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# **2017 JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

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JOHN LEWIS

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,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Lewis". The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping "J" and a long, horizontal stroke for the "L".

John Lewis  
Member of Congress



CENTER FOR CIVIL  
AND HUMAN RIGHTS

June 20, 2017

Dear John Lewis Fellows:

On behalf of Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, welcome to Atlanta and to the 2017 John Lewis Fellowship Program! Why Atlanta; why now?

Atlanta's legacy is as rich and bright as its future. It is a contemporary, global city with a strong heritage of adaptation and transformation. As the economic hub of the South, it houses the world's busiest airport, and its inherent entrepreneurial spirit is attractive to businesses and individuals alike, which accounts for its incredible population growth and the city's rapid expansion and development. Atlanta is also an intellectual center—it is home to the historic Atlanta University Center; one of the nation's largest universities, Georgia State University; Emory University and a host of other institutions of higher learning.

Atlanta, coined the "City too Busy to Hate" has an equally impressive and deep-rooted history in matters of human rights, race, resistance, and reform. It is the birthplace of the civil rights movement and of one of its chief architects, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. organized a national movement in this space. Congressman John Lewis, civil rights legend, life-long activist and the namesake of this fellowship program, represents a large portion of the city, and he continues to be a voice and advocate for the marginalized and oppressed of every race and hue, on both the local and national stage. Atlanta's legacy of activism, particularly among its vibrant and diverse youth and student population, continues with a modern-day coalition of students from Atlanta's many local colleges and universities who have published a 2017 New Appeal for Human Rights, in consultation with civil rights veterans Dr. Roslyn Pope, Charles Black and Lonnie King. This appeal, like Dr. Pope's 1960 Appeal for Human Rights, is a manifesto for change and provides a blueprint for progress, and it will frame the issues that we will explore during the John Lewis Fellowship Program. You will consider restorative justice approaches to contemporary human and civil rights challenges, and the curriculum is designed to create an organic and dynamic experience that will equip, empower and educate you to be effective human rights advocates, poised to create positive change for individuals and communities.

Atlanta's rich past and exciting future provides a synergy unique to this city and makes for an amazing classroom for the study of human and civil rights. At this moment in American history, Atlanta is a microcosm of the challenges and opportunities present at the national level as the nation strives to forge a way forward that is inclusive, diverse, just, democratic and human rights-centered. Now more than ever, it is imperative that future generations of human and civil rights activists be prepared for and inspired to employ their talents and creativity toward addressing human and civil rights issues in a variety of ways, along a continuum of contexts.

We commend you for your commitment to pursuing your passion for human rights work, and we are honored to be part of preparing you for that commendable endeavor.

Peace,

A blue ink signature of Tanya Washington, written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the name "Tanya Washington" which is printed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

Tanya Washington

Program Director, 2017 John Lewis Fellowship Program

Dear John Lewis Fellows:

On Sunday, July 2, 2017 The New York Times published a special section on the Constitution. It is printed in full with numerous insightful annotations. “Child of the Enlightenment” by the eminent historian Gary Wills, accompanies the text. Drawings of the first and current President of the United States appear on the opening pages.

The images are not there by chance. Washington represents the experimental, Enlightenment aspirations of the Constitutional authors. They grappled with creating a functioning secular-based government despite their fears of democracy run amok. Trump represents the outcome of the 2016 election. Wills writes: “If the people want a mean and selfish government, one that speaks only for a faction, then the voting process, no matter how refined, will let them have it. We have witnessed this abroad, when we encouraged democracy in other countries, only to see democratic tools used against democratic values. Perhaps we will one day witness it at home.”

Thus, the hopes and dangers of democracy as embedded in the Constitution—dangers not only in regard to elections but also to the existence of slavery or as Wills calls it “the poison of slavery.” Referring to the Three Fifth Clause and other protections of slavery in the Constitution, Willis simply states: “Slavery, which has tainted everything in American history, left many marks on the Constitution itself.”

Thus, the challenge we face today in coming to terms with America’s history of slavery and the perpetual denial of the democratic promise to American-Americans. It is history of exploitation and resistance to exploitation. It is a history that is constantly being revealed and reshaped as we acknowledge injustice and inequity on a limitless scale.

President James Madison, one of the fathers of the Constitution and author of the Bill of Rights, was a slaveholder. Recently, the Montpelier Foundation that preserves his home and estate opened the exhibition “The Mere Distinction of Colour.” It focuses on the harsh lives of Madison’s slaves. Margaret Jordan, a member of the Board of the Montpelier Foundation, wrote in the Washington Post: “It is only through this examination and introspection — of our history in its entirety, of our diverse experiences and of the preconceptions that divide us — that deeper understanding and respect, and ultimately progress, will come. It will not be found by pushing the darkest chapters of our past away but by bringing them into the light.”



One might believe that this and many exhibitions like it are part of the necessary process of restorative justice that extends beyond the indispensable claims of equity. It is a process of recognition of what has informed the past to the detriment of all—not just the injured. It is a means to acknowledge injustice in order to rectify the present and prepare for a more just and informed future.

The 2017 John Lewis Fellowship, now in its third year, is part of that vital and essential process. In partnership with the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, the Fellows will focus on the challenges of restorative justice in Atlanta. They will base their explorations on the Appeal for Human Rights authored by Atlanta students. This bold challenge echoes the historic Appeal for Human Rights written by Roslyn Pope and the Atlanta student rights movement in 1961.

What an extraordinary time to confront the challenges of restorative justice, the promises of the Enlightenment and the American Constitution. It is our hope that their inquiries will serve the people of Atlanta and beyond. We are most grateful to the Mellon Foundation for providing Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights for this unique opportunity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judith Goldstein".

Judith Goldstein  
Founder and Executive Director Humanity in Action





June 27, 2017

Dear John Lewis Fellows,

I am both humbled and pleased to welcome you to the National 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, who shared their vision with former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin. In June 2014 the Center opened our doors.

The Center is the only institution designed to connect the American Civil and Human Rights Movements to broader international human rights movements. As you all must know, the world today, as has always been the case, is faced with many questions about the justiciability of rights in general. Rights are being challenged in every aspect of the human experience: philosophically, socially, economically, environmentally, and so forth. The question before us, therefore, is do we have enough **change agents** to help protect rights that we have fought for centuries to establish as the entitlement of every human being? To that end, The Center educates, empowers and galvanizes individuals to collaborate in the protection of every human's rights and in the commitment to freedom and justice in their communities, in their nation and in the world.

