





The American Program of the Humanity in Action Fellowship in Collaboration with the National Center for Civil and Human Rights

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WELCOME NOTES



July 5, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to congratulate and welcome all of the participants of The John Lewis Fellowship Program, a Humanity in Action Fellowship in partnership with The National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

You are an exceptional group of young people. I hope that the knowledge and relationships you gain from this fellowship will develop you into the change agents that our society so desperately needs. We are at a pivotal time in our history. The lessons of the past mean more than ever now. It is my hope that your participation in this incredible fellowship, will spark that light in you that makes you the headlight and not the taillight in the future of our world.

May you have a wonderful time during your stay here in the beautiful city of Atlanta and I wish you continued success in your pursuit of justice and equality for all.

With all good wishes,

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Welcome to Atlanta!

On behalf of Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, I want to welcome you to Atlanta, "the Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement," and to the 2016 John Lewis Fellowship Program.

Over the next four weeks, we will hear from renowned scholars, activists and political leaders who have dedicated themselves to advancing civil and human rights in the United States and beyond. The curriculum is designed to contextualize the history and global impact of the long Civil Rights Movement, immigration reform, and Native American issues.

The goal of Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights is to create a program for emerging leaders to learn, engage in intellectual discourse, propose solutions, and develop the skill-sets needed to bring forth effective social, political, and economic change that improves the lives of all human beings within and beyond the Unites States.

As well, you will have an opportunity to explore our city and see where history unfolded, movements took shape, and leaders were groomed. This will be an incredible, transformative experience that will provide you the framework to improve the world in which we share.

We are honored to name this fellowship after U.S. Representative John Lewis, who along with Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. C. T. Vivian, Dr. Roslyn Pope, Ambassador Andrew Young and countless others, fought to remove the stain of bigotry and hatred from the pages of American history.

As a fellow, you will be challenged. You will be questioned. You will be pushed to your intellectual and moral boundaries. But in the end, you will become a drum major for justice, a champion for freedom, and a clarion for peace.

I hope you enjoy your time in Atlanta and the program we have created for you. This is your time to learn, grow and shine. I look forward to the journey.

With regards,

Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Ph.D.

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John Lewis Fellowship Program Director



Dear John Lewis Fellows,

I am pleased to welcome you to The Center for Civil and Human Rights!

Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, the Center was first imagined by civil rights activists Evelyn Lowery and former United Nations Ambassador, Andrew Young and shared with former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin. In June 2014 we opened our doors.

The Center is the only institution designed to connect the American Civil Rights Movement to broader international human rights movements. The Center educates, empowers and galvanizes individuals to collaborate in the protection of every human's rights and commitment to freedom and justice in their community, nation and the world.

The Center is honored to partner with a prestigious human rights focused educational organization in this program, Humanity in Action. I am certain that our investment in you will yield many positive results as you go forth on your journey of social change.

I hope you have an extraordinary experience in Atlanta over the next few weeks.

Warm regards,

Derreck Kayongo Chief Executive Officer

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ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The John Lewis Fellowship, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is a collaborative, international program on human and civil rights. The Fellowship, now entering its second year, is designed to provide a group of university students and recent graduates with the opportunity to explore critical aspects of American pluralism, past and present. This vast subject has a particular focus as the program is based in Atlanta with its rich and complex history of slavery, Jim Crow, resistance to inequalities, the civil rights movement and its current, ever-changing realities of race relations. As a cosmopolitan and global city, Atlanta's diverse population also presents rich multiple immigrant histories and important contemporary challenges. The program will focus on this subject as well.

APPROACH

Over four weeks, the 30 American and European Fellows will meet with leaders across a variety of fields to explore race and racism as well as immigration as they reflect America's various national and regional identities. Two other important parts of American diversity and identity will be addressed, although in a more limited way than race and immigration in Atlanta: Native American and LBGTQ histories and current challenges. The John Lewis Fellows, drawn from many countries, are required to build upon their far-reaching Atlanta-based discussions by producing Action Projects that grapple with issues of diversity in their own society.

In partnership with The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Inc., the program takes place in Atlanta, Georgia from July 5 to July 30, 2016.

MISSION

This Fellowship takes place during a time of extraordinary challenge in international and domestic realms: the surge of nationalist, xenophobic and extremist politics in the United States and Europe; rising Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism on both sides of the Atlantic; mass migration from the Middle East and Africa; refugees making dangerous voyages across the Mediterranean to Europe; refugees from Mexico, Central and South American and the Caribbean Islands seeking safety in the US; ISIS, terrorism, and fear; racial tensions and violence in cities across America and Europe.

These are some of the most challenging issues of our time — and they are the issues that Humanity in Action is committed to addressing in our programs. We believe that the challenges of diversity and democracy require a new generation of leaders: young people who have the knowledge, conviction and international networks to confront the world's most complicated human dilemmas. Embarking on this program, Humanity in Action has specific goals: to make our societies more effective and constructive in addressing national and global issues; to recognize the power and dignity in diversity based upon different cultural and historical perspectives; to appreciate the importance of pluralism as it intersects and today, in fact, drives domestic and international issues.

Humanity in Action, in partnership with the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, developed the John Lewis Fellowship to promote dialogue on some of today's most pressing social issues. Through the John Lewis Fellowship, Humanity in Action and the Center aim to instill the values of human dignity and moral responsibility for the protection of the rights of minorities in a new generation of social, cultural and political leaders.

CURRICULUM

With Atlanta as the backdrop, the John Lewis Fellowship explores America's unique history of diversity, immigration and civil rights along with present-day tensions relating to minorities across the country. Speakers and Fellows will confront economic, social, and political issues in American life. These issues include inequality, discrimination, mobility, voting rights, women's rights, LGBTQ issues, religion, labor, disability rights, poverty, class, criminal justice and incarceration, urban development, education, media, and freedom of expression.

The fellowship program is multifaceted in approaching its subject matter. It features lectures and extensive discussions with renowned academics, journalists, politicians and activists, as well as site visits to government agencies, non-profit and community organizations, museums and memorials. Through

collective learning, enriched by the Fellows' multiple international, religious, racial, ethnic, economic, social and gender perspectives and experiences, the John Lewis program promotes models of action to remedy injustice.

After the formal program, the Fellows complete Action Projects, which combat the issues discussed in the program in innovative ways. Upon successful completion of the program and of their Action Projects, Fellows are designated as Senior Fellows and join the international community of over 1,650 Humanity in Action Senior Fellows. The Senior Fellow network consists of leaders in the fields of public service, journalism, medicine, law, education, research, the arts, business and grassroots action. As Senior Fellows, program participants gain access to a range of educational and professional opportunities, such as study trips, conferences and professional internships in the European Parliament and the United States Congress.

ABOUT THE CENTER

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, in downtown Atlanta, is an engaging cultural attraction that connects the American Civil Rights Movement to today's Global Human Rights Movements. The purpose of the Center is to create a safe space for visitors to explore the fundamental rights of all human being so that they leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights in their communities.

The Center was first imagined by civil rights legends Evelyn G. Lowery and former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young, and was launched by former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin. The effort gained broad-based corporate and community support to become one of the few places in the world educating visitors on the bridge between the American Civil Rights Movement and the contemporary Human Rights Movements around the world.





Often called "one of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement ever produced," John Lewis has dedicated his life to protecting human rights, securing civil liberties, and building what he calls "The Beloved Community" in America. His dedication to the highest ethical standards and moral principles has won him the admiration of many of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the United States Congress. He has been called "the conscience of the United States Congress," and Roll Call magazine has said, "John Lewis...is a genuine American hero and moral leader who commands widespread respect in the chamber."

He was born the son of sharecroppers on February 21, 1940, outside of Troy, Alabama. He grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Alabama. As a young boy, he was inspired by the activism surrounding the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., which he heard on radio broadcasts. In those pivotal moments, he made a decision to become a part of the Civil Rights Movement. Ever since then, he has remained at the vanguard of progressive social movements and the human rights struggle in the United States.

As a student at Fisk University, John Lewis organized sit-in demonstrations at segregated lunch counters in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1961, he volunteered to participate in the Freedom Rides, which challenged segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South. Lewis risked his life on those Rides many times by simply

sitting in seats reserved for white patrons. He was also beaten severely by angry mobs and arrested by police for challenging the injustice of Jim Crow segregation in the South.

During the height of the Movement, from 1963 to 1966, Lewis was named Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which he helped form. SNCC was largely responsible for organizing student activism in the Movement, including sit-ins and other activities. While still a young man, John Lewis became a nationally recognized leader. By 1963, he was dubbed one of the Big Six leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. At the age of 23, he was an architect of and a keynote speaker at the historic March on Washington in August 1963.

In 1964, John Lewis coordinated SNCC efforts to organize voter registration drives and community action programs during the Mississippi Freedom Summer. The following year, Lewis helped spearhead one of the most seminal moments of the Civil Rights Movement. Hosea Williams, another notable Civil Rights leader, and John Lewis led over 600 peaceful, orderly protestors across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965. They intended to march from Selma to Montgomery to demonstrate the need for voting rights in the state. The marchers were attacked by Alabama state troopers in a brutal confrontation that became known as "Bloody Sunday." News broadcasts and photographs revealing the senseless cruelty of the segregated South helped hasten the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Humanity in Action 11 2015 John Lewis Fellowship Despite more than 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries, John Lewis remained a devoted advocate of the philosophy of nonviolence. After leaving SNCC in 1966, he continued his commitment to the Civil Rights Movement as Associate Director of the Field Foundation and his participation in the Southern Regional Council's voter registration programs. Lewis went on to become the Director of the Voter Education Project (VEP). Under his leadership, the VEP transformed the nation's political climate by adding nearly four million minorities to the voter rolls. In 1977, John Lewis was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to direct more than 250,000 volunteers of ACTION, the federal volunteer agency.

In 1981, he was elected to the Atlanta City Council. While serving on the Council, he was an advocate for ethics in government and neighborhood preservation. He was elected to Congress in November 1986 and has served as United States Representative of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District since then. He is Senior Chief Deputy Whip for the Democratic Party in leadership in the House, a member of the House Ways & Means Committee, a member of its Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support and Ranking Member of its Subcommittee on Oversight. John Lewis holds a BA in Religion and Philosophy from Fisk University, and he is a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, both in

Nashville, Tennessee. He has been awarded over 50 honorary degrees from prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States, including Harvard University, Brown University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Duke University, Morehouse College, Clark-Atlanta University, Howard University, Brandeis University, Columbia University, Fisk University and Troy State University.

John Lewis is the recipient of numerous awards from imminent national and international institutions, including the highest civilian honor granted by President Barack Obama, the Medal of Freedom, the Lincoln Medal from the historic Ford's Theatre, the Golden Plate Award given by the Academy of Excellence, the Preservation Hero award given by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Capital Award of the National Council of La Raza, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Non- Violent Peace Prize, the President's Medal of Georgetown University, the NAACP Spingarn Medal, the National Education Association Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award and the only John F. Kennedy "Profile in Courage Award" for Lifetime Achievement ever granted by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

John Lewis is the co-author of the #1 New York Times bestselling graphic novel memoir trilogy MARCH. The first volume, MARCH: Book One, received a 2014 American Library Association (ALA) Coretta Scott King Book Award Author Honor, an ALA Notable Children's Book designation and was named one of YALSA's 2014 Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens. It was named one of the best books of 2013 by USA Today, The Washington Post, Boston Globe, Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, School Library Journal, The Horn Book Review, Paste, Slate, Kirkus Reviews and Booklist, among others. He is also the author of *Across That Bridge: Life Lessons and a Vision for Change*, winner of the 2012 NAACP Image Award for Best Literary Work-Biography. His biography is entitled *Walking With The Wind: A Memoir of the Movement*. He is also the subject of two other books written about his life: *Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement*, by Ann Bausum and *John Lewis in the Lead*, by Jim Haskins and Kathleen Benson, with illustrations by famous Georgia artist, Bennie Andrews.

He has been interviewed for numerous documentaries, news broadcasts and journals Including: the Colbert Report, Morning Joe, the Rachel Maddow Show, the Today Show, CNN Headline News, CNN's American Morning, CSPAN's Washington Journal, Time Magazine, Newsweek Magazine, New Yorker, New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Atlanta Journal Constitution, Boston Globe, the Dallas Morning News, the Miami Herald, the Philadelphia Tribune, Roll Call Magazine and many more.

John Lewis lives in Atlanta, Georgia. He has one son, John Miles.

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SCHEDULE

>> TUESDAY, JULY 5

Move-In and Opening Reception

Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights welcome the second cohort of the John Lewis Fellowship Program taking place in Atlanta, Georgia. Fellows will arrive at Georgia State University Commons to check into assigned suites. Fellows are allotted a three-hour block of time to settle into their living spaces. Fellows will participate in an evening reception where they are introduced to Humanity in Action Founder and Executive Director, Judith Goldstein, program staff and peers. During dinner, each Fellow and staff member will share a personal item that embodies a personal narrative about their life, one's home country, and their concern for human rights.

Locations: Georgia State University Commons (141 Piedmont Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30342); Mary Mac's Tea Room (224 Ponce de Leon Ave Atlanta, GA 30308)

9:00AM-2:00PM Fellows Check into Georgia State University Commons

2:00PM-5:00PM Leisure Time

6:30PM-8:30PM Opening Reception at Mary Mac's Tea Room

>> WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Welcome and Orientation

The John Lewis Fellows will be welcomed by Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Fellows will participate in an orientation that will introduce them to the city and the contours and the interactive nature of the program. Fellows and staff will discuss the program schedule, educational process, community building, and presentations. At the end of the program all Fellows will be asked to make oral and written presentations in which they will share new perspectives on the issues that will be explored throughout the program.

