



DELTA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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Recognizing a Nation Within a Nation Session I: October 4-7, 2011

The Chase Park Plaza * St. Louis, MO

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

- 1:00 p.m. **Institute Check-In**
- 2:00 p.m. **Welcome, Opening Comments**
Session Chair:
Carolyn Dahl, Dean, College of Continuing Studies, The University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, AL
- 2:00 p.m. **Vision for the Delta Region**
Chris Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority (DRA),
Clarksdale, MS
- 3:00 p.m. **Demographic Trends: Promise and Peril in the Delta**
Ron Crouch, MA, MSW, MBS, Director, Research and Statistics, Kentucky
Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Frankfort, KY
- 4:00 p.m. **Break**
- 4:15 p.m. **Demographic Trends: Promise and Peril in the Delta (continued)**
- 5:00 p.m. **Class Photo**
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **“Playing by the Rules” (having fun with communication & problem solving)**
Carolyn Dahl, Dean, College of Continuing Studies, The University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, AL
Tom Harris, Professor Emeritus, College of Communication and Information
Sciences, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Light Refreshments Provided

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome/DLI Orientation - Purpose and Context**
Carolyn Dahl, Dean, College of Continuing Studies, The University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, AL
- 9:00 a.m. **The New Normal**
Tom Harris, Professor Emeritus, College of Communication and Information
Sciences, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **DRA 101 Policy Priorities, Funding, Structure, Healthy Delta**
Bevin Hunter, Senior Advisor to the Federal Co-Chairman, DRA,
Little Rock, AR
Taco Williams, Director of the Healthy Delta Initiative, DRA, Clarksdale, MS
- 11:15 a.m. **Introduction of Southern Rural Health Initiative Case**
- 12:00 p.m. **Preparing Requests to Visit Senators and Representatives**
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. **Transportation and Tour**

**National Great Rivers Museum, Melvin Price Locks & Dam/NGRM
and National Great Rivers Research and Education Center**
- 5:30 p.m. **Return to hotel**



Thursday, October 6, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome/Opening Comments**
Carolyn Dahl, Dean, College of Continuing Studies, The University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, AL
- The Case Study as a Leadership Tool**
Case Study #1 Southern Rural Health Initiative
Tom Harris, Professor Emeritus, College of Communication and Information
Sciences, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 9:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. **Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High**
Sharon Lovoy, SPHR, Lovoy's Team Works, Birmingham, AL
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Crucial Conversations (Continued)**
Sharon Lovoy, SPHR
- 3:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45 p.m. **Crucial Conversations (Continued)**
Sharon Lovoy, SPHR
- 6:00 p.m. **Break**



Friday, October 7, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. **Crucial Conversations (continued)**
Sharon Lovoy, SPHR
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Introduction to the New Orleans Case**
Team Assignments
Individual Assignments
- 11:45 a.m. **Session Wrap-up and Evaluation**
- 12:00 noon **Adjourn**

