# 2004 Diversity Conference Evaluation Report

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#### **Evaluation Findings**

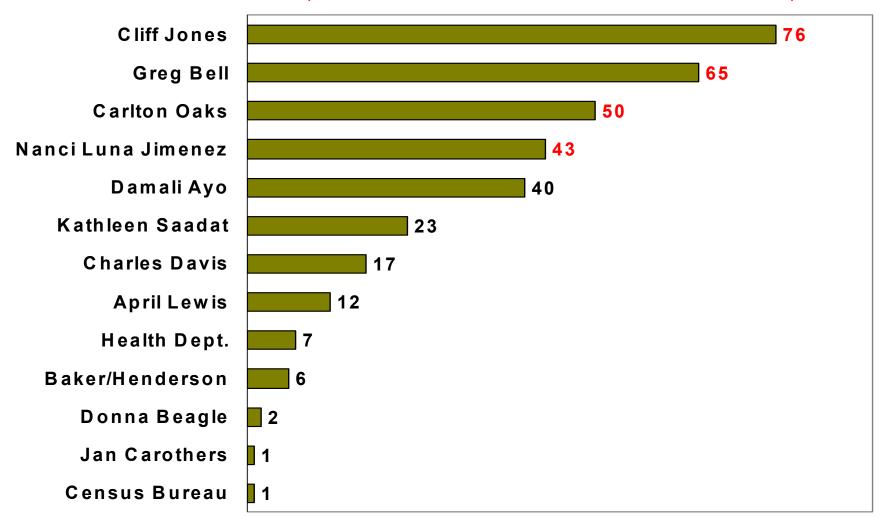


#### Comments

- A total of 45 individual workshops and panels were offered at the diversity conference this year.
- No evaluation forms were returned for 22 of the 39 individual workshops (56%) and 3 of the 6 panels (50%). The following report, therefore, may not represent the feedback of all participants. The report needs to be interpreted with caution.

#### Number of Workshop Evaluations Returned

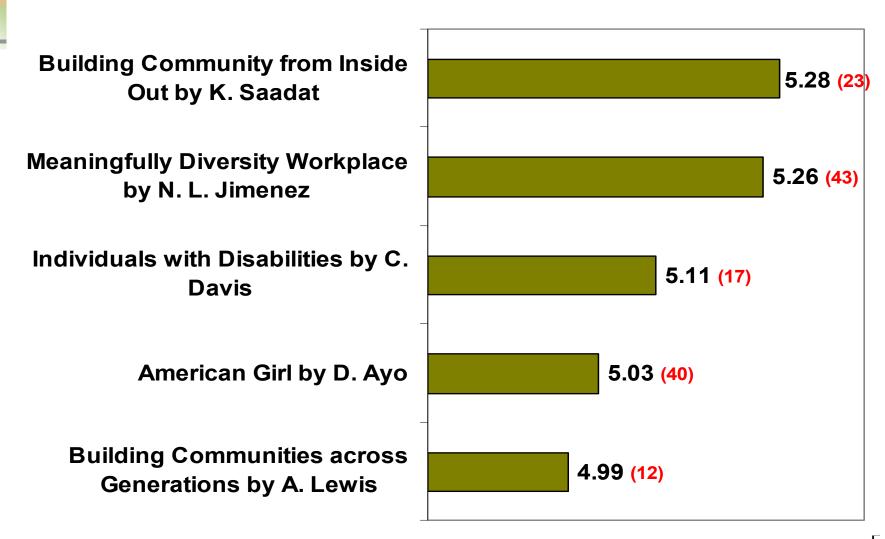
(Numbers in Red = 2 Sessions Combined)



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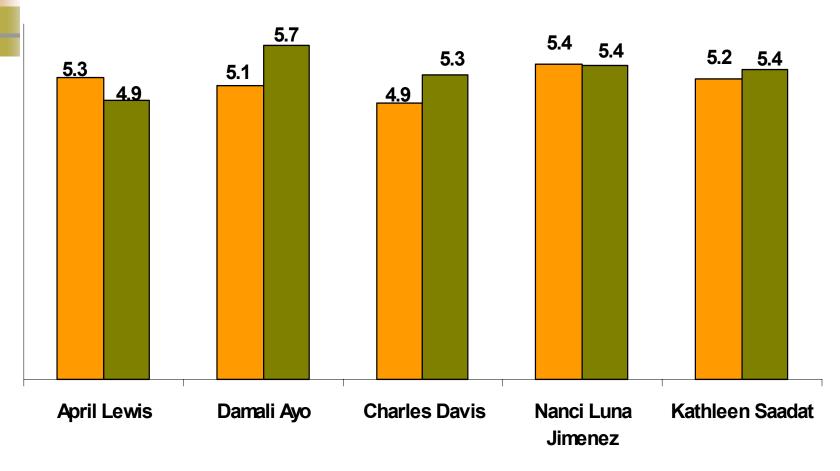
#### Top 5 Rated Workshops

