the Transition: Community reentry experiences of formerly incarcerated women

**Samia Noor**, Duke University, Intertwined?: The relationship between gun violence and domestic violence

**Jackie Lanning**, North Carolina State University, Something Smells: The effect of Environmental toxins on maternal and child health outcomes in low income communities.

**Naila Segule**, North Carolina State University, Take Two Aspirin: Challenges to accessing comprehensive quality healthcare for transgender and gender non-conforming across a public university system

**Isa van der Drift**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Does it Work?: Does a strong reproductive health curriculum lead to better health outcomes and better economic outcomes for young women?

**Siani Antoine**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Foul Mouthed: How social determinants affect pregnant women's oral health

**Rosie Tran**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Stigmatized: Shaming and menstruation in the K-12 academic settings