



**PRESENTS**

**The Monthly Diversity Educational Forum Series**

**TOPIC**

**"Life in Black and White."**

**SPEAKER**

**Elizabeth Atkins**



Bestselling Author, Journalist and Speaker inspires with a unique, multiracial voice in lectures, books, poems and screenplays. *Montel* showcased her first novel, *White Chocolate*, which preceded *Dark Secret* and *Twilight*. *Oprah* featured Elizabeth's 100-pound weight loss. Her inspirational blog, *The Bliss Report*, explores life, love, health and happiness on Fox 2 News.

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**Thursday, August 21, 2008!**

**What:**

Monthly  
Diversity  
Educational  
Forum Series

Join the **Oakland County Employment Diversity Council (OCEDC)**, in presenting the **Monthly Diversity Educational Forum Series!**

Once a month, the OCEDC features a speaker or a performance depicting the rich cultural diversity within our community. A sculptor and artist, dance groups, speakers on Asian heritage, Black history, Native American history, Sikh identity and various other cultural topics are presented. "The Monthly Diversity Educational Forum Series " is about learning, growing and working together.

**When:**

August 21 2008  
1:00 p.m. –  
3:00 p.m.

**The August 21<sup>st</sup> event features Elizabeth Atkins who writes and speaks from the spectacular human spectrum that she embodies as the daughter of an African American judge and a Roman Catholic priest who was English, French Canadian and Cherokee.**

**Where:**

Oakland County  
Executive Office  
Building 41 West –  
Conference Center  
2100 Pontiac Lake  
Rd., Waterford, MI  
48328

The Monthly Diversity Educational Forum Series is designed to assist human resource professionals, diversity managers, and all levels of leaders and managers to develop and implement organizational leadership solutions, personal diversity solutions, and public solutions to move toward full productivity throughout their workforce.

Participants will learn implementable strategies to assist them with tough issues such as Diversity of Thought, Multiculturalism, Sexual Orientation, Religious Practices, Generational Diversity, Disabilities and Racism in various forms (overt, covert and subtle). Participants will leave with world-class solutions, resources, tools, and Diversity-based Best Practice examples.

**Cost: FREE**

**With Lunch!**

**To Register complete the registration form on our website and fax to 248-975-9742, email [russellf@oakgov.com](mailto:russellf@oakgov.com)**

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