

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Spring 2019. For the Liberal Studies Senior Seminar on “Evil and Injustice”, Dr. Luca Oliva welcomes the guest speaker Dr. Melanie Johnson and invites students and colleagues to her lecture on Wednesday, April 10 (4-6pm) in the Heyne Building 135.

Melanie J. Johnson, Ed.D.

“Broken Babies, Broken Futures”

The Early Determinants of School Failure



Melanie Johnson joined Collaborative for Children as president and CEO in 2018. She previously served as president and CEO of John P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science. During her career, Dr. Johnson also has served as director of the Education Department at NASA’s Space Center and director of Faculty Development at The Art Institute of Houston. Dr. Johnson’s many honors include the Microsoft World Youth Foundation Seeds of Gratitude Award for Educational Excellence, the Ivy League Youth Education and Charitable Foundation Award for the City of Houston’s Best Educators, the Pierre and Marie Curie Award for the Sciences, the American Alliance of Museum’s Nancy Hanks Award for Professional Excellence, and designation as one of the Greater Houston Women’s Chamber of Commerce Thought Leaders. She was named one of the “Top 30 Most Influential Women in Houston” in 2015, an ABC13 “Woman of the Week” in 2017, and a “Woman on the Move” by the Texas Executive Women’s organization in 2018. Dr. Johnson is a graduate of the Center for Houston’s Future and the American Leadership Forum and a member of the Greater Houston Partnership. She graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Business/French, and earned a master’s degree in Hospitality Management from the University of Houston as well as a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas Southern University.