Location: National Center for Civil and Human Rights (100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW Atlanta, GA 30313)

9:00AM-9:20AM	Opening Greetings Derreck Kayongo (Chief Executive Officer, National Center for Civil and Human Rights), Deborah Richardson (Executive Vice President, National Center for Civil and Human Rights), Andre D. Dickens (Atlanta City Council Member, Post 3 at Large, Board of Trustees, National Center for Civil and Human), Karcheik Sims-Alvarado Ph.D. (Program Director, John Lewis Fellowship)
9:20AM-10:00AM	American Exceptionalism Judith S. Goldstein PhD (Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action)
10:00AM-10:15AM	Break
10:15AM-11:45AM	Viewing the NCCHR "Civil Rights" Exhibition Part I
12:00PM-1:00PM	Lunch
1:15PM-2:00PM	Community Building Workshop Part I Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)
2:00PM-2:30PM	Sexual Harassment Michelle Issadore (Vice President, Operations and Public Information, the NCHREM Group, Inc.)
2:30PM-2:45PM	Break
2:45PM-4:00PM	Viewing the NCCHR Exhibition "Human Rights" Exhibition Part II
4:00PM-5:00PM	Community Building Workshop Part II

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

>> THURSDAY, JULY 7

"Sankofa": Reaching Back to Move Forward

Human Rights", 1960)

Presenters will offer a historical overview of African-Americans' quest for personal, political, and economic autonomy throughout the long Black Freedom Struggle in America. Speakers will focus on the enslavement of African Americans as a global human rights violation. The day will commence with a discussion of the Middle Passage in which Africans were brought to America as part of the global slave trade. The discussion will be followed by an examination of Modern Civil Rights Movement during the mid-twentieth century.

Location: National Center for Civil and Human Rights (100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW, Atlanta, GA 30313)

9:00AM-11:00AM	The Coming Dr. Daniel Black (Full Professor of African American Studies, Clark Atlanta University, Novelist)
11:00AM-12:00PM	The Quest for Freedom: From the American Revolution-Post Reconstruction Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, PhD (Program Director, John Lewis Fellowship)
12:00PM-1:45PM	Lunch
2:00PM-3:00PM	"What are Civil and Human Rights?" Discussion and Exercise La'Neice Littleton (Program Assistant, John Lewis Fellowship)
3:00PM-5:00PM	"An Appeal for Human Rights"

Dr. Roslyn Pope (Author of the manifesto, "An Appeal For

>> FRIDAY, JULY 8

Slavery and Lynching in America

Fellows will have the opportunity to engage the system of chattel slavery and modern day human trafficking via a presentation on the life of Abolitionist Frederick Douglass, by Kenneth B. Morris, Jr. author of Picturing Frederick Douglass, and founder and president of the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives. The succeeding discussion, with Dr. James Thomas, will cover racial terrorism during the Jim Crow era along with the psychology of racism in America both past and present.

Location: National Center for Civil and Human Rights (100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW Atlanta, GA 30313)

	Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)
10:00AM-12:00PM	The Life of Frederick Douglass, Abolitionist

Kenneth B. Morris, Jr. (Founder and President, Frederick Douglass Family

Initiatives)

Discussion

12:00PM-1:45PM Lunch

9:00AM-10:00AM

2:00PM-3:30PM Lynching and the Psychology of Racism in America

Dr. James Thomas (Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Mississippi)

3:30PM-5:00PM Break

6:00PM-8:00PM Evening Program and Book Signing with Kenneth B. Morris, Jr.

**Open to the Public; Fellows should be in professional dress.

>> SATURDAY, JULY 9

Touring Sweet Auburn Avenue, The Black Mecca of the South

Fellows will have the opportunity to learn about the financial, religious, and civic organizations on Auburn Avenue that supported the long Civil Rights Movement in Atlanta from 1865-1965. Fellows will have an opportunity to visit the historic sites of Ebenezer Baptist Church, the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, the original locations of SCLC, the NAACP, SNCC, and other Civil Rights organizations.

Location: Woodruff Park (At the intersection of Decatur and Peachtree Road)

9:30AM-12:00PM Sweet Auburn Avenue Tour

Nasir Muhammad (CEO and Founder of Black Mecca

of the South Tours)

>> SUNDAY, JULY 10

Meet and Greet with Nelson Mandela Fellows

Fellows will have the opportunity to meet and greet with the Nelson Mandela Fellows from South Africa and participate in the Eid celebration hosted by the Andrew Young School of Public Policy at Georgia State University. (Food and refreshments will be provided. Swimwear is encouraged.)

Location: Piedmont Park Aquatic Center (Monroe Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30309)

11:00AM-2:00PM Eid Celebration with Nelson Mandela Fellows

>> MONDAY, JULY 11

Atlanta's "Race Men and Women" of the Twentieth Century

In the morning, Fellows will visit the home of Alonzo Herndon, slave-born founder of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company. Through the life of Herndon, Fellows will also learn about W. E. B. Du Bois, George Towns and Norris Herndon, founders of the Niagara Movement (precursor to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). In their opposition toward the political ideology of Booker T. Washington, Atlanta's black intelligentsia organized in an effort to progressively push for inclusion within the public sphere, suffrage rights, equal education and the right to purchase land. After the tour, Fellows will engage in a conversation with Dr. Jacqueline Rouse about early twentieth-century "Race Women" and their active leadership roles during the long Civil Rights Movement. In the afternoon, Fellows will visit the sites where W. E. B. Du Bois resided and wrote his seminal work, Souls of Black Folk, founded The Crisis and Phylon and experienced the horror of the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot, followed by presentations about his life and legacy.

Locations: Herndon Home (587 University Pl NW, Atlanta, GA 30314); Clark Atlanta University (223 James P Brawley Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30314)

9:00AM-10:00AM Herndon Home Tour

10:00AM-11:00AM Women of the Modern Civil Rights Movement

Dr. Jacqueline Rouse (Associate Professor, History, Georgia State University)

11:00AM-12:45PM Lunch

(Clark Atlanta University Dining Hall)

1:00PM-2:15PM Organizational Structure of the Modern Civil Rights Movement

Dr. Charmayne Patterson (Assistant Professor, History, Clark Atlanta

University)

2:15PM-2:30PM Break

2:30PM-3:45PM The Legacy of W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Stephanie Y. Evans (Professor, Char, African American Studies, Africana

Women's Studies, and History, Clark Atlanta University)

3:45PM-5:00PM The House that Du Bois Built

Dr. Kurt Young (Professor, Chair, Political Science, Clark Atlanta University)

>> TUESDAY, JULY 12

A Discussion on Race, Education, and Civil and Human Rights

In the morning, Fellows will engage with Dr. Beverly Tatum about the nature of race and education in America. Dr. Carol Anderson will continue the conversation with a discussion about defining civil and human rights. In the afternoon, Fellows will be allotted time to work on their end-of-program presentations. During the evening, Fellows will attend a stage production of Trey Anthony's 'Da Kink in my Hair at the Horizon Theatre Company.

Locations: National Center for Civil and Human Rights (100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW, Atlanta, GA 30313); Horizon Theatre Company (1083 Austin Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307)

9:00AM-9:30AM Discussion

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

9:30AM-10:45AM Race and Education

Dr. Beverly Tatum (President Emerita of Spelman College)

11:00AM-12:00PM Human Rights

Dr. Carol Anderson (Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor, African American

Studies at Emory University)

12:00PM-1:00PM Lunch

1:00PM-4:30PM Work on Presentations and Discussion

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship),

La'Neice Littleton (Program Assistant, John Lewis

Fellowship)

4:30PM-6:00PM Break

6:00PM-8:00PM Evening Program - Trey Anthony's 'Da Kink in My Hair

**Fellows should dress business casual

>> WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Teaching with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Personal Papers

In the morning, Fellows will tour both Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University's campuses. These tours will be followed by a presentation on religious leader and global human rights activist Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman. In the afternoon, Fellows will discuss the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Dr. Samuel T. Livingston. Led by Dr. Vicki Crawford, Director of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection at Morehouse College, Fellows will experience the rare opportunity to view the original writings and ephemera of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. via his personal papers housed at the Atlanta University Robert W. Woodruff Library Archive and Research Center.

Locations: Morehouse College (830 Westview Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30310); Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library (111 James P Brawley Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30314)

9:00AM-10:30AM Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University Tour

10:30AM-11:45AM The Life of Reverend Howard Thurman

Dr. Kipton Jensen (Professor, Philosophy, Morehouse College), Mr. Shakeal

Moore (Student, Morehouse College)

11:45AM-12:45PM Lunch

1:00PM-2:30PM Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Birth of a New Nation

Dr. Samuel T. Livingston (Chair, Professor, African American Studies,

Morehouse College)

2:30PM-3:00PM Break

3:00PM-5:00PM Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers

Dr. Vicki Crawford (Director of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection), Ms. Tiffany Atwater (Public Services Archivist at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library's Archives Research Center)

5:00PM-6:00PM Discussion (Woodruff Library Greenspace)

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

>> THURSDAY, JULY 14

Black Muslims and Black Power

In the morning, presentations will be given by Nasir Muhammad and La'Neice Littleton on the history of Black Nationalism, the Black Muslim Movement in Atlanta, and Malcolm X as both a civil and human rights activist. The presentations will focus on the complexities and historic consequences of the successes and weaknesses of coalition building in the struggle for civil and human rights. These conversations will provide an orientation for the evening program with Illyasah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz.

Location: National Center for Civil and Human Rights (100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW, Atlanta, GA 30313)

9:00AM-9:45AM	Video Seminar: Malcolm X and the Black Power Movement
10:00AM-11:00AM	Black Nationalism and Black Muslim Movement in Atlanta Nasir Muhammad (CEO and Founder of Black Mecca of the South Tours)
11:00AM-12:00PM	Malcolm X, Human Rights, and Coalition Building La'Neice Littleton (Program Assistant, John Lewis Fellowship)
12:00PM-1:00PM	Lunch
1:00PM-3:30PM	Discussion Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)
5:00PM-8:00PM	Evening Program with Ilyasah Shabazz

**Open to the Public; Fellows should wear business dress.

>> FRIDAY, JULY 15

Using Your Creative Genius to Bring About Social Justice

Fellows will experience a full day of understanding civil and human rights through the visual and performing arts. Presenters will consist of artists who are using their genius to act as change agents and address social ills. The conversation will take place in the historic Clark Atlanta University Art Gallery which houses the collective works of some of the leading African-American visual artists of the twentieth century and continues to exhibit contemporary works of some of the nation's leading and emerging visual artists.

Location: Clark Atlanta University Art Gallery (223 James P. Brawley Dr. SW- Trevor Arnett Building)

9:00AM-9:30AM	Welcome Dr. Ronald A. Johnson (President, Clark Atlanta University)
9:30AM-10:30AM	Conversation on the Life and Legacy of Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Ilyasah Shabazz (Author, Daughter of Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz)
10:30AM-11:00AM	CAU Art Collection Dr. Maurita Poole (Director, Art Gallery, Clark Atlanta University)
11:00AM-11:40AM	Gallery Tour
11:40AM-12:00AM	Student Response to Art Exercise Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)
12:00PM-1:00PM	Lunch
1:00PM-2:30PM	Role of the Modern Day Artist-Activist: Visual Arts Alfred Conteh (Artist), Tabia Lisenbee-Parker (Photographer), Charmaine Minniefield (Artist), Joe Dreher (Artist)
2:30PM-2:45PM	Break
2:45PM-4:00PM	Role of the Modern Day Artist-Activist: Playwright and Opera Minka Wiltz (Playwright, Opera Singer)
4:00PM-5:00PM	Spelman College Tour Greetings from Jane Smith, Ed.D. (Vice President, College Relations)
6:00PM-9:00PM	Art and Jazz at the High Museum

>> SATURDAY, JULY 16

The Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Location: The King Center (449 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30312)

10:00AM-2:00PM Visit to Martin Luther King, Jr. Center

>> SUNDAY, JULY 17

Sunday Worship Service

Fellows will attend Sunday Service at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Location: Historic Ebenezer Church (407 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30312)

11:00AM Sunday Worship Services

>> MONDAY, JULY 18

Leadership and Immigration

Throughout the day, Fellows will have the opportunity to hear from leading immigration advocates who act as political leaders, attorneys, or executives for some of the leading national and global civil and human rights organizations. Fellows will have an opportunity to learn of their leadership and collective efforts to improve the quality of life for members of the immigrant community in the United States.

Location: CARE (151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303)

9:00AM-9:30AM	Discussion of Mid-Program Evaluation Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)
9:30AM-10:45AM	Immigration and the Struggle for Civil and Human Rights Derreck Kayongo (Chief Executive Officer, National Center for Civil and Human Rights)
10:45AM-11:00AM	Break
11:00AM-12:00PM	Project South, Immigration Law, and Human Rights Activism Adazadeh Shahshahani (Human Rights Attorney)
12:00PM-1:45PM	Lunch
2:00PM-3:00PM	The City of Clarkston, "Ellis Island of the South" Ted Terry (Mayor of Clarkston, Georgia)
3:00PM-3:10PM	Break
3:10PM-3:30PM	Complete Mid-Program Evaluation Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)
3:30PM-5:00PM	Construction of Race in America Discussion and Exercise "Cracking the Code" Video Clips
6:00PM-7:00PM	Discussion Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

>> TUESDAY, JULY 19

Congressman John Lewis and Asian American Issues

Fellows will spend the morning in conversation with Congressman John Lewis at his office in downtown Atlanta. Following U. S. Representative Lewis, attorneys, Helen Ho and Bryan L. Sells will discuss Asian American issues and civil, social, and economic rights. In the afternoon, Fellows will have the opportunity have preliminary discussions about their Action Projects and end of the program presentations.

