Service Learning Colloquia Speakers

Sidney James
Sidney James Nakjavan serves as the Drummond Thorne Stukes Executive Director of the Cary Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies & Women’s Philanthropy Board in Auburn University’s College of Human Sciences. She is also the Co-Founder of Camp iCare, a summer camp for kids ages 6-12 and Co-Founder of Real Cents Real Change, a learning series for teens (ages 13-18).

In 2008, James piloted a course entitled Gender, Wealth and Philanthropy. James instructs this class which now serves as a required course in the Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies Minor. Prior to this experience, she was a nationally ranked, award winning pharmaceutical sales representative with global corporations. Her first professional experience was in fundraising and public relations when she served in various advancement and alumni relations positions for the Emory University Annual Fund, the Emory Alumni Association, the Center for Talented Youth (CTY) at Johns Hopkins University, and the George Washington University Annual Fund. In 1994, she returned to home to Lee County when she was named the first Director of Development for the Auburn University College of Liberal Arts and the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. James earned an undergraduate degree from Emory University in international studies with minors in French and history and a master’s (MLA) from Johns Hopkins University.

Kim Walker
Kim Ellis Walker joined the staff of the Cary Center for Philanthropy and Non-Profit Studies in January 2013 as the Women’s Philanthropy Board director of educational programs, mentoring and scholarships. Kim previously worked for Auburn University in several capacities, including serving as the director of external relations for the College of Education. In this role, she led the College’s communications, marketing, alumni relations and special events efforts. She also has more than six years of experience in development through her former positions of director of development for the College of Education and development coordinator for the Office of Planned Giving. Walker graduated from Auburn University in 1996 with a degree in business administration/accounting. She serves as vice president of the F. Allen and Louise K. Turner Foundation and is active with several local organizations.

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Sidney James spoke on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, in the Auburn University Student Center.