The Center is honored to partner with a prestigious human rights focused educational organization, Humanity in Action, in creating the 2017 John Lewis Fellowship Program. I am certain that our investment in you will yield 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

CEO



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 third 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 these subjects as well, and push fellows to consider restorative justice approaches to protecting and preserving human rights in a variety of contexts.

### **Approach**

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, 2017. Over four weeks, the 30 American and European Fellows will meet with leaders across a variety of fields to explore race and racism, immigration, development, the criminal justice system, challenges facing LGBTQ+ and Native American communities and other contemporary issues, as they reflect America's various national and regional identities and histories. Fellows will study the 1960 Appeal for Human Rights, authored by Dr. Roslyn Pope, and the 2017 version of the Appeal, authored by student activists, and they will propose restorative justice approaches to addressing contemporary issues, set forth in the New Appeal. Each fellow will select a human rights issue from the Appeal, she will create a written and artistic expression of her restorative justice proposal for addressing the issue, and she will present her project to her peers at the end of the fellowship program. These action projects by the John Lewis Fellows will build upon their Atlanta-based experiences and draw upon the diversity of perspectives and experiences they bring to the program from their countries and communities.

### **Mission**

The 2017 John Lewis Fellowship takes place during a time of extraordinary challenge and change 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; overtly discriminatory immigration policies; 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; the mass deportation of Mexican immigrants from the US; ISIS, increasingly frequent terrorist attacks by extremists of all races and faiths; a constructed culture of 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. Humanity in Action has specific goals for its educational programs: 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; and 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 about 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 all people, particularly the systematically marginalized and oppressed, 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 people of color across the United States. Speakers and Fellows will confront and discuss economic, social, and political issues in American life. These issues include inequality, discrimination, mobility, voting rights, women's rights, LGBTQ+ issues, religion and religious discrimination, gentrification, 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 excursions to government agencies, non-profit and community organizations, museums, cultural centers and memorials. Through collective learning, enriched by the Fellows'

multiple international, religious, racial, ethnic, economic, social and gender perspectives, experiences and identities, the John Lewis Program promotes models of action to remedy injustice and to protect and promote human rights.

At the end of the formal program, fellows complete and present action projects, centered on restorative justice approaches to addressing issues explored in the program, in written and expressive formats. Upon successful completion of the program and of their Action Projects, Fellows are designated as Senior Fellows and join the international community of over 1,700 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 activism. As Senior Fellows, program participants gain access to a range of educational and professional opportunities, including, study trips, conferences and professional internships in the European Parliament and the United States Congress.

This year, Humanity in Action is launching the Humanity in Action Fellowship in Detroit. The Detroit Fellowship explore the biography of Detroit — a city deeply emblematic of the tensions of massive economic and cultural change in 20th and 21st century America. The program will place special emphasis on democratic inclusion of marginalized groups, equitable development, social entrepreneurship and public health. The Detroit Fellowship is the sister program of the John Lewis Fellowship and will run from July 8 through August 3, 2017.



#### **ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS**

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. Most recently Congressman Lewis' MARCH: Book Three received the prestigious National Book Award. John Lewis 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.

Congressman Lewis continues to champion causes centered on equity, justice and inclusion like universal health care coverage and voting rights and voter protection.

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



## 2017 JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SCHEDULE



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Wednesday July 5, 2017

### Fellows Check in & Welcome Reception

Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights welcome the third cohort of John Lewis Fellows to Atlanta, Georgia. Fellows will arrive at Georgia State University Commons to check into their assigned suites, where they will have three hours to settle into their living spaces. An evening welcome reception is planned at Paschal's Restaurant and fellows will meet program staff, peers Humanity in Action Founder and Executive Director, Judith Goldstein. During dinner, each fellow and staff member will share a personal item that represents an aspect of their home country and their passion for human rights.

*Location: Georgia State University Commons 141 Piedmont Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303; Paschal's Restaurant 180 Northside Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30313*

9 AM – 2 PM      Fellows arrive and check into Georgia State University Commons

7 PM - 9 PM      Welcome Reception at Paschal's Restaurant



Paschal's Restaurant has a rich history dating back to 1947 when the Paschal brothers, James and Robert Paschal opened their first location at 831 West Hunter Street in Atlanta, Georgia. The historic restaurant became the 'meeting place' for some of the most notable entertainers, politicians, and business people, including Aretha Franklin, Dizzy Gillespie, Andrew Young, Maynard Jackson, Vice President Al Gore, and Dr. Martin Luther King just to name a few.



Thursday July 6, 2017

## Introduction to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights and Orientation

The John Lewis Fellows will be formally welcomed to the program by Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. The orientation will focus on the content of the fellowship program and rules and norms of engagement that will allow for the most productive experience for the fellows. Fellows and staff will discuss the program schedule, educational process, community norms and rules, and the fellows' end-of-program presentations. The focus of this year's program is on the New Appeal for Civil Rights, which was authored in 2017 by a coalition of student activists in consultation with civil rights veterans, Dr. Roslyn Pope, Charles Black and Lonnie King. Each fellow will produce an oral and written expression of how her exposure to the City of Atlanta and what she has learned about its civil rights history and legacy has informed her perspective on one of the human rights demands expressed in the Appeal.

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

9 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>Greeting and Introduction to National Center for Civil and Human Rights</b> Derreck Kayongo (CEO, National Center for Civil and Human Rights) Professor Tanya Washington (Program Director, 2017 John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Review of Program Content, Fellow Program Presentations (Final Week) and Program Rules and Policies</b> Professor Tanya Washington (Program Director, 2017 John Lewis Fellowship Program) Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:45 AM – 12 PM	<b>Community Building Exercise</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM – 4 PM	<b>Fellows tour National Center for Civil and Human Rights Exhibition</b>
4 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Fellow Reflection Circle on National Civil and Human Rights tour</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
5 PM – 5:15 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

Friday July 7, 2017

## Awareness and Activism: Student and Ecclesiastic Engagement in the Civil Rights Movement in Atlanta

Fellows will learn about the mood of Atlanta's black population in the 1960's when Dr. Roslyn Pope and other student leaders decided to put their demands in writing. Dr. Pope will describe the condition of Jim Crow and its impact on the individuals and communities who suffered its indignity and restrictions, and she will share what motivated her to catalogue and detail the violations at issue, to identify them as human rights infringements and to demand liberation from them. Fellows will also learn about the role and contributions of the black clergy and church in the civil rights movement in Atlanta.