Locations: The Equitable Building (100 Peachtree St. 18th floor Conference Room); CARE (151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303)

9:00AM -10:45AM	One-on-One Conversation with Congressman John Lewis
10:45AM-11:00AM	Break
11:00AM-12:00PM	Asian issues and Voting Rights in America Helen Ho (Founding Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice), Bryan L. Sells (Civil Rights Attorney)
12:00PM-1:00PM	Lunch
1:30PM-2:30PM	Action Projects (CARE) Veronica Agard (Program Associate, Humanity in Action)
2:30PM-5:00PM	"The Current State of Democracies in the US and Europe" Discussion

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

>> WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Immigration, Legislation, and Advocacy

Since 2002, the subject of immigration legislation has served as a subject of great national debate. In 2011, Georgia enacted a strict set of immigration laws covering a wide range of activities relating to daily life. Throughout the day, Fellows will hear from refugee advocates as well as Georgia legislators and grassroots activists as they discuss immigrants' rights and the laws that fail to protect non-citizens.

Location: CARE (151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303)

9:00AM-9:30AM Discussion

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

9:30AM-11:00AM Georgia Immigration Law and Latino Voting

Representative Pedro Marin (Georgia Representative, District 96); Jerry

Gonzales (Executive Director, GALEO)

11:15AM-12:30PM Grassroots Activism

Adelina Nicholls (Co-Founder and President of the Coordinating Council of

Latino Community Leaders of Atlanta)

12:30PM-1:45PM Lunch

2:00PM-3:00PM Film, "Stolen Education"

3:00PM-4:00PM Q&A

Dr. Enrique Alemán, Jr., (Executive Producer and Co-Writer, "Stolen

Education")

4:00PM-5:00PM Black-Brown Coalitions

Joel Alvarado (Director of Community Outreach and Engagement, Georgia

Piedmont Technical College)

>> THURSDAY, JULY 21

Leadership and Representation: Native Americans, the Islamic Community, and Politics

In the morning, Fellows will have the opportunity to engage in conversation with members of the Native American community on culture, racial identity, political representation, education, and immigration. During the afternoon sessions Fellows will hear from representatives of the Islamic community in the areas of advocacy, religious leadership and photography. The session will close with a conversation with Former Atlanta Mayor, Shirley Franklin, on leadership and the creation of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Location: CARE (151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303)

Discussion Continued

9:00AM-10:00AM Native American Issues, Immigration, and Political Representation Representative Ponka-We Victors (Kansas State Legislature) 10:15AM-10:30AM **Break** 10:30AM-11:45AM **Native American Culture and Racial Identity** Ramona Big Eagle Moore (President and CEO, Dare To Soar Enterprises) 12:00PM-1:30PM Lunch 1:30PM-2:00PM Discussion Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship) 2:00PM-3:00PM **Documenting the Atlanta Islamic Community through Photography** Rahmeek Rasul (Photographer), Imam Plemon T. El-Amin (Resident Imam, Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam) 3:00PM-4:00PM Discussion on Leadership and the Building of a Center Shirley Franklin (Former Atlanta Mayor)

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

4:00PM-5:00PM

>> FRIDAY, JULY 22

Contextualizing the LGBTQ Struggle through Film

Through film Fellows will experience a day of examining the LGBTQ struggle for equal protection of the law in America. These films will examine the generational struggle of these individuals and will allow Fellows to understand the LGBTQ community's relationship to civil and human rights issues.

Location: Central Atlanta Library (One Margaret Mitchell Square NW, Atlanta, GA 30303)

10:00AM-11:30AM Film: "Brother Outsider: Bayard Rustin"

11:30AM-12:00PM Discussion

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

12:00PM-1:00PM Lunch

1:00PM-2:00PM Mildred Loving Case, Marriage Equality, Lorde, Baldwin, Lynch Video Seminar

Karcheik Sims-Alvarado (Program Director, John Lewis Fellowship), La'Neice

Littleton (Program Assistant, John Lewis Fellowship)

2:00PM-4:00PM Film: "Bessie"

4:00PM-6:30PM Discussion

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

>> SATURDAY, JULY 23
Outing to be organized by Fellows

>> SUNDAY, JULY 24

Working on Presentations

>> MONDAY, JULY 25

Youth Activism and Black Lives Matter

Fellows will spend the morning discussing structural and institutional racism via the lens of Critical Race Theory and Racial Formation. In the afternoon, Fellows will have the opportunity to hear about the historical context of youth activism in relationship to contemporary social movements. These conversations will give Fellows the opportunity to critically analyze the Black Lives Matter Movement.

Location: CARE (151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303)

9:30AM-12:15PM Discussing Literature: Critical Race Theory, and Rac	cial Formation
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Karcheik Sims-Alvarado (Program Director, John Lewis Fellowship), Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship), La'Neice Littleton

(Program Assistant, John Lewis Fellowship)

12:15PM-1:30PM Lunch

1:45PM-2:15PM Fred Hampton and Youth Activism

Craig McPherson (Adjunct Instructor, History, Clark Atlanta University)

2:30PM-3:45PM Teaching Black Lives Matter

Dr. Samuel T. Livingston (Professor, Chair, African American Studies,

Morehouse College)

3:45PM-4:00PM Break

4:00PM-5:00PM Discussion

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

>> TUESDAY, JULY 26

Justice and Journalism

In the morning, Fellows will hear from two leading civil rights attorneys about the legal challenges representing victims of police violence. Both attorneys will also discuss the successes and challenges related to the Fourteenth Amendment. During the afternoon session, Fellows will hear from award-winning journalist who covered the Ferguson demonstration in Missouri, the emergence of the Black Lives Matter Movement, and the mass shooting at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

Location: CARE (151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303)

9:00AM-10:45AM Work on Presentations

11:00AM-12:15PM Civil Suits and Fourteenth Amendment Rights

Julie Oinonen-Williams (Partner, Williams Oinonen LLC); Mario Williams

(Partner, Williams Oinonen LLC)

12:15PM-1:45PM Lunch

2:00PM-3:00PM **Documenting Social Movements via the Press**

Ernie Suggs (Reporter, Atlanta Journal Constitution)

3:00PM-5:00PM Work on Presentations

>> WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Race and Place

Fellows will have the opportunity to consider race, class, and education as they relate to geography in the city of Atlanta. The Fellows will have an opportunity to discuss the ways in which race and economics intersect in urban cities, and how to address closing the economic gap throughout the U. S. and beyond.

Location: CARE (151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303)

9:15AM-10:15AM	"Gazing into the Crystal Ball of Atlanta: Race and Class in Urban Cities" Mike Carnathan (Manager of the Research & Analytics Division, the Atlanta Regional Commission, and Founder of Neighborhood Nexus)
10:30AM-12:00PM	Creating Viable and Sustainable Communities using an Equity Agenda Hattie Dorsey (Principal, HBDorsey & Associates LLC)
12:00PM-1:45PM	Lunch
2:00PM-3:00PM	Improving the Quality of Life: Education, Health, and Public Space John H. Eaves, Ph.D. (Chairman, Fulton County Board of Commissioners)
3:00PM-5:00PM	Discussion

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

>> THURSDAY, JULY 28

End of Program Presentations

Fellows will devote the entire day to delivering their presentations.

Location: CARE (151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303)

9:00AM-9:30PM Program Reflections

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

9:30AM-12:00PM Presentations

12:00AM-1:00PM Lunch

1:00PM-5:00PM **Presentations**

>> FRIDAY, JULY 29

Closing of the Program

In the morning, Fellows will hear closing remarks from the National Center for Civil and Human Rights and Humanity in Action. The program will close with a talk from contemporary artist Fahamu Pecou, whose work is currently on exhibit at the Center for Civil and Human Rights. The closing reception dinner will be held at No Más! Cantina.

Locations: National Center for Civil and Human Rights (100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW, Atlanta 30313); No Más! Cantina (180 Walker St SW, Atlanta, GA 30313)

9:00AM-10:00AM Closing Remarks

Derreck Kayongo, (Chief Executive Officer, National Center for Civil and Human Rights), Judith S. Goldstein Ph.D. (Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action), Deborah Richardson (Executive Vice President, National Center for Civil and Human Rights), Karcheik Sims-Alvarado Ph.D. (Program

Director, John Lewis Fellowship)

10:30AM-11:30AM Artist Fahamu Pecou

11:30AM-12:00PM End of Program Evaluations

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

12:00PM-2:00PM Lunch

2:00PM-4:00PM Closing Program

Ufuk Kâhya (Program Associate, John Lewis Fellowship)

6:00PM-8:00PM Dinner

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STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



Judith S. Goldstein, PhDFounder and Executive Director

Judith S. Goldstein founded Humanity in Action in 1997 and has served as its Executive Director ever since. Under Judith's leadership, Humanity in Action has organized educational programs on international affairs, diversity and human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands and the United States. She received her PhD in history from Columbia University and was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar for her MA studies. Judith has written several books and articles about European and American history, art and landscape architecture. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and several boards and advisory groups. Judith grew up in Great Neck, Long Island.



Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, PhDJohn Lewis Fellowship Program Director

Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado serves as Program Director for the John Lewis Fellowship at Humanity in Action. Karcheik has devoted nearly twenty years to the scholarship and preservation of African-American history and culture. She is the CEO of Preserve Black America, LLC, a research firm dedicated to documenting the African-American odyssey in the United States and Black Atlantic World. Karcheik has worked in some of the leading museum institutions in Atlanta: National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta History Center, and Herndon Home Museum. She has also served as a history professor at Agnes Scott College, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Georgia State University. Karcheik received a PhD in history from Georgia State University and is currently pursuing a MA degree in museum studies from Harvard University. She is also a multi-recipient of the prestigious National Endowment for Humanities Summer Institute Fellowship with the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University and the Georgia Historical Society.



Ufuk Kâhya Program Associate

Ufuk Kâhya serves as Humanity in Action's Program Associate for the John Lewis Fellowship. Ufuk has an academic background in Public Administration, Political Science and International Relations. Ufuk currently serves as the Leader of the Green Party at the City Council of Hertogenbosch in The Netherlands and as a Program Manager for United World Colleges The Netherlands. As a trainer on leadership, conflict transformation, community building and inclusion he worked with diverse groups of youngsters internationally, such as the indigenous youngsters of the Marowijne, Suriname. Ufuk has served as a policy advisor to Congressman A.L. Hastings and is a member of the Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network of the GMF. He serves on several boards, is a Global Shaper at the World Economic Forum and a Fulbright Alumni. Ufuk focuses on intersectional approaches on social change and inclusion throughout his political, professional and pro bono efforts.



La'Neice Littleton Program Assistant

La'Neice Marie Littleton is a fourth-year doctoral student in Humanities with concentrations in African American Studies & History at Clark Atlanta University (CAU). She attended the University of Colorado Boulder, where she earned a B.A. in Ethnic Studies, and Clark Atlanta University, where she earned an M.A. in African American Studies. A budding historian, her research focus is African American literacy and education as tools for resistance and rebellion during the nineteenth century. She is also an adjunct professor at CAU, where she engages the struggle for civil and human rights in the classroom with hopes to inspire her students to be change agents in the world. A native of Denver, Colorado, La'Neice currently lives in Atlanta.



Raphael Schoeberlein Program Intern

Raphael is graduating from Yorktown High School (Arlington, VA) this June and excited to begin studies this fall at Sarah Lawrence College. Part of a Foreign Service family, his high school career included four different high schools on three different continents. He left his native Colorado for Vienna, Austria, in 9th grade, and then spent two years in Bogotá, Colombia. While attending Colegio Nueva Granada, he excelled in the school's Model United Nations program and also in the theatre program, where he held leading roles in Grease, The Music Man, and The Tempest. As a senior at Yorktown High School, Raphael pursued technical theater, where he was Stage Manager for three major productions. He earned his varsity letter on the school's Rifle Team. Raphael is very excited about returning to the John Lewis Fellowship as a seasoned intern and looks forward to getting to know this year's fellows.



FELLOW BIOGRAPHIES



Sarah Ackermann (Robinson)

Technische Universitaet Dresden

Sarah finished her undergraduate studies in Political Science and Spanish Language and Culture in 2015. She is currently studying International Relations with a focus on international law and international politics in Dresden, Germany. While studying in the Northern Californian Bay Area (U.S.) as a visiting student in 2014/15, she engaged in a local Black Student Union. In Germany, she is currently working on building up a support network for refugees who want to start or continue to get a higher education degree. Sarah is also engaging in an empowerment project for migrants and students from non-academic backgrounds at university. Another focus of her academic and social interests are queer feminism, women's rights, racism and social injustice. After graduating from her current Masters, Sarah wants to pursue a special Masters of Law (LL.M) degree in Human Rights or get a Ph.D. in the interdisciplinary study of international politics and law.



Asia AliCopenhagen University

As the daughter of refugees, with a mixed background (Egypt, Iraq and Iran), Asia has always had to navigate different cultural spaces. Her personal experience and her fondness of cultures led her down an academic path within the field of International Studies. Majoring in American studies and minority studies, Asia decided to do study abroad in Norfolk, Virginia in 2011. After graduating, Asia moved to Copenhagen to pursue a masters degree in Cross-Cultural Studies. In her work, Asia has especially focused on the struggles that ethnic minority groups face in Western societies. Other interests include education, social politics and national identity. After completing her thesis on the gentrification of Harlem - based on independent research conducted NYC - Asia received her masters in August 2015. With a philanthropist's heart and the mind of HIA'er, Asia seeks to pursue a career within the NGO sector.



Reyna Araibi University of Arizona

Reyna Araibi is an activist from Tucson, Arizona. As an nth generation Mexican-American, first generation Lebanese-American and native resident of the borderlands, she developed a passion for social justice work where human rights and immigration intersect. In 2013, Reyna became a founding member of the Colibri Center for Human Rights, a nonprofit working to end migrant death and related suffering on the U.S.-Mexico border. Her work helped develop a voice for Colibri, writing and interfacing with diverse audiences to raise consciousness around the crisis on the border. In 2015, Reyna graduated summa cum laude from the University of Arizona Honors College with a B.S. in Public Management and Policy. Her honors thesis, "Human Rights on the U.S.-Mexico Border: The Work of Cultivating Imagined Empathy", grew out of her advocacy work and explored the role of storytelling in human rights activism. She hopes to pursue a career in human rights law.



