

Keenan Grenell, Ph.D.

Dr. Keenan Grenell is the Associate Provost for Diversity and Associate Professor of Political Science at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He also serves as President of the Keenan D. Grenell African-American Entrepreneurship Summit, Inc., President of the Grenell Development Group, President of the Legacy Foundation, Co-Chair for the Regional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) White Paper for Southeast Wisconsin, and a Global Fellow at the Institute of Innovation, Creativity and Capital (IC²) at the University of Texas at Austin, an internationally recognized think tank dedicated to advancing the theory and practice of entrepreneurship wealth creation. Dr. Grenell previously served as Interim Assistant Provost for the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at Auburn University, and as Director of the Master of Public Administration Program also at Auburn University.

Recently featured in *Diversity MBA Magazine*'s January 2008 issue, *Milwaukee Magazine*'s December 2007 issue, and on **City Channel 25** in Milwaukee, Grenell was also recognized in 2003 by the *Opelika-Auburn News* as one of the 10 most progressive people in the Opelika-Auburn Alabama area. Grenell is a leading chief diversity officer in higher education, economic development and entrepreneurship expert, and leadership trainer. His 25 years of professional work experience includes higher education, Corporate America, government, and the non-profit sector.

As a recognized speaker and consultant, Grenell has been engaged in events such as the following: coordinated an international entrepreneurship conference in Cape Town, South Africa, served as keynote speaker for election officials annual summer retreat for the Government of the Virgin Islands, participated as an expert on the panel session, "Competitive Advantages of Minority Enterprises", for the US Department of Commerce's MED week, participated as an expert on the panel session "Transparency in Public Management" for the National Endowment for the Public Trust at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., keynote speaker for the Wisconsin Supplier Development Council, keynote speaker for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, keynote speaker for the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and a keynote speaker for the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee's Minority Entrepreneurship Program.

Dr. Grenell earned a B.A. in Political Science at Tougaloo College, a Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) from Mississippi State University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Northern Illinois University. He is also the co-editor of the upcoming book, *Entrepreneurship in South Africa and In The United States: Comparative Studies*.