OUWB Welcomed Dr. Steven Robbins for a School-Wide Symposium Titled "Your Brain Is Good at Diversity Except When It's Not"

The Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine was pleased to welcome Dr. Steven Robbins for a school-wide symposium titled "Your Brain Is Good at Diversity Except When It's Not" on Friday, August 23rd in the Oakland Center.

A powerful storyteller with a powerful story to tell, Dr. Steve L. Robbins has an unmatched ability to inspire people even in the midst of disrupting and challenging the way they think about the world. Born in Vietnam, Dr. Robbins immigrated to the United States when he was five years old. He and his mother faced many challenges as Vietnamese immigrants in a new land, during a time when there was much anti-war and anti-Vietnamese sentiment.

Working through and rising out of the challenges of poverty, discrimination and the tough streets of Los Angeles, Dr. Robbins now brings insightful perspectives on issues of leadership, inclusion & innovation, and the power of caring. Drawing upon a compelling life journey, his talks and workshops are filled with intriguing stories, laugh-out-loud humor and a keen understanding of human behavior.

Dr. Robbins simultaneously challenged and motivated people with a dynamic use of story-telling, humor and extensive knowledge of pertinent issues and concepts. Dr. Robbins' unique concept of "Unintentional Intolerance" has captured wide acclaim from numerous audiences and organizations across the United States. An approach that does NOT blame or point fingers, it challenges individuals and organizations to be more open-minded, mindful and intentional about inclusion and valuing people for their unique gifts, abilities and experiences.

Dr. Robbins received his undergraduate degree from Calvin College, and his masters and doctorate from Michigan State University's top-ranked Department of Communication. His background in communication, socio-psychology and cognitive neuroscience drive his work with individuals and organizations – the core of the work is about understanding human behavior in a world full of human differences.