Laure Assayag Ehess / Paris 1

Born in Paris, Laure is a graduate student in a double full-time master degree in American History at the EHESS and in Philosophy at Paris-Sorbonne. In Philosophy, she studies compromise with minority in democracies and in History she focuses on the Black Power. She will conduct research and interview former leaders in Columbia University, New York, thanks to a scholarship. She always sought to balance her demanding academic curriculum with practical involvements; alongside her studies she decided to work at the Museum of Immigration in Paris, a place that corresponds to her values for equality. She also spent a semester in King's College, Cambridge, as well as in Loyola University, Chicago; in her spare time, Laure has worked in several organizations to make art accessible to everyone (Museum of Modern Art, Ministry of Culture). She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in History to study the philosophical roots of the Black Power.



River Bunkley Emory University

Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, River is a rising junior at Emory University with a double major in African American Studies and Political Science. He is passionate about theory, collectivity, and justice. Currently at Emory University, he spends my time trying to cultivate and increase Black student solidarity and support. His interests in activism and Blackness manifest themselves through his involvement as Vice President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Social Media and Communications Manager for Emory's Black Student Union, Historian of the Black Student Alliance, and serving as a staff member for Volunteer Emory's Education Team. River has organized an event titled Black Voices, which gave Black undergraduate and graduate intellectuals the opportunity to share their scholarship and research with the Emory population in a TED-Talk styled forum. After Emory, River hopes to purse a J.D., specializing in human and civil rights.



Cassandra "Cassie" Chislom

Providence College

As a Boston native, Cassandra Chislom is a rising senior at Providence College majoring in political science and public and community service. Concentrating her studies in environmental justice, she is passionate about climate change and the social, health and environmental implications it will have for marginalized communities of color. This past semester she studied the politics of climate change in Vietnam, Morocco and Bolivia on a SIT international honors program. During which she conducted field research on how local grassroots and non-profit organizations are working to educate disenfranchised communities. Through volunteering as a community assistant at a private middle school in Providence, Cassandra became interested in education as she co-taught a justice seminar on race and gender as well as led her peers in service learning. After the program, she plans to work with urban youth engaging them in environmental issues and after graduation, she hopes to further her research abroad.



Nedima "Neda" Dzaferagic University of Sarajevo

Neda is a student of psychology at the University of Sarajevo, pursuing a master degree. Her main interests are in organizational and political psychology and she is actively involved in work with various marginalized groups. She is working on Erasmus + Programme: capacity building in higher education "School-to-Work Transition for Higher Education Students with Disabilities in Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina." Since May 2015, she is a member of the Youth Inspiration Group, where she works as a Youth Adviser for the British Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She also works in a private headhunter agency in Sarajevo as a Project assistant and Psychologist. Her research interests are political behavior, transgenerational trauma and intercultural competence.



Mitchell Esajas VU University

Mitchell Esajas (1988) is co-founder of New Urban Collective, a social enterprise with the mission to strengthen the socioeconomic position of youth with a migrant background, especially those of African descent. He obtained a master's degree in in Social and Cultural Anthropology and a master's degree in Business Administration at VU University and works as a program manager and study advisor at the department of Anthropology at the University of Amsterdam. He has a strong commitment to social justice and anti-racism and is involved in organizing educational, empowerment and advocacy programs for youths, activists students and young professionals from diverse cultural backgrounds in the Netherlands and Europe. In addition, he is actively involved in the anti-Black Pete movement and the European Network for People of African Descent and European Network Against Racism. He aspires to pursue a PhD and become a social entrepreneur.



Kathy FernandezUniversity of California, Los Angeles

Kathy is a first generation college student, raised in Wilmington, CA. She is a rising senior at UCLA, and will be graduating in the spring of 2016 with a bachelor of arts in political science and a minor in Chican@ Studies. After graduation, Kathy will be dedicating a year of service through City Year to at-promise students in Los Angeles. She aspires to attend law and graduate school afterwards.



Angeliki-Fanouria Giannaki University of Athens

Angeliki Giannaki was born and raised in Athens, where she also did her undergraduate studies in law. She spent a semester at the University of Hamburg as an Erasmus student and is currently participating in the MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Oxford. Angeliki has worked with prisoners, juvenile offenders, unaccompanied minors and minority ethnic communities, to whom she has provided legal consultation. Her academic interests are predominantly in gender, race, migration and imprisonment. More specifically, her dissertation concerns acts of resistance in women's detention centers. In the future, Angeliki plans to conduct further research on her topics of interest with the use of visual and participatory methods.



Nelly "Niloufar" Gordpour

Hunter College, The City University of New York (CUNY)

Born in Toronto and raised in New York, Nelly Niloufar Gordpour is a 2016 graduate from Hunter College (CUNY), with a double-major in Sociology and Human Rights. Her interest in human rights led her to intern with international organizations, including with Human Rights Watch's Middle East and North Africa Division, and Open Society Foundations. Nelly is currently an Associate at the American Iranian Council (AIC), a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and improving relations between the United States and Iran. Alongside her interests in law and education, Nelly is passionate about photography as a vehicle for social change. Previously, she worked with Magnum Foundation to champion independent documentary photography through its Human Rights Fellowship, and has also led several arts initiatives as a Muse Scholar at Hunter. Nelly hopes to specialize in international relations and international human rights law, with a focus on refugees and migration.



Ana Jovanovic University of Sarajevo

Ana was born in Belgrade and moved to Sarajevo at the age of twelve. Ana has been active in regional workshops for cooperation, peace building and reconciliation in the Balkans for about two years. She studies French language and literature at the University of Sarajevo and she spent two semesters as an exchange student at the University of Warsaw. Her main interests are peace building and minority rights. Since June 2015 she has been an intern at Minority Rights Group International where she writes reports on the situation of minority groups in BiH and translates news articles. She volunteered and participated in a few student organizations and NGO's, working on a couple of projects out of which her favorites are Encouraging Democratic Values and Active Citizenship among Youth by HIA BiH and Reconciliation through Education by Swiss Helsinki Parliament.



Samantha Keng Emory University

Born and raised outside Atlanta, Georgia, Samantha Keng is a rising junior at Emory University studying History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. On campus, she works with Freedom at Emory, a coalition advocating for the educational rights of undocumented students. She is also involved with Students for a Free Tibet, an organization working in solidarity with the Tibetan people for self-determination and human rights. As an intern for Asian Americans Advancing Justice, a non-profit law center, she creates programs to register voters and promote civic engagement among college students. Last summer, her interest in human rights and social movements led her to study abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she struggled with Spanish and drank one too many cups of café con leche. In the future, she hopes to pursue either a career in immigration law or a graduate degree in Asian American Studies or U.S. immigration history.



Berna Keskindemir VU University Amsterdam

Berna Keskindemir (1990) is a recent graduate in Law and Politics of International Security (LL.M.). Prior to her master degree, she obtained her BSc in Public Administration and Organization and Bachelor of Laws at VU University Amsterdam. Berna is mostly intrigued by how the language of international law is instrumentalized for political and economical gains by the so-called powerful elites and how this maintains social inequality around the globe. Her commitment to social justice is exposed through the many educational and advocacy programs she helped create and lead - for and with her peers - since 2009. The most recent one being a five-week internship program for EU, US and Canadian students in Palestine and Israel as the president of 'FFIPP Europe - Educational Network for Human Rights in Palestine/Israel'. Being a first-generation student of Turkish descent herself, she is also actively very passionate about empowering first-generation students of different cultural backgrounds.



Soujoud "Sarah" Khamassi

ESSEC Business School

Born and raised in the suburbs of Paris to Tunisian parents, Sarah recently graduated from ESSEC in international business. She holds an advanced master in media management from ESCP, a certificate in social business from HEC and is currently enrolled in religious studies at the Catholic Institute of Paris. As a civic volunteer, Sarah had the opportunity to work on youth education issues in deprived neighborhoods. Then, she launched the association "Ahmed & Adèle" and brought role models to underprivileged students in order to help them to surpass self-censorship. She is now project leader for the city hall of Drancy (one of the poorest city in the suburbs of Paris) where she manages an equal opportunity program aiming to lead underprivileged students to pursue ambitious academic and professional careers.



Malgorzata "Margaret" Leszko Warsaw University

Malgorzata Leszko was born in Poland, but her interest in human rights stems from having been raised in former Yugoslavia during and after the civil war. She graduated from the Warsaw University with a major in Polish. For the last 4 years she has been a project coordinator in Center for Citizenship Education. She educates teachers and students on the issues of discrimination and hate speech, encouraging them to take action against intolerance. Some of the programs she worked on are 'Leaders of Tolerance' and 'Hatred - I'm against it'. She is also the coordinator of Irena Sendler Award 'For Repairing the World', which aims to reward teachers determined to teach about human rights. Malgorzata's other passion is local community involvment: in her spare time she strives to engage her neighbors in the community life: she initiates neighborhood picnics, mentors residents who carry out activities for common good.



Madeeha Mehmood University of Southern Denmark

Born and raised in Denmark, with a father from Pakistan and a mother from United Kingdom, Madeeha Mehmood has a very multicultural background. She recently completed her Bachelor of Arts in Business, Language and Culture, and wishes to pursue a career in Politics in her country and work on the topics of International Trade Agreements, Women's Rights, Antiradicalization and their effect on society. She has previously worked for the Bernie Sanders campaign in USA, several Danish NGO's and teaches Debate and Democracy among other courses from 5th grade to university level. She is diplomatically experienced as a Danish Youth Ambassador to the OSCE and European Parliament. In her free time, she likes to travel with her friends and family. After trying to work on issues from a grassroots and political level, Madeeha is now interested in doing more research as a John Lewis fellow.



Ashley Needham University of Oregon

Born in Queens, New York and raised in Portland, Oregon, Ashley is a graduate from the University of Oregon with a degree in Anthropology and Philosophy. In December 2015, Ashley graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a LLM in Criminal Justice and Human Rights Law, where she wrote her dissertation on police use of deadly force against black Americans in the United States. In Belfast, she worked with three human rights organizations on receiving justice for the families of individuals that were killed as a result of collusion between the British Army and paramilitary groups during the conflict. During her time in Europe, she attended The Hague Academy of International Law and earned a certificate in Public International Law. Currently, Ashley works for a criminal defense attorney on a federal drug conspiracy case and a capital murder case. She plans on pursuing a law degree.



Eric OtienoUniversity of Kassel

Eric graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Sociology from Goethe University Frankfurt last year. He is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Global Political Economy at the University of Kassel. Eric has been an active MUN Participant, having represented Cuba in the ECOSOC Plenary at last year's National Model United Nations in New York City. In-between his Degree Programmes, Eric Interned at the Frankfurt based Development Policy Network and at the Bundestag where, inter alia, he researched on Human Trafficking within the Au-Pair system in Germany. Born and raised in Kenya, Eric is very passionate about Global Justice, Post-colonialism, Development Policy and Human Rights, and has been often invited to speak on the correlation between World Trade and the Migration Crisis since its peak in Germany in the summer of 2015. He is also a Fellow of the Africa Good Governance Network and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.



Symone PurcellEastern Kentucky University

Symone Purcell spent her childhood among the rolling hills of London, Kentucky. She is a Junior at Eastern Kentucky University majoring in Biology with a Pre-Medicine focus. An avid member of the EKU Student Government Association, she co-chairs the Cultural Art and Education Committee of the Student Activities Council Branch, providing educational programs for the student body. She is also a devoted student mentor, providing guidance and support to freshman students as well as high school students interested in possible careers in the health field. When she is not working with students as a mentor, she serves as an Honors Ambassador for the EKU Honors Program. She can also be found reading books about faraway worlds, drawing people, or practicing the piano. After EKU, Purcell hopes to become a medical student.



Joseph QuisolCollege of Charleston

Joseph Quisol is a senior at the College of Charleston where he will graduate with a degree in International Studies and Political Science. He studied abroad for a year at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands where he co-led Escaping Barcode Life, a student-run group that raised awareness about the local impact of slavery and human trafficking. In Charleston, he is a Policy Fellow at Enough Pie, an arts-based community advocacy organization, where he has authored a case study on the local impact of affordable commercial space. After Charleston, Joseph will begin working as a campus coordinator for the Public Interest Research Group in Massachusetts and hopes to complete a masters degree in Public Policy. Outside of academics, Joseph is a singer/songwriter and hopes to build a career using music and the arts for political advocacy.



Jacob Rudolph University of Miami

Jacob Rudolph grew up in Parsippany, New Jersey with his loving parents and brother. In 2013, Jacob made headlines when a video of him coming out in front of more than 300 of his classmates went viral with over 2,000,000 views. Soon after, Jacob was featured on national TV interviews with Anderson Cooper, Thomas Roberts on MSNBC, Don Lemon on CNN, and with Joy Behar, as well as in the LA Times and other print media. Inspired to continue speaking up, Jacob successfully assisted local civil rights groups in helping pass a state law that bans conversion therapy on LGBTQ youth in New Jersey. A rising senior at the University of Miami, Jacob studies political science, music, communication, and LGBTQ studies. He is a Point Foundation Scholar, a former Student Government presidential candidate, Truman Scholarship nominee, LeaderShape graduate, and a passionate advocate for youth empowerment and a compassionate American society.



Ahva Sadeghi University of Arizona

Ahva Sadeghi, first generation Iranian American, is a Masters Candidate at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) researching human rights and economic sanctions. At LSE, Ahva serves as president of the MSc Human Rights Committee. Ahva has contributed to research on the 2015 Human Rights Report on the Middle East and 2014 Trafficking In Persons Report. In May 2015, she graduated with her Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law at the University of Arizona as the Outstanding Senior from the Honors College. At UA, Ahva was extremely active in founding the first human rights student organization and enjoyed playing cello in the philharmonic orchestra. She plans to pursue law school upon completing her masters to become an international human rights attorney.