**Location:** Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 12 PM	<b><i>An Appeal for Human Rights</i></b> Dr. Roslyn Pope (Professor and Author of <i>An Appeal for Human Rights</i> , 1960)
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	<b>The Importance of History</b> Dr. Judith Goldstein (Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action)
2:45 PM – 3 PM	<b>Break</b>
3 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>The Black Church and Black Clergy in the Movement</b> Dr. Dwight Andrews (Professor and Pastor, First Congregational Church)
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>Break</b>
4:45 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>Fellows' Reflection Circle</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

**Saturday July 8, 2017**

## **Race, Place & Space in Atlanta: A Tour of the City and Its Civil Rights Legacy**

Courtesy of Civil Rights Tours Atlanta, students will take a 3-hour tour of the city, narrated by Tom Houck, who was Dr. Martin Luther King's former driver and aide. This tour brings Atlanta's legacy to life allowing fellows to experience the places, spaces and neighborhoods where heroes and sheroes of the movement made decisions that changed Atlanta and America. The tour also allows fellows to reflect on how development and changing demographics in the city will affect the city's legacy of inclusion and diversity.

**Location:** *Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site Visitor Center, 450 Auburn Avenue NE/ Atlanta GA 30312*

10 AM

**Meet at MLK Visitor Center**

11 AM – 2 PM

**Civil Rights Tour** (Fellows will be returned to MLK Visitor Center)

**Sunday July 9, 2017**

**No Programming**

## Monday July 10, 2017

Fellows will learn how current civil and human rights realities are a reactionary consequence of white supremacy, traceable to before and after the dawn of America's constitutional democracy. This perspective will assist fellows' understanding of contemporary obstacles to human and civil rights goals, racial equality, and inclusion within the broader framework of American history and will inform their understanding of how these obstacles can be overcome and/or circumvented. Fellows will learn about reactions to human rights advocacy from stakeholders in the status quo and how those reactions create challenges to and opportunities for change.

**Location:** Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 12 PM	<b><i>White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Nation's Racial Divide</i></b> Dr. Carole Anderson (Professor and Chair of the African American Studies Department, Emory University and Author of <i>White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Nation's Racial Divide</i> )
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM – 3:20 PM	<b>Reactions to <i>An Appeal for Human Rights</i></b> Dr. Roslyn Pope (Professor and Author of <i>An Appeal for Human Rights</i> , 1960)
3:20 PM – 3:35 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:35 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>Fellows' Reflection Circle</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
4:45 PM – 5:45 PM	<b>Fellows' Country Presentations</b>
5:45 PM – 6 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

Tuesday July 11, 2017

## Historical Redux: A Question of Humanity

Continuing with the theme of the resurgence of historical resistance to recognizing the full humanity of Black Americans, fellows will focus on how colonization informed the concept of race and created a racial hierarchy that dictated the diminished humanity of black people and others considered inferior. Fellows will explore how the colonizer-settler framework continues to operate to frustrate efforts to eradicate human rights violations, and they will be challenged to imagine what human rights would look like if the hierarchy produced by colonization were eradicated. Fellows will consider various strategies, tactics and expressions of agency, employed by blacks in the US to liberate and defend themselves, to assert their full humanity and to access the rights to which they are entitled under the US Constitution. Fellows will also examine health in the context of human rights and how historical, racial discrimination and racialized deprivations have affected generations of Black Americans and continue to compromise the health of black individuals and communities.

**Location:** Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	<b>Fellows' Reflection Circle</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30 AM – 12 PM	<b>Race and Settler Colonialism in the United States Today</b> Natsu Saito (Professor of Law and Distinguished University Professor, Georgia State University)
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:45 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Black Agency, Advocacy and Resistance</b> Dr. Akinyele Umoja (Professor and Chair of the African American Studies Department, Georgia State University)
3 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Fellows Tour Law School Exhibit: Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America</b>
4:30 PM – 5:45 PM	<b>Fellows' Country Presentations</b>
5:45 PM – 6 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

Wednesday July 12, 2017

## A Curator's Craft

Fellows will experience a full day of exposure to civil and human rights through the visual arts. Presenters will include museum curators and established and upcoming artists using their skills and talents to address contemporary manifestations of racism and racial discrimination and to celebrate the humanity, creativity and genius of black people and communities. Presenters will address some of the obstacles that make their work so important and challenging. Presentations will take place in the historic and outstanding Clark Atlanta University Art Gallery, which houses the collective works of some of the leading African-American visual artists of the twentieth century and contemporary works of some of the nation's leading and emerging visual artists depicting the black experience.

**Location:** Clark Atlanta University Art Gallery 223 James P. Brawley Drive, SW / Trevor Arnett Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> level/ Atlanta, GA 30314

9 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Museum Welcome</b> Dr. Maurita Poole (Director of the Clark Atlanta University Art Gallery)
10:30 AM – 12 PM	<b>Fellows Tour Gallery</b>
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch at Clark Atlanta University Cafeteria</b>
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Discussion with Dr. Poole About Gallery Experience</b>
3 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>The Artist's Way</b> Tina Dunkley (Artist and Curator Emeritus of Clark Atlanta University Art Gallery)
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>Wine &amp; Cheese Reception at Gallery</b> This event is open to the public.

Thursday July 13, 2017

## Community, Development and Gentrification

Fellows will hear from former Mayor Shirley Franklin, the first female Mayor of Atlanta and the first black woman to serve as mayor of a major southern city, about her work as a public servant and public official and the importance of the National Center of Civil and Human Rights as a means of preserving and promoting Atlanta's civic identity. The fellows will be exposed to important lessons from the civil rights movement that should inform approaches to solving contemporary challenges facing black people and communities. Fellows will also learn about the economic development planned for the city of Atlanta and the potential impact of these plans on communities of color in the contexts of housing and public health. Fellows will be introduced to scholars who research urban development and renewal, community engagement and displacement, racialized housing and zoning policies and the causes and consequences of gentrification. Fellows will be challenged to consider how to achieve a balance between strengthening and maintaining vulnerable communities of color and facilitating growth, inclusion and development in Atlanta as a whole.

