



2022
LGBTQIA+

Lavender Graduation CEREMONY

Wednesday, April 13

6-8 p.m.

USF Gibbons Alumni Center



UNIVERSITY of
SOUTH FLORIDA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman is Associate Professor of Sociology, Interim Vice President for Institutional Equity, and Senior Advisor to the President and Provost for Diversity and Inclusion at the University of South Florida. She received her B.A. from Cornell University and her M.A./Ph.D. in Sociology from Duke University. She is the author of *The Color of Love: Racial Features, Stigma, and Socialization in Black Brazilian Families* (2015, UT Press), a three-time award winning book and the topic of her 2015 TEDx talk. Along with several published articles and book chapters, in 2016, she co-edited the book *Race and the Politics of Knowledge Production: Diaspora and Black Transnational Scholarship in the USA and Brazil* (Palgrave). A 2016 Fulbright scholar to Brazil, Hordge-Freeman has just released a new book entitled, *Second-Class Daughters: Informal Adoptions as Modern Slavery in Brazil*. Dr. Hordge-Freeman has published and presented her research on issues related to diversity and racial equity in the workplace, racism in families, and labor exploitation. In her role as the Interim VP for Institutional Equity, Dr. Hordge-Freeman has worked to reimagine and re-energize diversity and inclusion at USF. Utilizing her unique lens of a sociological and inclusive excellence framework, she has been instrumental in building more collaborative relationships with the Presidential Advisory Committees, which includes the Committee on Issues of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (CISOGI). Her commitment to community-engaged teaching and work has been recognized with awards from regional, state, and national organizations.



ORDER OF EVENTS

Welcome **Neudy Carolina Nuñez**

Assistant Dean of Students
Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs

Student Welcome **Syed Hasan**

Resident Assistant, Stonewall Living Learning Community
Senior, Biomedical Sciences, Judy Genshaft Honors College

Scholarship Awards **USF LGBTQ+ Alumni Society**

PRIDE Awards **Jennifer Icton**

Former CISOGI Co-chair and Current Member

Words of Wisdom **Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman, Ph.D.**

Interim Vice President for Institutional Equity
Sr. Advisor to the President and Provost for Diversity and Inclusion;
Associate Professor of Sociology,

Recognition of Graduates

Amanda Tritsch

Former CISOGI Co-chair

Courtney Coggan

CISOGI Member

Closing **Michael Rogers, Ph.D.**

Assistant Director for Training – Counseling Center
Chair USF Presidential Committee on Issues of
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (CISOGI)



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