Malgorzata "Margo" Sobolewska University of Warsaw

A national of Poland, Malgorzata (Margo) is a senior at the University of Warsaw with Major in American Studies and minor in Forensic Studies. She finished her BA in radio journalism and MA in documentary journalism. During her journalistic program, she went for a year-long exchange at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago where she also worked for the Chicago Innocence Project (now Chicago Innocence Center), contributing to the teamwork on wrongful conviction cases. Having been shaped by this experience as well as by her cooperation with Young Journalists' Association Polis and Polish chapter of Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, she wants to work on cases of wrongful convictions and explore misconduct in the system, abuses of power and police torture. Her plan is to work as an investigative reporter. She wants to be part of the US team of the Guardian, which specializes in the American justice system.



Joseph "Davis" Thompson

Middle Tennessee State University

Davis Thompson graduated Middle Tennessee State University in 2015 with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Journalism. He is currently completing a Fulbright Scholarship, teaching English in the Slovak Republic. During his time as an undergraduate, he conducted independent research on the disproportionate barriers LGBTQ individuals and women face when applying for asylum. He hopes to continue to work on and study the issues facing the United States' immigrant population throughout his career. At MTSU, Davis worked to establish an active chapter of the College Democrats and a Food Recovery Plan for the school's dining halls. He has also completed internships in the State Senate of Tennessee, Office of Congressman Jim Cooper, and in the Office of First Lady Michelle Obama. After the completion of his Fulbright, he hopes to return to D.C. and gain work experience before pursuing a masters in international communication.



Karissa Tom

Lewis & Clark College

Karissa Tom is a senior at Lewis & Clark College graduating with a degree in Sociology & Anthropology. A lifelong learner, she strives to bring her passions for youth empowerment, educational equity, and intersectional-interracial-intergenerational advocacy into everything she does. Karissa has been involved in many activist organizations and movements for greater institutional diversity on campus and is a regular contributor to LC's annual symposium on Race and Ethnic Studies. As the Student Life Intern for the Department of Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement, she facilitates workshops on allyship and organizes community events for students of color. She also co-founded the Social Justice Tour, which highlights the College's history of student activism and civil disobedience. Karissa plans on pursuing an M.A. in Student Affairs, with the goal of directing a college multicultural center where she will work with, and learn from, new generations of social justice leaders.



Kassandra Valles

University of Kansas

Raised in Kansas City, Kassandra is a rising senior and first-generation college student at the University of Kansas, with a double major in history and international studies. Her interests include cultural heritage and museum studies, with particular interest in how museums function as tools of advocacy and change, and their role in cultural preservation. As a Mexican-American, Kassandra is also interested in the increased accessibility of museums among minority populations. She was a participant of the Andrew W. Mellon Undergraduate Curatorial Academy, whose objective is to promote more inclusive, pluralistic museums. She also served as the President of Student Union Activities, implementing culturally and politically relevant on-campus events. She currently serves as a teaching assistant for the University Honors Program and works in the education department at the Spencer Museum of Art. Kassandra plans to pursue a career in cultural preservation and human rights advocacy.



Monae White Spelman College

Monae White is a Confidential Assistant in the White House Liaison Office at the U.S. Department of Education. In this role, she supports efforts to recruit, develop, and retain other political appointees within the Obama Administration. A class of 2014 graduate of Spelman College, Monae has developed a passion for working in community with economically disadvantaged communities of color - particularly with the women and femmes of those neighborhoods. While at Spelman, she served as the Director of the Spelman College rock Trial Team and studied as an Associate with the Spelman College Social Justice Fellows Program. Currently, Monae works as the Membership Co-Chair for the DC Chapter of the Black Youth Project 100, an activist membership-based organization dedicated to progressing justice for the Black community.



Ryan Wilson Yale University

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Ryan is a rising senior at Yale University aiming for his Bachelor of Arts in Ethnicity, Race, and Migration. Ryan is very passionate about social justice, often taking part in political organizing and action on Yale's campus. He was a part of the #NextYale student movement that made national news in the U.S.in the fall of 2015. Ryan also contributes pieces to various school newspapers concerning topics such as student activism, education, and racial and gender inequality. Ryan currently serves on the Student Advisory Board to Yale's new Center for the Study of Race, Indigineity, and Transnational Migration that was established following student protests. He will serve as the Political Action Chair of Yale's chapter of the NAACP in his senior year. Ryan's hobbies include skateboarding and practicing martial arts. He hopes to pursue a Ph.D in ethnic studies after graduating from Yale.



Christine YuCornell University

Originally from New Jersey, Christine graduated from Cornell University as an Industrial Labor Relations major with course work in humanitarianism and social entrepreneurship. Her passion for humanitarianism and gender equity developed after studying a number of humanitarian initiatives that had backfired, and she organized a campus forum to highlight linkages between global gender inequity and Cornell's student body. At Cornell, she served as a mentor in the Society for Women In Business and as an executive board member for Red Ideas, a grant-making student organization that funded "creative ideas to improve the human condition." Christine was also vice president of the Cornell debate team and competed internationally. Currently, Christine works as a human capital consultant at Mercer, and is particularly interested in finding new ways that the for-profit sector can contribute to human rights/humanitarian work. She plans to pursue graduate school and work in the humanitarian and international development space.

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KENNETH B. MORRIS, JR.

Kenneth B. Morris, Jr. is descended from two of the most important names in American history: he is the great-great-great grandson of Frederick Douglass and the great-great grandson of Booker T. Washington. His life until the year 2007 could be described as distinguished yet decisively disengaged from his lineage until Providence called.

Ken's career and life path are driven by a mission to end human trafficking and all forms of servitude with a clear focus on his organization's mission To Advance Freedom through Knowledge and Strategic Action. He could not have predicted that one day he would so fully embrace and be defined by the characteristics that so closely defined his famous ancestors.

Ken's extraordinary lineage flows through the maternal side of his family by way of the union of his grandmother, Nettie Hancock Washington (granddaughter of Booker T. Washington), and his grandfather, Dr. Frederick Douglass III (great grandson of Frederick Douglass). When Ken's mother, Nettie Washington Douglass, was born she was the first to unite the bloodlines. Ken is the first male to do so.

Prior to becoming a Social Entrepreneur, Ken and his business partner managed a successful marketing and entertainment firm. C&A Marketing became a leader in the field of corporate meetings and incentive travel developing customized marketing programs for major cruise lines and resort hotels. Some of the skills learned during his corporate career have also served Ken well in Civil Society.

Driven by what he believes deeply to be a calling, Ken is an inspirational and powerful public speaker. His dynamic public appearances have included; keynote addresses for corporate America, OSCE: Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, charitable organizations, speeches for government agencies and, of course, a multitude of interactive conversations with large groups of students in every corner of the country.

Ken is now the President of the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives (FDFI), a public charity that endeavors to create a modern Abolitionist Movement in schools all over the country through the vehicle of Service-Learning curricula called History, Human Rights and the Power of One. FDFI operates on the belief that young people play critical roles on both sides of the Contemporary Slavery spectrum: at one end, they are the most vulnerable to becoming its victims and, at the other, the most qualified to lead its demise.

Some of the work done by Ken and the foundation since 2008 include: reaching approximately 60,000 middle and high school students through the Frederick Douglass Dialogues Tour; appearing on television, radio and in newspaper articles (including CNN, Newsweek Video, PBS, NPR, the Tavis Smiley Show, the Bev Smith Show, the Washington Post, USA Today and The CBS Evening News), creating the Abolition Day Project allowing students to bring awareness of human trafficking to millions of people all over the United States and initiating HR 929, the House Resolution to recognize Abolition Day internationally as well as the work of Frederick Douglass and FDFI toward ending slavery.

In addition, Ken has given lectures about his family history at universities all over the country including Columbia University, Morehouse College, Kennesaw State, UNLV, Tuskegee University, Virginia Tech, California University of Pennsylvania and Yale University. Ken appeared in the National Geographic documentary Civil Warriors commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War in April 2010 and he appeared in the History Channel documentary Blood and Glory: The Civil War in Color in April 2015 commemorating the 150th anniversary of the end of the war. He recently contributed the afterword to Picturing Frederick Douglass: An Illustrated Biography of the Nineteenth Century's Most Photographed American published November 2015 (Authors: John Stauffer, Zoe Trodd, Celeste-Marie Bernier with a foreword by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., WW Norton & Company, 2015). Ken is honored to have been a keynote speaker at the United Nations on several occasions.

Ken believes he has an obligation to use the platform his ancestors have built, through struggle and through sacrifice, to stand up and fight to end the scourge of modern-day slavery. In addition to his

duties at FDFI, he sits on the Honorary Advisory Committee for the Frederick Douglass Ireland Project and he is an Ambassador for the non-profit organization, Human Rights First. He has contributed his talents to the board of directors for Kaleidoscope Arts Factory, a non-profit performing arts organization for children, the Booker T. Washington Family Committee and the Dean's Advisory Committee at the University of La Verne.

Ken received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of La Verne January, 2012. In June 2012, he received the National Park Services Network To Freedom Underground Railroad Frederick Douglass Legacy Award. In January 2014, he was awarded the Women's E-News 21 Leaders for the 21st Century *Ida B. Wells Award for Bravery in Journalism*. In April 2016, Ken received the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights' Anne Frank Change the World Award.



ILYASAH SHABAZZ

Ilyasah al Shabazz, third daughter of Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz, is an educator, activist, motivational speaker, and author of award winning publications such as: a coming of age memoir entitled, *Growing Up X* (Random House 2002); a children's illustration book entitled, *Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to Become Malcolm X* (Simon & Schuster 2014), and a young adult historical fiction book entitled, *X, A Novel* (Candlewick Press 2015).

Ilyasah promotes higher education for at-risk youth, interfaith dialogue to build bridges between cultures for young leaders of the world, and she participates on international humanitarian delegations. Ilyasah produced training programs to encourage higher education sanctioned by the City University of New York's

Office of Academic Affairs.

She served twelve years on the Executive Youth Board for the City of Mount Vernon's Mayor Ernest Davis, including appointments as Director of Public Relations, Director of Public Affairs & Special Events, and later promoted to Director of Cultural Affairs. She is a mentor for Nile Rogers' We Are Family Foundation. She mentors at various group homes, lock-up facilities, high schools and college campuses through production of The WAKE-UP Tour™ extra Credit Forums—her exclusive youth empowerment program.

Ilyasah has retraced her father's footsteps to the Holy City of Mecca, explored religious and historical sites in both Egypt and Jordan as the guest of Princess Alia Hussein, participated in interfaith dialogue study programs under Rabbi Nancy Kreimer and Dr. Aziza Al Hibri, and Ilyasah has served as member of the American Interfaith Leadership delegation that participated with the Malaria No More Foundation in Mali, West Africa. Ilyasah also served as a member of the United States delegation that accompanied President Bill Clinton to South Africa to commemorate election of President Nelson Mandela and the economic business development initiative.

Ilyasah is the recipient of numerous awards. Her latest book, X, A Novel, is the winner of a 2016 NAACP Image Award. The novel is also recognized by We Need Diverse Books with its Walter Dean Myers – Library of Congress Inaugural Award and the American Library Association with its Coretta Scott King Book Award.

Ilyasah serves as a Trustee for the Harlem Symphony Orchestra, The Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center, and The Malcolm X Foundation. She is a member of the Arts Committee for the New York City Opera at Lincoln Center and a project advisor for the PBS award-winning Prince Among Slaves documentary.

Ilyasah holds a Master of Science in Education & Human Resource Development from Fordham University; a Bachelors of Science in Biology from SUNY/New Paltz; and she is currently an adjunct professor at John Jay College for Criminal Justice in New York City. For further information, please visit www.ilyasahshabazz.com

Wednesday, July 6

Derreck Kayongo

Derreck Kayongo is the Chief Executive Officer of The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Inc. He and his family fled a civil war in Uganda and settled in Kenya as refugees. He then found his way to the U.S. where he became a successful entrepreneur as the founder of the Global Soap Project, a program which takes partially used soap from hotels, recycles them into new bars of soap, and redistributes the new bars to vulnerable populations around the world. Kayongo has been featured as a TEDx speaker and at several corporate and university forums. He recently coauthored, "The Roadmap to Success," with Dr. Deepak Chopra and Dr. Ken Blanchard. Within this work, Kayongo focuses on Understanding the Instructive Power of Failure When Building Successful Ventures. Kayongo has also been a guest on several news programs including the Christiana Amanpour Show and BBCs Focus on Africa. Currently he's at work on a new book, scheduled to be released in 2016, that focuses on how he found his calling in life as a former refugee. Kayongo is a graduate of the prestigious Fletcher school of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Deborah J. Richardson

Deborah J. Richardson is the Executive Vice President of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, leading its philanthropic partnerships. She recently served as the Interim Chief Executive Officer during the organization's search for its permanent CEO. Prior to joining NCCHR in 2011, Deborah was Chief Program Officer at Women's Funding Network in San Francisco, CEO of The Atlanta Women's Foundation, Director of Program Development for Fulton County Juvenile Court, founding Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Fund (now YouthSpark) and Managing Director of the National Black Arts Festival. Deborah has received honors by many organizations for her advocacy; among them, the "Lives of Commitment Award" from Auburn Theological Seminary, "The Pathbreaker Award" from Shared Hope International, "The Big Voice Award" from Georgia Voices for Children, and the "Community Service Award" from Spelman College Board of Trustees. She is a nationally recognized leader on social justice for women and girls and ending child sex trafficking. She has designed leading programs for girls victimized by trafficking and testified before Congress. She has a Masters of Arts in Leadership from St. Mary's College of California and is a doctoral candidate in Public Policy and Social Change from Union Institute & University.