**Location:** Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 11 AM	<b>Leadership and the Creation of a Center Committed to Civil and Human Rights</b> Shirley Franklin (Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor of Ethics and Political Values, University of Texas School of Public Policy and Former Mayor of the City of Atlanta 2002-2010)
11 AM – 11:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
11:15 PM – 12 PM	<b>Fellows' Reflection Circle</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>Behind the Movement: Lessons Learned</b> Richard Morton (Insert Info)
3:15 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Creating the Win-Win for Communities of Color and the City of Atlanta: Development Without Displacement</b> Professor Courtney Anderson (Associate Law Professor, Georgia State University) Professor Erin Ruel (Associate Sociology Professor, Georgia State University) Professor John Travis Marshall (Assistant Law Professor, Georgia State University)
5 PM – 5:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
5:15 PM – 5:35 PM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
5:15 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

Friday July 14, 2017

## Housing As a Human Right: Preserving and Creating Affordability

Fellows will continue their exploration of the challenges inherent in reconciling aggressive economic development plans with meaningful inclusion and protection of vulnerable communities of color and the poor. Fellows will learn about innovative efforts by city planners, architects, and organizations to address this challenge, within full view of the City's historic, racialized realities.

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9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Preserving Atlanta's Civic Identity and Culture as an Inclusive and Diverse Place</b> Ryan Gravel (Urban thinker, designer, author, speaker and founder of Sixpitch)
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:45 PM – 12 PM	<b>Creating Affordable Housing: Opportunities and Challenges</b> Dr. Stuart Romm (Professor of the Practice, Georgia Institute of Technology College of Architecture)
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:45 PM – 4:15 PM	<b>The Transformative Power of Transit</b> The Transformation Alliance
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>Fellows' Reflection Circle</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)



**Saturday July 15, 2017**

## A Spoken Word Experience

Fellows will attend **Under My Hood Truth Experience**, a spoken word presentation at the National Center for Human Rights. The event will provide fellows with an opportunity to experience artistic expression devoted to the diminished humanity of black people and black males in particular in contemporary society and to the illusory nature of the identities in which we cloak ourselves.

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

6 PM- 9 PM

**Under My Hood Truth Experience**

Coleman G. Howard (Author, yoga practitioner, speaker and poet)

**Sunday July 16, 2017**

## The King Church

Fellows will visit the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church for an 11:30 worship service. Ebenezer describes itself as an urban-based, global ministry dedicated to individual growth and social transformation.

**Location:** *Ebenezer Baptist Church 101 Jackson Street NE/ Atlanta, GA 30312*

11:30 AM – 1 PM

**Ebenezer Service**

Monday July 17, 2017

## In Black and Blue: Criminal (In)Justice

Fellows will focus on how structural and institutional racism impact individuals and communities in the criminal justice context. Fellows will hear about a range of reform efforts targeting laws, policies, and practices that make individuals of color and communities of color vulnerable to racialized policing, police brutality and mass incarceration. Fellows will be introduced to activists, lawyers, advocates, and organizations working to protect the rights of black people and communities of color and for the recognition of their full humanity. Fellows will also explore the value of and reactions to youth activism in contemporary social and political movements and consider whether and how contemporary challenges around racialized policing are similar to historical relations among the police and black people and communities.

**Location:** *Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346*

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 11:45 AM	<b>Organizational Responses to Criminal Justice Reform</b> Attorney Doug Ammar (Executive Director, Georgia Justice Project) Professor Lauren Sudeall Lucas (Founding Director Center for Access to Justice) Attorney Sara Totonchi (Executive Director, Southern Center for Human Rights)
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:45 PM – 3:45 PM	<b>Using the Master's Tools to Dismantle the Master's House: The Utility of Law to Achieve Criminal Justice Reform</b> Attorney Mawuli Davis (Founder and Partner, Davis Bozeman Law Firm) Attorney Gary Spencer (Founder, R. Gary Spencer, P.C.) Attorney Tiffany Williams Roberts (Managing Attorney, The Roberts Law Firm)
4 PM – 5:45 PM	<b>Fellows will view the movie 13<sup>th</sup> by Ava Duvernay</b>
6 PM – 6:15 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

**Tuesday July 18, 2017**

## **An Exploration of Restoration**

Fellows will learn about restorative justice as a framework, approach and tool for achieving ends centered on rehabilitating and empowering victims of racial discrimination, oppression and violence. Fellows will also learn about the history of the racialized and oppressive treatment of Native Americans by the federal government and the state of Georgia and explore how historical facts have been distorted to mask this mistreatment. Fellows will consider the use of a restorative justice approach in Atlanta 2017 to address contemporary challenges that infringe on citizens' human rights, as expressed in the New Appeal for Human Rights. This approach could inform efforts to address Atlanta's contemporary challenges over the next several years.

**Location:** *Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346*

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 12 PM	<b>Restorative Justice: A Means of and An End to Achieving Empowerment</b> Professor David Hooker (Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame )
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Fellows will view the movie The Canary Effect by Robin Davey and Yellow Thunder Woman</b>
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	<b>Break</b>
2:45 PM – 4 PM	<b>Fellows' Reflection Circle</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
4 PM – 4:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
4:15 AM – 5 PM	<b>Fellows' Personal Presentations (4)</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
5 PM – 5:15 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

Wednesday July 19, 2017

## Museum Exhibits Shaping Perspectives

Fellows will visit the historic Herndon Home Museum, a historic house and National Historic Landmark, which reflects Atlanta's distinctive development as a center for Black business, education, and culture. From Alonzo Herndon's rise from slavery to leadership in the Black business community, the history of the Herndons provides a unique resource of local and national significance in the interpretation of Black struggle and achievement. Fellows will also visit the Atlanta History Center, where they will tour 3 exhibits: *Gatheround: Stories of Atlanta*; *Shaping Traditions: Folk Art in a Changing South*; and *Native Lands: Indians and Georgia*. Viewing these exhibitions will allow fellows to consider how museum exhibits shape public perception and perspectives on the history of racial discrimination and existing racialized realities. Fellows will also have the opportunity to hear and learn from Native American scholar and prolific author, Ward Churchill, about contemporary challenges facing Native Americans and their communities.