(Numbers in Red=Total # of Evaluations Returned)



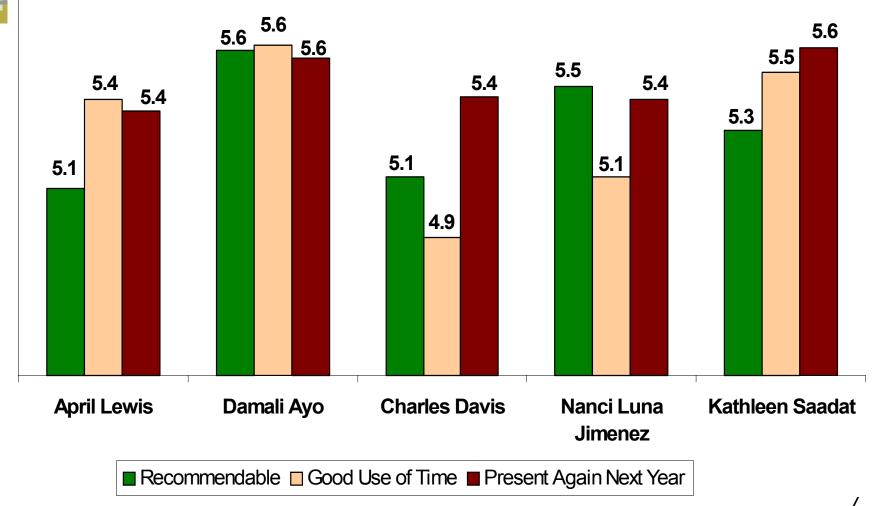
### These workshops were important and effective

(1=Strongly Agree - 6=Strongly Disagree)

