Title: Diversity and power relationships in a state university

A key element of critical thinking is perspective gathering. However, the power relationships that exist in all spaces often inform the perspectives presented in those spaces. This session will explore how individuals present themselves, establishing their position of power, and how that will impact the presentations of other, often important perspectives. Indiana State University is the most diverse public university in Indiana. The university strives to create spaces where all perspectives are welcome. However, the personological makeup of staff and faculty often differs from that of the students they serve. The presenter will discuss strategies used to overcome this reality.