**Location:** *Herndon Home Museum 587 University Place NW / Atlanta, Georgia; Atlanta History Center 139 West Paces Ferry Road NW/ Atlanta, GA 30305; National Center for Civil and Human Rights 100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW/ Atlanta, GA 30313*

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
10:15 – 11:30 AM	<b>Fellows will tour Herndon Home Museum</b>
11:30 PM – 1 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>Fellows will tour <i>Gatheround: Stories of Atlanta</i>; <i>Shaping Traditions: Folk Art in a Changing South</i>; and <i>Native Lands: Indians and Georgia</i> at the Atlanta History Center</b>
3:30 PM – 6 PM	<b>Break</b>
6 PM – 8 PM	<b>Lecture and Book Signing of <i>Wielding Words Like Weapons: Selected Essays in Indigenism</i></b> Professor Ward Churchill (Author, speaker and activist) <b>National Center for Civil and Human Rights</b> This event is open to the public.

Thursday July 20, 2017

## Coalitions Of Intersecting Identities

Fellows will focus on organizations and groups organized around a human rights agenda that serves multiple and diverse constituencies and the challenges and opportunities that these coalitions present. Fellows will consider how the current political climate has inspired more of these coalitions. Fellows will hear from Attorney Andrea Young, Andrew Young's daughter, who currently heads the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia and whose career has centered on promoting policies to defend and extend civil and human rights. Fellows will also meet and speak with youth activists and students who authored the New Appeal for Human Rights and with civil rights veterans, who helped with the New Appeal. The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum will provide an outstanding setting for an inter-generational discussion about priorities, strategies and approaches to addressing contemporary human rights violations.

**Location:** *Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346; Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum 441 Freedom Pkwy NE, Atlanta, GA 30307*

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>The Continued Relevance of the ACLU as a Bulwark Against Human and Civil Rights Violations</b> Attorney Andrea Young (Author and Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia)
10:45 AM – 11 AM	<b>Break</b>
11 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>Lunch and then return to the classroom to view the movie Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin</b>
2 PM – 4 PM	<b>A New Appeal for Civil and Human Rights at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library</b> Emiko Soltis (Student Author of New Appeal, Activist, Organizer) Asma Elhuni (Student Author of New Appeal, Activist, Organizer) Dr. Roslyn Pope (Professor and Author of An Appeal for Human Rights, 1960) Charles Black (Civil Rights Veteran, Organizer and Activist) Lonnie King (Civil Rights Veteran, Organizer and Activist)

## Friday July 21, 2017

### Towards A More Inclusive Human Rights Agenda

Fellows will examine the role of discrimination on the basis of gender and sexual orientation as an integral aspect of the modern human rights movement. Fellows will discuss the role that LGBTQ+ people and communities played in the civil rights movement in Atlanta and how and why their presence and contributions have been concealed and/or “sequestered.” Fellows will learn about Georgia Equality and the work of its membership targeting laws, policies and practices that discriminate against members of the LGTBQ+ community.

**Location:** *Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346; IBEW Building Local 613 501 Pulliam St SW #250, Atlanta, GA 30312*

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>Georgia Equality</b> Jeff Graham (Executive Director, Georgia Equality) Dr. Matthew Robison (Board Member, Georgia Equality)
12 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Georgia Stand Up Community Meeting at IBEW Building</b>
3 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Fellows’ Reflection Circle</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
4:45 PM – 5 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

## Saturday July 22, 2017

No Programming

## Sunday July 23, 2017

No Programming

**Monday July 24, 2017**

## **History and Symbolism: A Visit to Stone Mountain**

Fellows will spend the day touring Stone Mountain, which Dr. Martin Luther King referenced in his legendary “I Have a Dream” speech, as an example of an environment marked by racial discrimination. The experience will allow fellows to consider the current controversy surrounding the presence of statues commemorating civil war heroes, who supported slavery and racial discrimination. Fellows will visit the Confederate Hall Historical and Environmental Education Center and take a skyride to the top of Stone Mountain for an up-close look at the Confederate Memorial Carving of President Jefferson Davis and Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson. Fellows will discuss proposals to include a monument to Dr. Martin Luther King at the park.

**Location:** *Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 and National Center for Civil and Human Rights 100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW/ Atlanta, GA 30313*

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| <b>10 AM</b>        | <b>Meet at Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315</b>  |
| <b>10 AM – 4 PM</b> | <b>Fellows will tour Stone Mountain and select exhibits</b>   |
| <b>6 PM – 8 PM</b>  | <b>A Trek to the River’s Edge: Movie Show9ing and Discussion at National Center for Civil and Human Rights</b><br>Althea Brown (Director and Producer, A Trek to the River’s Edge)<br>This event is open to the public. |

Tuesday July 25, 2017

## Race, Religion and Citizenship: Immigration and Inclusion

Fellows will consider the large-scale contemporary immigration crisis in full view of state and national policies targeting vulnerable Latino people and communities and profiling Muslims and refugees seeking admission into the US and into the state of Georgia. The issue of sanctuary cities and schools is expressed as a moral and human rights imperative in the New Appeal for Human Rights, and the fellows will learn about and discuss the challenges faced by immigrants of various races and religious faiths in this city coined "The City too Busy to Hate."

**Location:** Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 10 AM	<b>4 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>Films: Immigration in America 2017 &amp; Muslim in America 2017</b>
10:45 AM – 11 AM	<b>Break</b>
11 AM – 12 PM	<b>Inside the Immigration Crisis for Latinos in Atlanta</b> Nora Benavidez (Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union)
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM – 3 PM	<b>Religious Freedom and Restrictions for Muslim Communities</b> Azadeh N. Shahshahani (Legal & Advocacy Director for Project South)
3 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Fellows' Reflection Circle</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
4:30 PM- 4:45 PM	<b>Break</b>
4:45 PM – 5 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)



Wednesday July 26, 2017

## CHILDREN IN THE MOVEMENT

In 1963, more than a dozen African American girls, aged 13-15, were held in a stockade for two months for demonstrating for integration in Americus, Georgia. Their parents did not know where their missing girls were for more than two weeks. When the parents' discovered their whereabouts the only thing they could do was slip food to them through the bars of the window in the room where the girls were held. The girls were released, without ever having been charged, and the parents were charged a \$2 boarding fee. Fellows will meet one of those girls, Dr. Shirley Reese, and hear her account of this horrific experience and how it inspired her career in civil and human rights. Fellows will visit and tour the stockade where the girls were held and have lunch in Leesburg.