Michelle Issadore, MEd

Michelle Issadore, MEd is the Executive Director of the School and College Organization for Prevention Educators (SCOPE), the Assistant Executive Direction of Prevention and Advocacy for the Association of Title IX Administrators (ATIXA), and an Affiliated Consultant with The NCHERM Group. She works with schools, colleges and community organizations nationwide to assess and improve their strategic prevention efforts, as well as research and understand best practice initiatives. She has a B.A. in Psychology and Women's Studies from Brandeis University and a M.Ed. in College Student Affairs from The Pennsylvania State University. Michelle spent five years as Assistant Director of the Women's Center at Lehigh University. She coordinated sexual violence prevention and response, including annual and ongoing trainings and programming for faculty, staff and students. Michelle advised Lehigh's peer educator group and hotline, which was the 2009 recipient of NASPA's Silver Excellence Award for Violence Education and Prevention, Crisis Management and Campus Security. She created a writingintensive sexual violence course and taught in the Women's Studies program. Michelle completed 40 hours of advocate training in Pennsylvania's Northampton and Lehigh counties. Michelle has served as co-chair of the National Women's Studies Association's Women's Centers Committee, as a member of the Clery Center for Security on Campus Advisory Board and as part of the Futures Without Violence Campus Policy Advisory Board.

Thursday, July 7

Daniel Black, PhD

Dr. Daniel Black hails from rural Arkansas. At 20, he earned the prestigious Oxford Modern British Studies fellowship which sent him to Oxford University. Upon graduation from Clark College, Magna Cum Laude, he was awarded a full fellowship to Temple University where he studied with the poet laureate of the Black Arts Movement, professor Sonia Sanchez, At age 26, he was awarded a Ph.D. in African American Studies from Temple University. Dr. Black is a renowned, award-winning novelist. His works include They Tell Me of a Home, The Sacred Place, Perfect Peace, Twelve Gates to the City, and Listen to the Lambs. Dr. Black has been nominated for The Townsend Literary Prize three times, The Ernest J. Gaines Award, the Ferro-Grumbley Literary Prize, the Lambda Literary Award, and the Georgia Author of the Year Prize twice. In 2014, he won the Distinguished Writer's Award from the Mid-Atlantic Writer's Association. In 2011, the GOG National Book Club Committee named him its "Author of the Year" for Perfect Peace. Perfect Peace novel has been reprinted more than ten times and is being heralded as a major American literary classic. Presently, Dr. Black is full-professor of African American Studies at Clark Atlanta University. The Coming, one of his most recent releases, is a first-hand account of the trauma and triumph of Africans on a slave ship in the 16th century. It has been nominated for the 2016 Townsend Award in Fiction. In February 2016, Dr. Black released Listen to the Lambs. This novel explores the lives and agency of homeless people who find each other on the street and create lives of meaning without material substance. Dr. Black lives in Atlanta and is the founder of the Ndugu-Nzinga rites of passage nation.

Roslyn Pope, PhD

In March 1960, Spelman student government president, Roslyn Pope authored "An Appeal for Human Rights" which appeared as a full-page advertisement in multiple newspapers including the Atlanta Constitution and the Nation. Her words, "We do not intend to wait placidly for those rights which are already legally and morally ours to be meted out to us one at a time," ignited the Atlanta Student Movement in Atlanta. During the Modern Civil Rights Movement, the tenets articulated in the manifesto shaped the ideals of a generation of student activists throughout the United States. As one of the most important written documents of the 20th century, her words also expanded the definition of civil rights as a human right, meaning the recognition of the inherent dignity and inalienable rights of all members of the human family. When asked about the "Appeal" and the words she so eloquently penned, she replied, "Having just returned from a year of study in Paris as a Merrill Scholar, I was not in the mood to return to segregation and second class citizenship. ... I was unshackled. I was looking for a movement." In 2012, Dr. Pope was recognized with a proclamation by theAtlanta City Council and in 2013, she received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Spelman College for her years of service as a civil rights activist, educator, and civic leader.

Friday, July 8

James M. Thomas PhD

James M. Thomas (JT) is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Mississippi. His research interests include histories of race and racism, critical race theory, phenomenologies of power, and critical affect studies. He is the author or co-author of three books, and more than a dozen articles and book chapters. His most recent book, co-authored with Sander Gilman, traces the idea of race and racism as psychopathological categories from the mid-19th century to the present. Entitled Are Racists Crazy?: How Prejudice, Racism, and Antisemitism Became Markers of Insanity (NYU Press forthcoming), Gilman and Thomas provide a rich account for how the medical, social, and behavioral sciences used race as a means of defining psychopathology, and how assertions about race and madness became embedded within mental health discourses.

Monday, July 11

Jacqueline A. Rouse, PhD

Jacqueline A. Rouse, PhD received her bachelor's from Howard University, her master's from Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University) and her PhD from Emory University, specializing in African American women. Since 1991 she has been a member of the History Department and associate faculty (and founding coordinator of) the Department of African American Studies, Georgia State University, Previous affiliations have included American University, Morehouse College, Georgia Tech and as a consultant to the African American History Program, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. Dr. Rouse's specialty is southern African American women and the modern civil rights movement. Her research and publications, including books, articles, and documentaries examining the varied lives of black women. Lugenia Burns Hope, Black Southern Reformer won the Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Publication Prize 1990. Women in the Civil Rights Movement, Trailblazers and Torchbearers, 1941-1965 is recognized as a leading work on women and civil rights. Her current project, Nurturing Seeds of Discontent: Septima P. Clark and Participatory Democracy is being revised for Kentucky University Press. As a historian and public lecturer, Dr. Rouse has organized national conferences like the "Women in the Civil Rights Movement, Trailblazers and Torchbearer" at the King Center, Atlanta, Georgia, Fall 1988. She has served as president of the Southern Association of Women Historians, the Association of Black Women Historians and the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists. She has been the recipient of several national fellowships and awards. On September 29, 2012 the Association of Black Women Historians, presented Dr. Rouse with its Lorraine Williams Leadership Award in recognition of her lifetime career and her national legacy as a pioneer in the field of African American Women's History. In March 2015, Dr. Rouse was honored as one of the founders of African American Women's History by Michigan State University's Cross Black Women Cross Generational Symposium.

Charmayne E. Patterson, PhD

Dr. Charmayne E. Patterson earned her doctorate in History from Georgia State University. Her dissertation examined the role of Prosperity Theology in the African American Megachurch. With interests in twentieth century American and African American History, the contemporary Black Church, and the relationship between religion and science her current research focuses on the role of social activism in African American Megachurches. Dr. Patterson is an Assistant Professor in the Department of African American Studies, Africana Women's Studies, and History (AWH) at Clark Atlanta University.

Stephanie Y. Evans, PhD

Dr. Stephanie Y. Evans is Professor and Chair of the Department of African American Studies, Africana Women's Studies, and History (AWH) at Clark Atlanta University. She is the author of three books: Black Passports: Travel Memoirs as a Tool for Youth Empowerment (2014), Black Women in the Ivory Tower, 1850-1954: An Intellectual History (2007) and a co-edited book, African Americans and Community Engagement in Higher Education (2009). Building on ideas of progressive peace and self-empowerment, her recent articles in Peace Studies Journal and Journal of Poetry Therapy established Black women's intellectual history as a strength-based model for mental health. Dr. Evans, along with two colleagues has edited Black Women's Mental Health: Balancing Strength and Vulnerability, a forthcoming volume that brings together interdisciplinary scholars and practitioners to expand this important conversation (SUNY Press, 2017). Her work on Africana memoirs exemplifies literary mentoring and her work on growth and healing are practical outgrowths of her research on Dr. Anna Julia Cooper's human rights legacy. In 2015, Dr. Evans edited the Phylon: Review of Race and Culture, reviving the journal founded by W. E. B. Du Bois at Clark Atlanta University.

Kurt B. Young, PhD

Dr. Kurt B. Young is currently Associate Professor of Political Science at Clark Atlanta University. Dr. Young was born in Belize City, Belize and grew up in Jersey City, NJ and Tampa, FL. He attended the University of Florida where he received his undergraduate degree in History. Dr. Young's M.A. is in African & African American Studies, and he earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Young has conducted extensive research on the subject of Pan-Africanism. Additional areas of specialization include Africana Political Thought, Africana Political Movements, African AmericanPolitics, and African & Caribbean Political Economy.

Tuesday, July 12

Beverly Tatum, PhD

Dr. Beverly Tatum is President Emerita of Spelman College. A 2013 recipient of the Carnegie Academic Leadership Award, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum served as president of Spelman College from 2002-2015. Her tenure as president was marked by a period of great innovation and growth, including significant increases in student scholarship support, opportunities for global travel and undergraduate research, campus expansion and a dramatic rise in alumnae support. Dr. Tatum is the author of Can We Talk About Race? And Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation (2007), "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" and Other Conversations about Race (1997), and Assimilation Blues: Black Families in a White Community (1987). In 2005 she was awarded the prestigious Brock International Prize in Education for her innovative leadership in the field. A Fellow of the American Psychological Association, she was the 2014 recipient of the APA Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology. She is a member of the national Teach for America board. She holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Wesleyan University, and M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from University of Michigan as well as an M.A. in Religious Studies from Hartford Seminary.

Carol Anderson, PhD

Carol Anderson is Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of African American Studies at Emory University. Professor Anderson's research and teaching focus on public policy; particularly the ways that domestic and international policies intersect through the issues of race, justice and equality in the United States.Professor Anderson is the author of Eyes Off the Prize: The United Nations and the African-American Struggle for Human Rights, 1944-1955, which was published by Cambridge University Press and awarded both the Gustavus Myers and Myrna Bernath Book Awards. In her most recent work, Bourgeois Radicals: The NAACP and the Struggle for Colonial Liberation, 1941-1960, also published by Cambridge, Professor Anderson has uncovered the long-hidden and important role of the nation's most powerful civil rights organization in the fight for the liberation of peoples of color in Africa and Asia. Her research has garnered substantial fellowships and grants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the Ford Foundation, National Humanities Center, Harvard University's Charles Warren Center, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (The Big Ten and the University of Chicago), and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. She has also served on working groups dealing with race. minority rights, and criminal justice at Stanford's Center for Applied Science and Behavioral Studies, the Aspen Institute, and the United Nations. Her op-ed in the Washington Post was the most shared for the newspaper in 2014. Professor Anderson has received numerous teaching awards, including the Crystal Apple Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, the Mizzou Class of '39 Outstanding Faculty Award, the Most Inspiring Professor Award from the Athletic Department, the Gold Chalk Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching, and the Provost's Teaching Award for Outstanding Junior Faculty. Professor Anderson was a member of the U.S. State Department's Historical Advisory Committee and is currently on the Board of Directors of the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Miami University, where she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Political Science, International Relations, and History. She earned her Ph.D. in history from The Ohio State University.

Wednesday, July 13

Kipton Jensen, PhD

Dr. Kipton E. Jensen is an associate professor of philosophy at Morehouse College. Before joining the faculty at Morehouse, in 2010, Jensen taught philosophy and religion at the University of Botswana (2005-2009). While in Botswana, Jensen studied the role of traditional leaders and religious communities in public health, especially HIV; in 2012, Jensen published *Parallel Discourses: Religious Identity and HIV Prevention in Botswana* (Cambridge Scholars Press). Jensen has also published a book on *Hegel: Hovering* (2011) and numerous essays on the philosophy of religion, nonviolence, pragmatism, personal identity, African communalism, and the beloved community; his present research focuses on the philosophy of Howard Thurman ('23), Benjamin Mays, and Martin Luther King ('48). Jensen received his PhD from Marquette University in 1996 and his BA, in Classical Languages, is from the University of Nebraska. Dr. Jensen received a Fulbright teaching fellowship at Martin Luther Universitaet in 1999 and

he was a visiting scholar at Harvard University in 2000. At Morehouse College, Dr. Jensen has taught on the history of philosophy, the philosophy of science, Howard Thurman, and African American philosophies of nonviolence.

Samuel T. Livingston, PhD

Dr. Samuel T. Livingston is an Associate professor and the Director of the African American Studies Program at Morehouse College. He earned his doctoral degree in African American Studies from Temple University. His dissertation focused on the relationship between the Nation of Islam and Hip Hop Culture. His current research focuses on Africana resistance movements and their use of cultural traditions. Courses that Dr. Livingston teaches include Africana Studies Theory, The Black Aesthetic of Hip Hop Culture, and Global African Identity and Ethics: Black lives Matter: A Global Perspective. Dr. Livingston is currently engaged in the construction and support of the Atlanta University Center Global Africana Ethical Text Digital mapping project.

Vicki Crawford, PhD

Dr. Vicki Crawford is Director of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection where she is developing campus-based programming in support of the Collection and creating opportunities for teaching, research and scholarship that promote the legacy of Dr. King. She is an editor of the groundbreaking volume of essays, *Women in the Civil Rights Movement: Trailblazers and Torchbearers*, which addresses the role of underrepresented women in the Civil Rights Movement. Her scholarship also includes a number of book chapters and essays such as "African American Women in the Twenty-First Century: The Continuing Challenge," in the *American Woman* (2000); several entries in *Black Women in America* as well as a book chapter in *Sisters in the Struggle*. Dr. Crawford received her Ph.D. from Emory University in the field of American Studies with a concentration in twentieth century African American history. She has served as faculty at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the State University of West Georgia and Clark Atlanta University.

Tiffany Atwater

A native of Jonesboro, Georgia, Tiffany Atwater attended South Carolina State University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 2012. She received her Masters of Archival Studies degree from Clayton State University in 2015, and currently serves as the Public Services Archivist at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library's Archives Research Center. In this capacity, Ms. Atwater is responsible for administering the department's public services through oversight of reference services, and the promotion of archival and special collections via course instruction, programming and curation of exhibits.

