



Pre-Conference 4-H Volunteer Specialists

Attendees: State Appointed Volunteer Specialists ONLY (1 per state).

Cost: \$65 includes full breakfast and lunch

Preconference Activities Schedule

Monday, April 25, 2022

8 AM	Full Breakfast Buffet
9 AM	Welcome & Introductions
	PLWG 4-H Volunteerism Committee Update
	Featured Speaker: Dr. Keith Nathaniel, University of California Social Capital/Robust Equity for Volunteer Development
	Open Space Technology Introduction
12:00 PM	Lunch
1 PM	Open Space small group discussions (2 sessions, multiple topics co-created by participants)
4 PM	Adjourn
5:30 PM	NECV begins!!!

Featured Speaker:

Keith Nathaniel is appointed by the University of California (UC) as the 4-H Youth Development Advisor and County Director for Los Angeles County. He has been with UC Cooperative Extension since 1994. Along with his many years of leadership experience and organizational knowledge, his academic expertise is adolescent development with an emphasis on social capital. In particular, the social capital explores ways in which to operationalize social capital in the 4-H program. What are the experiences and opportunities that facilitate the development of social capital in 4-H program members? How do we better connect youth to their community? What we know about social capital is that it helps emphasize the value of new relationships, increases the trust of youth in communities, strengthens young people's sense of community, and creates opportunities to strengthen social capital further (Emery & Flora, 2006).



Keith received his doctorate in educational leadership from UCLA, a master's degree in educational leadership from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and a bachelor's degree from UC Davis.