**Location:** *Leesburg, Georgia*

9 AM – 9:10 AM	<b>Morning Announcements</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>2 Fellows Give Individual Presentations</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
9:30 AM – 6 PM	<b>Fellows will leave for Stockade in Leesburg, Georgia</b>
5:45 PM – 6 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up (On Bus)</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

Thursday July 27, 2017

## FELLOWS' ACTION PROJECTS

Fellows' presentations will be written and artistic expressions focused on the demand in the New Appeal for Human Rights that most appeals to them and proposing a restorative justice approach to addressing the issue at the heart of the selected demand.

**Location:** *Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346*

9 AM – 10:20 AM	<b>Fellows' Presentations (4)</b>
10:20 AM – 10:40 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:40 AM – 12 PM	<b>Fellows' Presentations (4)</b>
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Fellows' Presentations (4)</b>
3:00 PM – 3:20 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:20 – 5 PM	<b>Fellows' Presentations (5)</b>
5:15 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

Friday July 28, 2017

## FELLOWS' ACTION PROJECTS

Fellows' presentations will be written and artistic expressions focused on the demand in the New Appeal for Human Rights that most appeals to them and proposing a restorative justice approach to addressing the issue at the heart of the selected demand.

**Location:** *Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346*

9 AM – 10:20 AM	<b>Fellows' Presentations (4)</b>
10:20 AM – 10:40 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:40 AM – 12 PM	<b>Fellows' Presentations (4)</b>
12 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Fellows' Presentations (4)</b>
3:00 PM – 3:20 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:20 – 3:40 PM	<b>Fellow's Presentation (1)</b>
3:40 PM – 3:55 PM	<b>Daily Wrap-Up</b> Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)

Saturday July 29, 2017

In the closing event for the fellowship program, fellows will experience a theatrical performance, centered on the life and work of Congressman John Lewis. Having spent a month learning about and being exposed to the civil rights legacy that is the defining feature of Atlanta, fellows will enjoy a production that celebrates the courage and contributions of this American hero, after which this fellowship program is named.

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

2:00 PM – 4 PM	<b>Collision Project Through the Alliance Theatre: Performance of John Lewis' "The March"</b> Pearl Cleage (Renowned author, playwright, and Playwright in Residence, Alliance Theatre) This event is open to the public.
4 PM – 5 PM	<b>Reception</b>

## Sunday July 30, 2017

On the final day of programming in the fellowship, fellows will reflect on and discuss with each other what they've learned about the civil rights movements in Atlanta, what they've learned about contemporary human rights challenges and restorative justice- focused approaches to meeting these challenges, and what they've learned about themselves and their passion for and commitment to the human rights project.

**Location:** *Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346*

10 AM – 1 PM      Farewell Brunch and Final Fellow Reflection Circle

## Monday July 31, 2017

9 AM – 5 PM      Fellows Check Out of Georgia State University Commons



## **JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP STAFF**



**Tanya Washington**

John Lewis Fellowship Program Director

A native of Washington, DC, Tanya Washington is a professor of law at Georgia State University College of Law and the Program Director for Humanity in Action's John Lewis Fellowship in Atlanta. After earning her J.D. from The University of Maryland School of Law, she clerked for Judge Robert M. Bell on the Maryland Court of Appeals. In the years following, Tanya completed the Albert M. Sacks Fellowship, the A. Leon Higginbotham Fellowship and earned her LL.M. at Harvard Law School. Tanya has been widely published in law journals and periodicals across the nation. A self-professed activist scholar, she has worked collaboratively to ensure that legal scholarship has a practical and positive impact on vulnerable individuals and communities. Tanya believes deeply that the true value of the law lies in its capacity to improve the human condition. As such, she has co-authored several amicus briefs with the Supreme Court, including in the recent same-sex marriage cases, highlighting the harmful impact of exclusionary marriage laws on children in same-sex families.



**Ufuk Kâhya**

Associate Program Director

Ufuk Kâhya serves as Humanity in Action's Associate Program Director 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 senior advisor for Kompas, the Dutch civil rights and liberties organization. Ufuk has experience as a senior trainer for United World Colleges 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 to social change and inclusion throughout his political, professional and pro bono efforts.



**Faryn Wallace**  
Program Assistant

Faryn Wallace is an Atlanta Native and a recent graduate of Georgia State University College of Law. Before attending law school, Faryn received her bachelor's degree in World History from Kennesaw State University. During her time at Georgia State Law, she worked as a Graduate Research Assistant under the direction of Professor Tanya Washington, and assisted Professor Washington in drafting an Amicus Brief that was filed in support of the Plaintiffs' position in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and cited by the United States Supreme Court as a persuasive authority in this landmark Marriage Equality decision. Faryn also participated in a Refugee and Asylum Law Practicum – where, under the Third Year Practice Act, she worked closely with clients seeking asylum in the US. Additionally, Faryn has experience in personal injury law and criminal defense and currently works as an attorney for the Manely Firm P.C.'s Justice Café, where she practices landlord/tenant law and family law.

**Hanane Lotfi**  
Program Intern



Born and raised in Heerlen, the Dutch equivalent of Texas, Hanane moved to Amsterdam in 2000. She attended the VU Amsterdam University to obtain her BA degree in Political Science. In 2014 she attended the University of Amsterdam where she obtained her Master's degree in Political Communication. She has been involved in numerous youth civic engagement organizations, such as Mosa (youth radio and debate) and Hi5 (now IZI solutions). Hanane is also a Fulbright Summer Institute Alumni and has worked as technical manager at Kieskompas (Election Compass), a company specialized in developing Vote Advice Applications. In her spare time she also co-organized Django Girls a free coding event for women. In the future she is hopeful to find meaningful and effective ways to contribute to social justice and positive change.





## **JOHN LEWIS FELLOWS**



**Hope Anderson**

Southern Methodist University

Born and raised in Dallas, Hope Anderson is a graduating senior from Southern Methodist University with a triple major in Human Rights, Sociology, and History. Hope's passion for human rights led her to intern with global nonprofits like the International Rescue Committee and International Justice Mission, as well as local anti-poverty organizations like CitySquare. Hope also studied human rights challenges through the SIT International Honors Program, where she conducted research on the relationship between NGOs and forced migrants in Nepal, Jordan, and Chile. At SMU, Hope served as a student coordinator for the Embrey Human Rights Program, where she led and organized trips focused on civil rights history and the death penalty. This unique program sparked her love for social justice education and community dialogues. In the coming years, she hopes to work with other scholar-activists and young people to create human rights initiatives at more universities in the South.