Thursday, July 14

Nasir Muhammad

The mission of Black Mecca of the South Tours is to recover neglected aspects of Georgia's African American and racial history and demonstrate their integral relevancy to the social, cultural and political life of today's American society.

Friday, July 15

Alfred Conteh

Alfred Conteh is a classically trained artist, who has practiced his craft for more than 20 years. After earning a BFA from Hampton University, Conteh continued his formal education at Georgia Southern University, earning a master's degree in fine arts. Conteh's creative technique ranges from paintings and prints, to sculptures and three-dimensional works. As an African American artists Conteh aspires to bring the unexplored stories of black culture to the forefront and inspire his community.

Tabia S. Lisenbee-Parker

Tabia S. Lisenbee-Parker was born in Purdue, built in Philadelphia, and nutured in Atlanta. Her formal education included studying Economics and Communications at Spelman College and Clark Atlanta

University respectively, but her most impactful lessons have come from 15 years of creating photographs, voluntourism, and arts education. Eight years working in multicultural advertising and marketing was pivotal in allowing Tabia to add volume to her voice and gain better insights around human behavior. Nothing, however, has been more rewarding than her work with disabled and discouraged youth in the Metro Atlanta area. In 2011 Tabia founded the CAPTURE Project, a youth outreach program with a focus on social responsibility via the documentary arts. It is through this initiative that she is able to fuse her profession and purpose. Her recent work takes a more ethnographic focus through the documentation and creation of work centered around gender, sexuality, and civil rights. Storytelling, whatever the medium, is what sustains the past, and guides the future. Each opportunity to capture her subjects' narratives inspires her to write the next line in her own.

Charmaine Minniefield

As a visual artist Charmaine Minniefield draws from indigenous traditions as seen throughout Africa and the Diaspora by exploring African and African-American ritual from a feminist perspective. Inspired by history, her "shrine" images ritually explore the power of women and reclaim the ancestors as sacred symbols of freedom. With a degree in Fine Art from Agnes Scott College, Charmaine Minniefield has also served the Atlanta area as an arts administrator for nearly 20 years, holding positions with such arts organizations as the National Black Arts Festival, the High Museum of Art and the Fulton County Department of Art and Culture. Her work is featured in a number of public and private collections throughout the southeast including the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American History and Culture and Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture. Her New Freedom Project explores disappearing African-American communities which influenced the content of her recent mural in Atlanta's King Historic District. Her next projects include bringing attention to the Beacon Hill story in the city of Decatur and a mural in Harlem, NY in collaboration with the Schomburg in the fall of 2016.

Joe Dreher aka JOEKINGATL

"I consider myself a social artist. My work is mainly described as installation art. I use a number of tools and mediums to create my work including photography, murals, street art, wheatpaste, painting, sculpture, architecture, poetry to name a few. People are my primary interest and it is my appreciation for people that informs so much of my creative work. My work is always multi-dimensional because I see a world where people are not flat. They are not obstacles, or heroes, or rogues, or saints. They are people - dimensional and deep. There are no strangers in your world when you meet people fully prepared to accept who they are. My work does not seek to capture or take from them but to give and to elevate them. I pride myself on making art that is low in cost but high in concept, fast in execution but lasting in relevance, inclusive and many times interactive. I welcome and enjoy collaboration and I have a way turning personal projects inside out, finding a way to make the work be less about the author and more integral to a community. I have collaborated with artists of all types including dancers both as a performer and exhibitor. I am inspired by others artists and people in my community and I believe in giving back for the opportunities i have been given. I do so by creating new opportunities not just for myself but to give others a chance to create. No matter how my work may evolve, or into what media I may explore, you will always find that I center myself through my great affection for people. Joe is a graduate of Savannah College of Art & Design with a Master of Architecture Degree and the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Architecture Award, AIA Design Award and the Commitment to Sustainability Award."

Minka Wiltz

Minka Wiltz began her love/like relationship with performance when she was six years old. She admits, "Growing up I didn't know if I wanted to sing, I just knew I could. What I always loved to do was tell stories. Now I get to tell Doris' story in this great new series Walter Frisk Lets Go. I've never played a character like her before and I'm so excited!" Minka has worked and studied in New York City, but is most proud of her work in Atlanta: The Horizon Theater, The Actors Express, Synchronicity Theater, The Atlanta Opera, Working Title Playwrights and The Alliance Theater. She is currently developing Breathing Fire Moving Earth (BFME) with Theater Emory which is a musical follow up piece to her one woman show Shaking The Wind (STW).

Monday, July 18

Azadeh Shahshahani

Azadeh Shahshahani is Legal & Advocacy Director with Project South. Azadeh has worked for a number of years in North Carolina and Georgia to protect the human rights of immigrants and Muslim, Middle Eastern, and South Asian communities. She previously served as National Security/Immigrants' Rights Project Director with the ACLU of Georgia, Azadeh is a past president of the National Lawvers Guild. Through the NLG, Azadeh has participated in international delegations, including to post-revolutionary Tunisia and Egypt, a delegation focused on the situation of Palestinian political prisoners, and election monitoring delegations to Venezuela and Honduras. She has also served as a member of the jury in people's tribunals on Mexico and the Philippines. Azadeh also serves as Chair of Georgia Detention Watch, Co-chair of the US Human Rights Network Working Group on National Security, and on the Advisory Council of the American Association of Jurists. She is the author or editor of several human rights reports, including a 2012 report titled "Prisons of Profits: Immigrants and Detention in Georgia," as well as law review articles and book chapters focused on racial profiling, immigrants' rights, and surveillance of Muslim-Americans. Azadeh received her JD from the University of Michigan Law School where she was Article Editor for The Michigan Journal of International Law. She also has a Master's in Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies from the University of Michigan. Azadeh is the recipient of the 2016 Georgia WAND Peace and Justice Award, American Immigration Lawvers Association 2012 Advocacy Award, and the University of Georgia Law School 2009 Equal Justice Foundation Public Interest Practitioner Award. She has been recognized as one of 100 Influential Georgia Muslims.

Ted Terry

Ted Terry is the youngest Mayor in the City of Clarkston's history and second youngest in Georgia. Terry has spent the last decade working in the public service sector, doing everything from nonprofit consulting for organizations like the Sierra Club, Human Rights Campaign and Environment Georgia, to campaign organizing and consulting for state representatives, state senators, county commissioners, school boards members, local officials and a U.S. Congressman. During his time as a fundraiser, Terry personally helped raise millions of dollars for campaigns and causes, always with a focus on uniting individuals and businesses behind common goals for a better society. His vision is to build a Clarkston that is safer, greener and more prosperous, creating a community that celebrates our youth, opening doors for their futures. Personal Motto: You can't change the world, if you can't change yourself.

Tuesday, July 19

Helen Ho, Esq.

Helen Ho is the Founding Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta, the first nonprofit law center dedicated to promoting the civil, social and economic rights of Asian immigrants and refugees in the South. She leads Advancing Justice Atlanta's public policy, legal education, community organizing, and leadership development work to further its goal of increasing the civic participation of Asian Americans in the South. Advancing Justice - Atlanta was formed in April 2010 after Helen successfully organized Asian immigrant and refugee-led groups to take collective action against a proposed English-only driver license bill that violated the 14th Amendment. Helen is a graduate of Rice University and a 1999 Honors graduate of Emory University School of Law. Helen is married to Rodney Ho, Entertainment Columnist for the Atlanta Journal Constitution, and is the mother of two adorable dogs.

Bryan L. Sells, Esq.

Bryan L. Sells is an experienced civil rights lawyer specializing in voting rights, election law, and redistricting. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, Bryan's legal practice is national in scope. He has represented clients in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Montana, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wyoming, among other states. His clients have included individual voters, civil rights organizations, political parties, candidates, and campaigns. Over the course of his career, he has successfully represented parties and amici in numerous election-related lawsuits, including several cases decided in the United States Supreme Court. Before launching his own practice, Bryan served as Special

Litigation Counsel in the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice from 2010 to 2015. As part of the Voting Section's management team, Bryan led teams of trial attorneys, analysts, and social scientists investigating and prosecuting violations of federal voting statutes, including the Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act, and the Help America Vote Act. He represented the United States in several notable cases, including Perez v. Perry, a challenge to Texas' statewide redistricting plans, and Texas v. Holder, a dispute over Texas' voter identification laws. Bryan also served on the faculty of the Civil Rights Division's in-house trial advocacy course. Before joining the Department of Justice, Bryan was a Senior Staff Attorney in the Voting Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union in Atlanta, Georgia, where worked with voting-rights legend Laughlin McDonald for more than 10 years. At the ACLU, Bryan represented a diverse array of clients in voting rights and ballot access matters. Clients included African American and Native American voters, the Libertarian Party of Nebraska, the Green Party of Arkansas, and students at Arkansas' Ouachita Baptist University, including Ms. Sarah Huckabee, daughter of the former governor. Bryan was the lead attorney in Quiver v. Nelson, one of the largest voting-rights cases in history, and in Bone Shirt v. Hazeltine, a landmark case challenging South Dakota's statewide redistricting plan on behalf of Native American voters. Bryan began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Myron H. Thompson of the United States District Court in Montgomery, Alabama. Bryan has degrees from Harvard University and Columbia Law School. Bryan lives in Atlanta with his wife, Dr. Deneta Howland Sells, and their gray tabby, Scout.

Wednesday, July 20

Honorable Pedro Marin

Honorable Pedro Marin represents the citizens of District 96, which includes portions of the cities of Duluth & Norcross in Gwinnett County. He was elected into the House of Representatives in 2002, and currently serves on the Banks & Banking, Economic Development & Tourism, Industry & Labor and Science & Technology committees. Marin has created a reputation as an elected official dedicated to being a voice for justice, opportunity, and equality for all people. He has facilitated countless intercultural relation programs to educate people about minorities, which have been critical in discrediting stereotypes and easing tensions that arise when people are adverse to change. Rep. Marin has also led numerous community organizing efforts to register voters, protect minorities from unfair treatment, and raise awareness about health & educational disparities. He was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico.He has been happily married to his wife, Nereida, for 33 years and has one son, Joel. "I am dedicated to being a voice for justice, opportunity, and equality for all people. Fighting for fairness for you, and on behalf of those that don't feel they are represented, the ones that have always been denied a seat at the table" --Rep. Marin

Jerry Gonzalez

Jerry Gonzalez is the founding and current Executive Director of Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO) and the GALEO Latino Community Development Fund. GALEO was founded in 2003 and is a 501 (c) (6) statewide nonprofit and non-partisan organization; its mission is to increase civic engagement and leadership development of the Latino/Hispanic community across Georgia. The GALEO Latino Community Development Fund is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization affiliated with GALEO. Gonzalez is a native of Laredo, TX and received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1995. He completed his Master of Public Administration with a Nonprofit Administration emphasis at the Andrew Young School of Public Policy at Georgia State University in 2005. Gonzalez was an active student at Texas A&M with diverse interests including the Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists (MAES), the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band (clarinet), and the Corps of Cadets. After graduation, Gonzalez served on the MAES National Board of Directors as a Regional Vice President. In 1996, Gonzalez moved to Atlanta for a job as Field Support Engineer for Rockwell Automation, which was based in Milwaukee, WI. After transitioning into the nonprofit arena in 2002, Gonzalez worked with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) as a Legislative Policy Analyst, focusing upon immigrants' rights issues at the Georgia General Assembly and in several local jurisdictions across the Southeast. Through his efforts, DeKalb County became the largest municipality to accept the Mexican Matricula Consular ID card as a form of identification for Mexican nationals in DeKalb County and he worked towards the passage of a new Georgia flag without the confederate battle emblem. At GALEO, Gonzalez has utilized not only his extensive political experience but also his deep understanding of the struggles of the Latino community in Georgia. During the 2010 Census, Gonzalez strongly advocated for strong participation of the Latino community, which ended up having a 96% increase, representing 28% of the state's overall growth. In voter engagement efforts, the Latino electorate has grown to well over 150,000 from a mere 10,000 in 2003. In addition, the Latino voter participation rates in most jurisdictions in Georgia during the 2008 election outperformed the national Latino voter participation rates. In 2011, Gonzalez and GALEO actively opposed passage of Georgia's HB 87, an Arizona-style anti-immigration legislation. After the passage of HB 87, Gonzalez worked with community leaders and lawyers on a lawsuit that sought to halt its implementation and filed an Amicus Brief in support of the litigation to stop HB87. Fortunately, a federal judge did halt the major "show me your papers" provisions of the law. Due to his efforts at GALEO, Mr. Gonzalez has been recognized by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of Georgia's 100 Most Influential Georgians for several of years, along with many other honors and awards. When not traveling throughout Georgia speaking at town hall meetings and advocating for education, civic engagement and fair immigration policies, Gonzalez lives in Atlanta with his life partner and spouse of over 20 years, Ray, an established and practicing pediatrician, and their dog, Jenny.

Adelina Nicholls

Adelina Nicholls was born in México City, with studies in Sociology graduated from Political and Social Sciences College at the Autonomous National University of México U.N.A.M. She has been a co-Founder and President of the Coordinating Council of Latino Community Leaders of Atlanta, where for the past five years all her efforts it has been dedicated in the defense of Immigrants civil and human rights, and at the same time she, has been a provider of workshops of Grassroots Community Organization and Leadership workshops statewide. She was a lead Organizer of the First Latino March for Dignity in Georgia, where more than 5000 people gather in demand of driver's licenses at the occasion of the Freedom Ride arrival to Atlanta. Currently she works as the executive director of Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (former Coordinadora de Líderes Comunitarios).