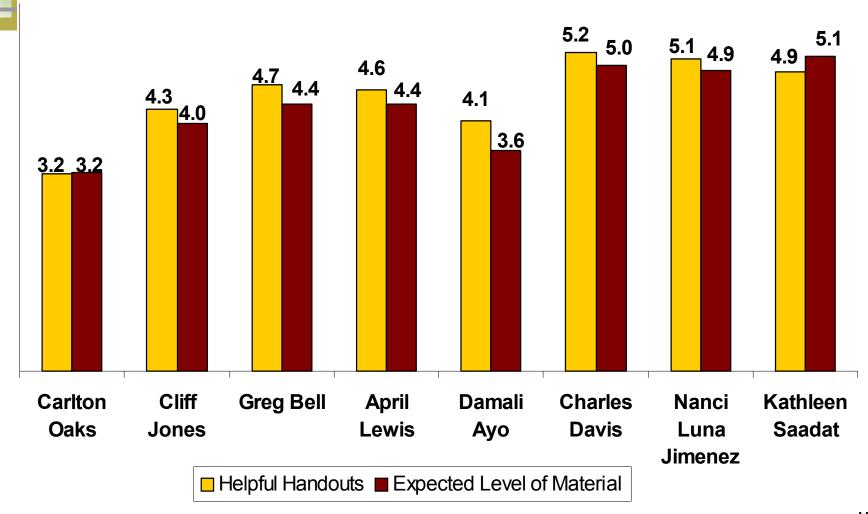


■ Important Topic
■ Effective Presenter

## These workshops were a good use of time, recommendable to others, and should be presented again next year



### The level of material presented in these workshops was what I expected and the handouts will be helpful to me





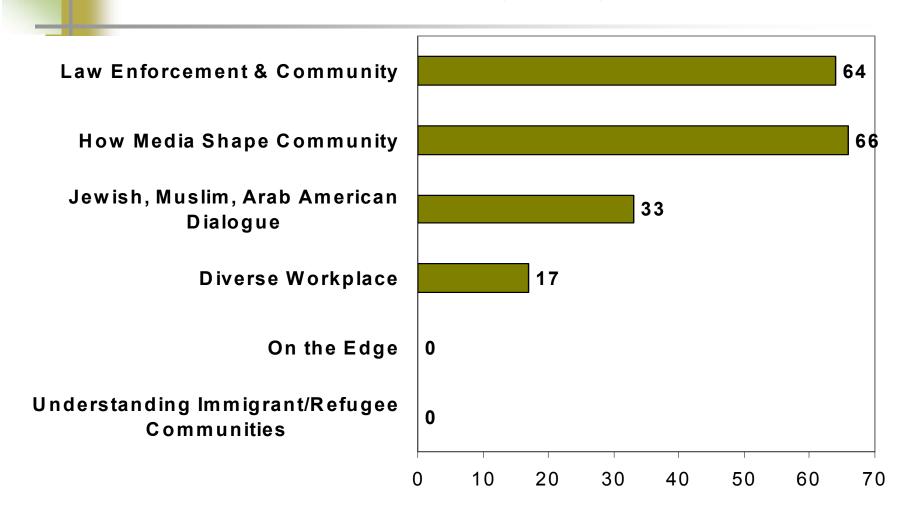
### Panel Discussions

#### **Evaluation Findings**

#### Comments

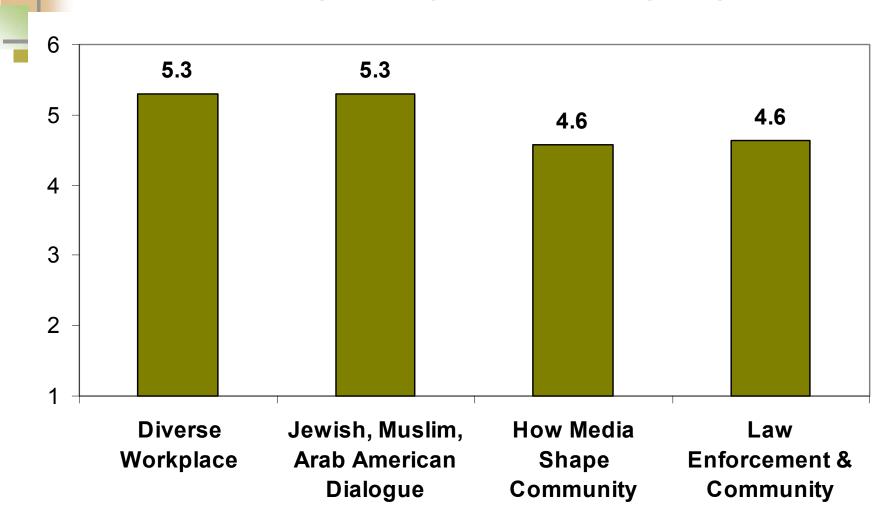
- Six panels were provided at the conference this year.
- A total of 180 evaluations were returned for 4 panels.
- No evaluations were returned for On the Edge, facilitated by L. Buckwater, and Understanding the Immigrant and Refugee Communities of Portland, by Lee Po Cha et al. It is not clear as to why there were no evaluations for these panel discussions.
- The low return rate of evaluation forms is a concern. The following report needs to be interpreted with caution.

