

# **Introduction for Leon Williams**

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Leon Williams is the Director of Intercultural Programs at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. He has been speaking to audiences about diversity and race issues for several years, and has written numerous plays, short stories and other programs on related topics.

Leon received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Ohio Northern University, and a Masters in Education from the University of Dayton. He is currently a doctoral student at Union Institute and University, studying the psychological effects of oppression. He has taught classes in history, ethnic studies, and freshman seminar as an Associate Professor, and has been actively involved in many aspects of developing diversity programs and initiatives. He is active in his church and in the community as a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Storm Lake Diversity Task Force, Iowa State Extension Council, and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. He also enjoys working with after school programs mentoring, tutoring and researching poverty issues in local communities.

Please join me in welcoming Leon Williams.