Enrique Alemán, Jr., PhD

Enrique Alemán, Jr., PhD, is the Executive Producer and Co-Writer of *Stolen Education*, a documentary about the forgotten history of a little-known court case from the 1950s, Hernandez et al. v. Driscoll Consolidated School District. In 1956 eight elementary students testified in a federal desegregation court case. As Mexican Americans, they were placed in three years of first grade as a way to discriminate against them by the all White school board, administration, and faculty. Stolen Education documents the journey to recapture the remarkable story of the schoolchildren who changed educational history in Texas and confronts the continued inequity in public schools today. It has been screened at universities and colleges, public libraries and in public schools, and has been accepted into two film festivals – the Ruby Mountain Film Festival in Nevada and the CineSol Film Festival in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

Joel Alvarado

Joel Alvarado is the Director of Community Outreach and Engagement at Georgia Piedmont Technical College where he responsible for establishing and fortifying relationships with community, government, business, non-profit and academic stakeholders to advance the mission of the college. Joel previously served as Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DeKalb County, Legislative Director for DeKalb County Government, Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (G-CAPP), Clark Atlanta University, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), as a Congressional Aide and started his own political communications company called Power of the Pen, LLC. He is co-author, along with Georgia State University Professor Dr. Charles Jaret, of a report entitled, Building Black- Brown Coalitions in the Southeast: Four African American-Latino Collaborations, a yearlong case study on Black-Brown relations in the Southeast. He is a board member of the Civic League for Regional Atlanta, Clarkston Community Center, and a member of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday, July 21

Ponka-We Victors

Ponka-We Victors is the only American Indian in the Kansas State Legislature and is a life-long Wichita resident of the 103rd district. Her roots run deep in North Central Wichita, being a 3rd generation to live in the 103rd district. Ponka-We is a proud member of the Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona and is from the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma. She is also very proud of her Hispanic roots from her grandpa, the late Paul Davila of Wichita, Kansas. She is employed at Behavioral Link where she helps children find their path to an independent life. Ponka-We has pledged her entire life to acquiring all the knowledge she can from her elders and leaders. Since a small child, she has always been proud of who she is and her community. Ponka-We earned a Master's of Public Administration from Wichita State University with an emphasis in Public Policy. She also received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Newman University in 2005. Throughout her educational career, she has taken full advantage of all the learning she possibly can-which has lead her to become involved within her community-and has she taken advantage of opportunities that will bring a new perspective to the Kansas House of Representatives. Ponka-We is dedicated to improving her community and will listen to her constituents and respond to your concerns. She will use the skills and knowledge she has accumulated over the years in order to bring a new perspective to Topeka. She will become involved and help find solutions to the problems in Kansas. Ponka-We is committed to working hard for hard-working Kansans.

Ramona Moore Big Eagle, MEd

Ramona Moore Big Eagle, MEd (Tuscarora/Cherokee) is President and CEO of Dare To Soar Enterprises, a company she started in 1991. The company's purpose is to inspire and empower people of all ages in all walks of life to become more effective communicators. Ramona is an internationally renowned Speaker and Storyteller as well as an Oral Historian and Legend Keeper from the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina. Ramona received a Master of Education Degree from East Tennessee State University in Reading and Storytelling and a B.A. Degree from Catawba College. Ramona, who has been teaching for over two decades, was honored as Teacher of the Year in Drama for 2001-2002 at Community School of the Arts and received the 2012 Faculty Leadership Award from the University of Phoenix where she has taught for over 7 years. Ramona travels throughout the United States and Canada as a Motivational Speaker, Storyteller, Cultural Educator, Consultant, and Workshop Facilitator. Her workshops and programs are in high demand for educating and empowering audiences of all ages.

Rahmeek Rasul

"The majority of my formative years were spent in New York City, Washington DC, and Northern Virginia area. Thus, I gained a broad multicultural sensibility that has informed my work as an artist. I now live in Atlanta, Georgia and find that I am consciously exploring issues of identity, culture and history. I often turn the camera myself and those willing subjects I encounter; and I ask how do I personally see myself and the world I live in? What is my relationship to my environment, locally and globally? My observant and engaging introduction into the art world has given me an appreciation for different cultural dynamics and the varying methods humankind uses to express their humanity and their history from ancient times to today. Simply put, as an artist, I have a ravenous appetite for life and exploring the world around me."

Imam Plemon T. El-Amin

Imam Plemon T. El-Amin has served for the past twenty-three years as the Resident Imam of the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam, one of the largest and most progressive Mosques in the United States. He worked closely as an aide and supporter of Imam W. Deen Mohammed and his Ministry, The Mosque Cares.

Shirley Franklin

"Knowing the challenges of our past success gives strength to join all those dreamers in pursuit in imagining a better future " - Shirley Franklin

Former Atlanta Mayor, Shirley Franklin, is currently the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Purpose Built Communities, and the Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor in Ethics and Political Values in the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. After Franklin left office in 2010, she was appointed to the William and Camille Cosby Endowed Chair at Spelman College and served until June 2011. She

was elected the first African American woman mayor of a major southern city in 2002 and served twoterms until 2009. The mayor is term limited in Atlanta.

Monday, July 25

Craig McPherson

Craig McPherson has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oakwood University in Hunstville, Alabama where he majored in Religion and minored in History. He then earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Craig completed his Master of Arts in History at Georgia State University. His areas of research included the American Civil Rights Era and his thesis focused on Fred Hampton, Sr. of Maywood, Illinois. It was entitled "Fred Ain't Dead: The Impact of the Life and Legacy of Fred Hampton." This project presented various ways that young Hampton positively impacted the area of Chicago, and the nation, through Hampton's work in NAACP and the Black Panther Party. Craig looks forward to completing his doctoral studies by expanding his research areas to include the Caribbean, with an examination of the Jamaican-American identity.

Tuesday, July 26

Julie Oinonen, Esq.

Julie Oinonen is a partner at Williams Oinonen LLC. She is an honors graduate of Emory University School of Law and also holds two Masters Degrees in Business and in Education. Ms. Oinonen has been presented with the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Outstanding Excellence in Trial Advocacy, the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers Award, and the Kathleen Kessler-Eidson Trial Advocacy Award. Ms. Oinonen is a member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, National Employment Lawyers Association of Georgia, American Association for Justice, and admitted into the prestigious Order of Emory Advocates. Mr. Oinonen is also ranked by Superlawyers as a Georgia Rising Star, an honor solely awarded to 2.5 percent of lawyers in our state. Ms. Oinonen solely represents plaintiffs in the areas of civil rights, employment, whistleblowing, education, and personal injury. She is also proud to be an attorney affiliate of the Georgia Association of Educators, the state affiliate of the National Educator's Association, the largest labor union in the country committed to advancing the cause of public education.

Mario B. Williams, Esq.

Councilman Mario Williams first moved to Georgia two decades ago where he graduated with honors from Morehouse College obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Upon graduating from Morehouse, he worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Central America for two years. Upon completion, he obtained his law degree at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. Afterwards, he served as an international human rights advocate in Latin America. His work included drafting successful human rights complaints on behalf of indigenous people before the Inter American Human Rights Commission. Mario moved back to Georgia where he and his wife started a civil rights law practice. He is currently an attorney and partner at the downtown Atlanta law firm of Williams Oinonen LLC where he represents plaintiffs in civil rights law, employment, injury, business law and government. Mr. Williams is ranked by Superlawyers as a Georgia Rising Star, an honor solely awarded to 2.5 percent of lawyers in our state. Mr. Williams is also a member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, the National Police Accountability Project, and the National Employment Lawyers Association of Georgia.

Ernie Suggs

Ernie Suggs has been a reporter at the AJC since 1997, currently covering a variety of breaking news and investigative stories for page A1. He previously reported for newspapers in New York City and Durham, N.C. A veteran of more than 20 years as a newspaper reporter, Suggs has covered stories ranging from politics to civil rights to higher education. A 1990 graduate of North Carolina Central University, with a degree in English Literature, Suggs was also a Harvard University Nieman Fellow. He is

currently on the Nieman Board of Trustees and the former national vice president of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Wednesday, July 27

Mike Carnathan

Mike Carnathan is the Manager of the Research & Analytics Division at the Atlanta Regional Commission and is one of the founders of Neighborhood Nexus, which is a community intelligence system for the Atlanta region, providing data, tools and expertise as a catalyst to create opportunity for all of the region's citizens. The goal is to foster a data-driven decision-making culture in the Atlanta region and beyond. Mike oversees the compilation of thousands of variables and indicators that tell the data story about the Atlanta region. And story-telling is key. One of Mike's chief challenges is to help community groups tell their story better through a data-driven approach. Mike has worked with numerous community groups, including the Annie E Casey Foundation, Families First, United Way, The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, along with a host of statewide and local education agencies and other community groups to help them better understand the neighborhoods in which they work. In addition to being a data geek, Mike has a varied background that includes public relations and journalism. This experiences comes in handy as one of the critical uses of data is to tell the right story about our community to help community leaders make better decisions. A native of Georgia, Mike holds degrees in History and Journalism, along with a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Georgia.

<u> Hattie Dorsey</u>

Hattie B. Dorsey, a leading advocate for housing issues, is the principal in HBDorsey & Associates LLC, which provides organizational development, strategic development, and fundraising support to community-based organizations, foundations, and local government agencies. One of her most important accomplishments has been the shifting of perceptions about the importance of revitalized neighborhoods and the critical need for an affordable, mixed-income housing approach that includes all segments of the population. Ms. Dorsey was the Founder and former Chief Executive Officer of the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership(ANDP), a nonprofit organized in 1991 to formulate and implement community development strategies. ANDP promotes sustainable mixed-income communities and on-going revitalization and has strengthened Metro Atlanta neighborhoods and community development corporations (CDCs) that work in specific communities. Through her public service on numerous boards and task forces, Ms. Dorsey continues to impact local and national dialogues, including community development, race relations, economic development, regional equity and public policy. For eight years she was the First Vice Chair for the State of Georgia's Democratic Party. She is the former national president of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women and the founding president of the group's metro Atlanta chapter. She has served on the Emory University Board of Visitors, the Atlanta Women's Foundation board, and the Spelman College Corporate Roundtable. She is the recipient of numerous national honors and awards.

Honorable John H. Eaves

In 2014, Honorable John H. Eaves was elected to his third four-year term as Chairman of the Fulton County Commission. Since 2007, he has led the state's most populous and dynamic county, home to nearly one million residents and 14 municipalities including Georgia's capitol city of Atlanta. Before entering politics, John held leadership roles in nonprofit and academic arenas, both nationally and abroad. For seven years, he served as the Southeast Regional Director of the Peace Corps. He is most proud of launching Fulton County's SMART Justice Advisory Council, a group of community and law enforcement leaders working to reduce recidivism rates, find alternative programs for first-time offenders, and help motivated inmates reclaim their lives. Chairman Eaves is a graduate of Morehouse College; he has a master's degree in Religion from Yale University and earned his PhD in Educational Administration from the University of South Carolina. John resides in Atlanta and is the devoted father of two children; Isaac and Keturah.

Friday, July 29

Fahamu Pecou

Fahamu Pecou is a visual artist and scholar whose works combine observations on hip-hop, fine art and popular culture. Pecou's paintings, performance art, and academic work addresses concerns around contemporary representations of Black masculinity and how these images impact both the reading and performance of Black masculinity. Currently a PhD student in Emory University's Institute of Liberal Arts (ILA), Pecou maintains an active exhibition schedule as well as public lectures and speaking engagements at colleges and museums nationwide. His work is featured in noted private and public national and international collections including; Smithsonian National Museum of African American Art and Culture, Societe Generale (Paris), Nasher Museum at Duke University, The High Museum of Art, Paul R. Jones Collection, Clark Atlanta University Art Collection and Museum of Contemporary Art Georgia.

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Central Atlanta Library (One Margaret Mitchell Square NW, Atlanta, GA 30303)

Clark Atlanta University (223 James P. Brawley Drive SW)

Herndon Home (587 University Pl NW, Atlanta, GA 30314)

Georgia State University Commons (141 Piedmont Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30342)

National Center for Civil and Human Rights (100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW Atlanta, GA 30313)

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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights in downtown Atlanta is an engaging cultural attraction that connects the American Civil Rights Movement to today's Global Human Rights Movements. The purpose of the Center is to create a safe space for visitors to explore the fundamental rights of all human beings so that they leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights in their communities.

The Center was first imagined by civil rights legends Evelyn Lowery and former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young and was launched by former Mayor Shirley Franklin. The effort gained broad-based corporate and community support to become one of the few places in the world educating visitors on the bridge between the American Civil Rights Movement and contemporary Human Rights Movements around the world.

Established in 2007, the Center's groundbreaking 43,000-square-foot facility is located on Pemberton Place, adjacent to the World of Coca-Cola and the Georgia Aquarium, on land donated by the Coca-Cola Company.

ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action is an international organization that educates, inspires and connects a network of university students and young professionals committed to promoting human rights, diversity and active citizenship in their own communities and around the world.

Humanity in Action has educated over 1,650 young leaders who now form a unique international community. The annual Humanity in Action Fellowship brings together more than 150 European and American university students and young professionals each summer in programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States to discuss, learn and research in international groups. Humanity in Action Fellows meet leading experts and activists to study historical and contemporary cases of institutional violations of human and minority rights. Fellows write research-based articles and develop teaching tools to share what they learned in their programs.

Humanity in Action supports all Fellows financially for the duration of their programs, allowing for the merit-based selection of diverse applicants. Humanity in Action also provides professional development opportunities. It maintains an international network of students, young professionals, established leaders, experts and partners for which it organizes a range of educational and career opportunities, including seminars, workshops, study trips and fellowship positions at leading civic and political institutions, such as the European Parliament, the United States Congress, NAACP, and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. These opportunities encourage emerging leaders to develop their professional abilities and introduce established leaders to the ideas of the younger generation.

Humanity in Action's network of leaders is a valuable resource to policy-makers, diplomats, educators, business leaders and civic-minded individuals and organizations. By the end of the decade, Humanity in Action will connect over 2,500 professionals working in all sectors, on a range of critical issues, in countries around the world.

Humanity in Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with governing and advisory Boards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States. Humanity in Action's international headquarters is in New York City.

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