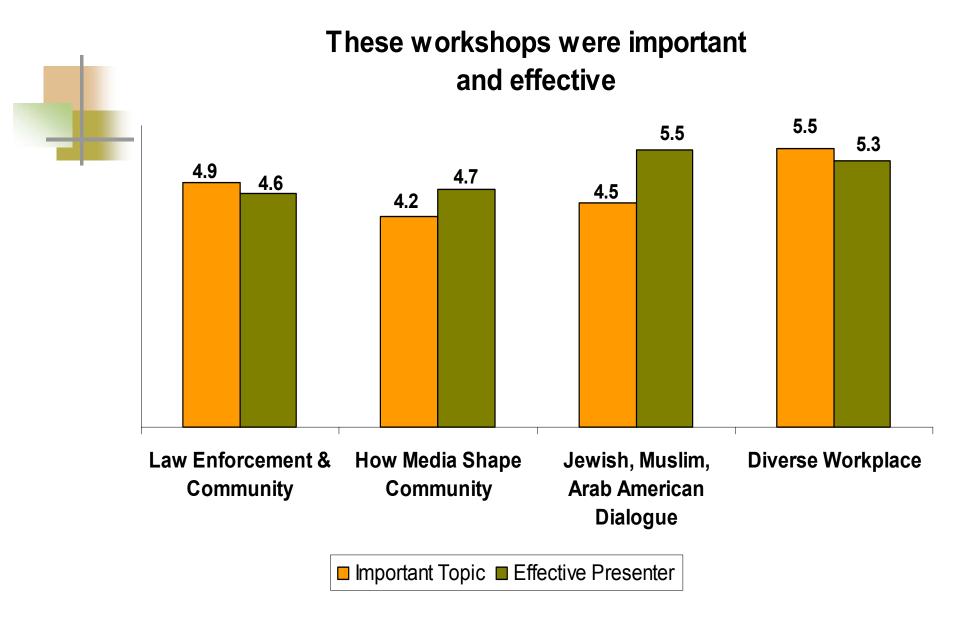
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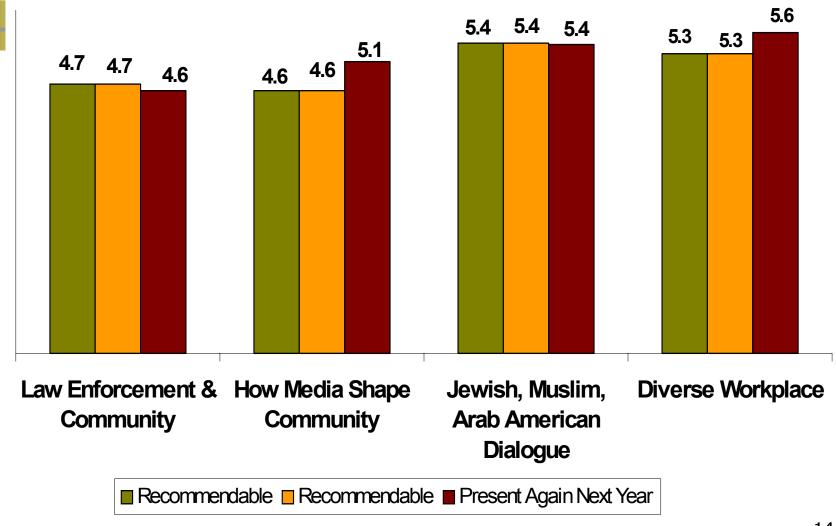
#### Average Ratings for Panels

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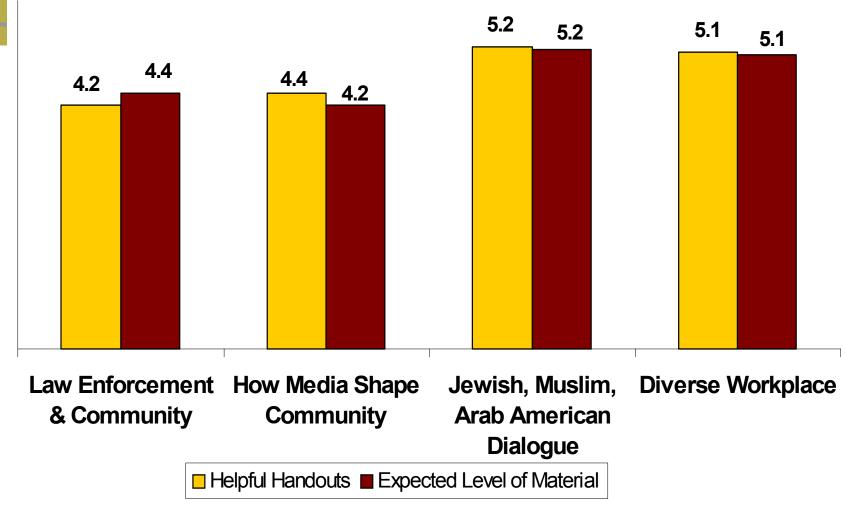




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# Feedback from Workshop Participants

#### **Individual Workshop Participants:**

- Excellent presenters/presentations
- Very good and insightful information sharing
- Great format
- More focus/direction necessary for discussions
- Not enough time for in-depth discussion/don't go overtime



### Feedback from Workshop Participants

#### Panel Participants:

- Interesting topics were discussed this year
- Need a facilitator for big panels to keep focus (e.g., Jimmy Brown's Panels)
- Minimize political discussions/agendas on panels

#### Conclusions

- A total of 45 individual workshops and panels were offered at the diversity conference this year.
- No evaluation forms were returned for so many of the individual workshops and panels. This report, therefore, cannot be interpreted as the representation of the majority of conference participants.
- Possible reasons for such a low response rate are:
  - Participants were not requested to fill out the evaluation form at every workshop/panel or consistently.
  - 2. Participants were not interested in filling out the evaluation form.
  - The evaluation form itself was a problem (e.g., difficult to fill out, vague, format problem).
- For continued improvement, evaluation collection methods need to be changed to produce more meaningful feedback on the quality of the conferences.