**Rukhsar Asif**

University of Southern Denmark

Rukhsar Asif studies Market and Management Anthropology at the university of Southern Denmark and hopes to become a global leader that can shift the focus from the current material world to the world of the people. She cooperates with different politically active organizations, where she helps to organize demonstrations, do public speeches and participate in debates. She also has her own reality-show, which gives insights in how Muslim girls live in Denmark to clarify various stereotypes. She manages the international department in a voluntary organization, where she initiates Erasmus+ programs in cooperation with the EU, which gives her the chance to help people. Moreover, she works with different municipalities to help them integrate projects that build bridges between minorities and majorities. She also works as a peace -ambassador, where her job is to prevent racism within anti-sexist discourses.



**Simone Aumaj**  
Utrecht University

Simone Zalla Aumaj is an undergraduate student of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Utrecht University in The Netherlands. She majors in Cultural Anthropology, with a minor in Gender Studies within her programme. Studying oppression and privilege from an intersectional perspective has made her own experience as a Dutch citizen with Afghan roots more tangible. Even though Simone describes her societal position as an experience in which she is flowing between contradicting discourses, she acknowledges that her Dutch citizenship and Afghan ethnicity constitute a meaningful dialogue. Since the age of nine she has been involved in the advocacy of human rights, stimulating youth participation and lobbying by working together with multiple organizations, among which: Jeugdnu, KinderrechtNU and Gender Concerns International. Next year she will do three months of anthropological fieldwork abroad and is hoping to pursue a masters in Gender Studies.



**Jazmine Buckley**  
Mercer University

Jaz Buckley is a junior at Mercer University where she studies Political Science, Women and Gender Studies, and French.. She is a nationally ranked parliamentary debater and has Won several tournaments across the country. Additionally, Jaz is a leader in other areas of debate. She the captain of Mercer's debate team, judges high school tournaments, and coaches at a high school in rural Georgia. In the summer of 2016, she helped created debate programs at primary schools in South Africa. Jaz is also active in several activities related to diversity. Jaz has interned at a human rights NGO in South Africa and has worked with student government to increase campus diversity. Through programs like campus Flag Parades and Diversity Week, Jaz has helped make campus more inclusive. She hopes to continue to advocate for minority rights as a civil rights attorney and specifically address issues related to race and law.



**Seung Hyun "Dan" Chung**  
University of Pennsylvania

Born in Busan, South Korea and from Cypress, California, Seung Hyun Chung is a rising senior at the University of Pennsylvania with a major in English and minors in Fine Arts and Asian American Studies. An aspiring artist and writer, Seung Hyun has used his storytelling practice as a way to affectively articulate issues of minority mental health, refugee trauma, hybrid identity, and collective memory. Seung Hyun also serves as co-chair of the Asian American Studies Undergraduate Advisory Board at Penn, fighting for the program's continued existence and working to increase student engagement with critical discourse in minority and ethnic studies. While he is refreshingly uncertain about his post-graduate plans, he hopes to continue using creative media as a way to inspire a culture of human rights.



**Adam Cohen**  
University of Pennsylvania

Born and raised in Maine, Adam Cohen graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2016 with a major in Urban Studies. Throughout his time as an undergraduate, he worked extensively in West Philadelphia's public high schools helping to provide college and financial aid counseling services to aspiring first-generation students. His research focused on the effectiveness of different Housing First models in improving the wellbeing of people experiencing chronic homelessness, the impacts of local procurement efforts by large anchor institutions, and the role of universities in revitalizing historically disadvantaged neighborhoods. During his senior year, he served as the chair for his university's Netter Center for Community Partnerships Student Advisory Board. Adam recently finished an internship with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is now completing a fellowship with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In 2015, Adam was selected as a Harry S Truman Scholar.



**Chandra Dickey**  
Scripps College

Raised in Stone Mountain, Georgia, Chandra Dickey has spent the past year as an English Teaching Assistant in France. She is passionate about making cultural institutions more accessible to communities of color and studying the African Diaspora in the Francophone Atlantic. In 2016, Chandra graduated cum laude from Scripps College in Claremont, California with a dual degree in History and Politics. There, she was a Questbridge Scholar and student organizer for various issues regarding institutional support for students of color. Her time at Scripps led her to study abroad in Nantes, France, where she studied France's involvement in the Transatlantic Slave Trade, and the significance of the country's increasing immigrant population. Upon graduating, Chandra interned for the Library Company of Philadelphia where she conducted research and special projects under the African American History Program as a Mellon Scholar. In the future, she plans to pursue a degree in Public Humanities.



**Roberto Flores**  
Florida State University

Born in Mexico City, Roberto Flores moved to south Texas at the age of ten. They currently attend Florida State University with majors in Piano Performance and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences and a minor in Economics. Throughout their college experience, Roberto served as a mentor and facilitator for various leadership development programs, seeking to inspire low-income and minority freshmen and high schools students. As the Assistant Director of the Pride Student Union, Roberto worked to empower LGBTQ+ students by helping them lead their own events and workshops. In addition, Roberto led their own leadership development program specifically for LGBTQ+ students. Working with community and campus partners, Roberto also coordinated free STI and HIV testing events, providing resources and education to an often neglected high-risk population. In their spare time, Roberto loves to explore new compositions from Mexico and seeks opportunities to perform the music of Latin American composers.



**Małgorzata "Małgosia" Hermanowicz**  
Warsaw School of Economics

Małgosia Hermanowicz is a double-degree Master Programme student at the Warsaw School of Economics and NOVA Lisboa SBE in Management. Academically Małgosia has focused on Latin American countries (specifically Brazil), sustainability and socio-economic development. Professionally, Małgosia has been working on several cultural projects, featuring topics of new media, international exchange of audiovisual archives, creative industries and film. She is very keen on international cultural relations and sees it as an important enabler of growth and sustainable development.



**Arlette Hernandez**  
Washington and Lee University

Arlette Hernandez was born in Havana, Cuba to parents of Spanish and African descent. She has lived the majority of her life in Florida, but has spent the last three years attending university in Virginia where she majors in English with minors in Creative Writing and Africana Studies. She has spent a semester abroad in Bath, England, where she studied English literature and conducted independent research on issues of class, race, genre, and marketing. As a Mellon Digital Humanities student fellow, she has spent the past year working on a project that uses postcolonial theory to highlight the misrepresentations of African peoples and the continent within archival materials. Arlette hopes to participate in the Teach for America program before pursuing a Ph.D in postcolonial literature. One of her goals in life is to teach a college level seminar on black sitcoms, hip-hop music, and issues of imperialism.





**Esra Karakaya**  
Humboldt-University Berlin

Esra Karakaya is a music and media scientist, journalist and grassroots activist. As a daughter of Turkish and Korean immigrants, she has been involved in various minority communities for many years in her hometown of Berlin. Esra is a seeker and always on the lookout for the sound that makes her heart sway.



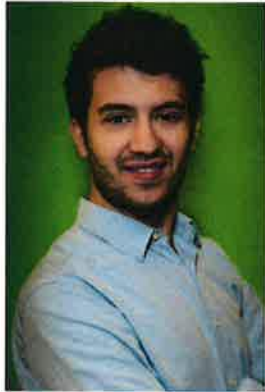
**Sabiha Kapetanovic**  
Ege University

Sabiha Kapetanovic was born and raised in Sarajevo. Once she received the scholarship to study in Turkey she moved to Turkey where she completed her BA in International Relations from Ege University in Izmir. She spent a semester at Maastricht University for European Studies as part of her BA studies. Shortly after she received her BA degree, she won the Schuman Fellowship at the European Parliament, Policy Department for Western Balkans and Turkey. Sabiha has been involved in many different projects, organisations that are promoting social equality and social mobility. The latest activities were related to a fight against unpaid internships. As part of the fight she directed the short documentary named Colours of Unpaid Youth. Currently she works at EUROCONTROL trying to improve their traineeship programme and make it more transparent. She likes to fight using different shapes of art such as applied theatre and contemporary dance.



**Jordanos Kiros**  
Vrije universiteit

Jordanos Kiros, Master of Laws, 27 years old, born and raised in the Netherlands. In December 2016, she graduated with the master of Private Law, with a specialization in contract law, labour law and migration law. Over the last few years, she has mostly been learning about people, history, politics and culture abroad. She took part in an exchange program in South Africa, did an internship in Indonesia and travelled and worked in parts of Australia, Southeast Asia and Africa. As of January 2017, she is the president of the Eritrean Association in Amsterdam and surroundings. Her goal is to encourage the Eritrean diaspora and refugees to meet their full potential within the Dutch society while keeping their Eritrean identity. In the future she plans to pass the bar and be an advocate for employee rights and human rights.



**Konstantinos “Konstantin” Koukos**  
Copenhagen Business School

Born and raised in Athens, Konstantinos Koukos holds a BSc in Marketing and Communications from Athens University of Economics and Business. In 2016, Konstantinos moved to Copenhagen to pursue Master of Science studies in Business, Language and Culture with concentration on Diversity and Change Management. He has working experience in Project Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing and Communications in firms and has been part of several NGOs and teams. Some of the projects were developed in the social entrepreneurship field, the promotion of human rights and diversity, the battle against youth unemployment and discrimination through the use of the new media and network creation.



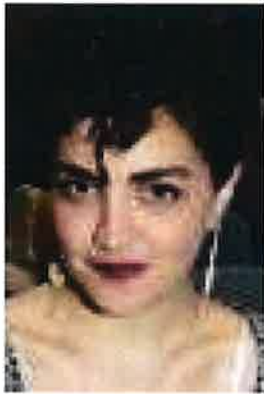
**Zelma Feldman Lewerissa**  
University of Copenhagen

Born and raised in Copenhagen, Zelma Feldman Lewerissa currently studies anthropology at the University of Copenhagen. At the age of 16, Zelma moved to India to attend United World College for two years. One of her main interests is theatre as a tool for social change. At UWC, she started a social theatre project with young girls from a local Maharashtrian village. Currently part of the theatre group ‘De Sceneste’, initiated by the Danish Royal Theatre, and aims to involve more young people in Danish theatre world. As a response to xenophobic discourses in the Danish media, she attended the course ‘Opinionmaker against Discrimination’ and became a part of the ‘Dialogue ambassadors’, a group of young Jews and Muslims who aims to combat islamophobia and antisemitism and encourage coexistence. As a student job she writes and performs monologues about social issues and minority experiences for the Socioeconomic theatre company Contact.



**Alex Mabanta**  
University of California, Berkeley

Alex Mabanta graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a double major in Political Science and Rhetoric, and a minor in Human Rights. With a passion for social justice, Alex chairs the Peace and Justice Commission, a legislative body charged with crafting human rights ordinances for the city of Berkeley. As a student, he also directed the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, a pro-bono tax assistance organization that serves low-income families across the San Francisco Bay Area and founded the Financial Literacy and Economic Justice Conference (Flejcon), the first campus-wide student-organized and student-oriented financial literacy conference of its kind. Together, Alex is drawn to public service and empowering people. He hopes to lead a career advancing inclusive social policies for diverse communities throughout the United States.



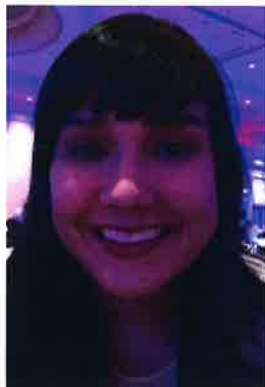
**Mairi "Mary" Markaki**  
Harakopio University

Born and raised in Greece, Mairi Markaki regards herself to be a vivid spirit and a multifaceted personality with various interest and passion to meet different people and live valuable, constructive experiences. She holds a Bachelor degree in Nutrition, but later on she decided to turn to other fields that would better fit her professional identity and personal aspirations. After attending seminars and publishing articles based on innovation, action and disruption, she participated in an Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs program, living in Berlin for 6 months. This came as a result of her interest in entrepreneurship and in projects with added value and social impact, which is her main goal. She works in the Sales/Business Development Department of a Greek startup, as she loves communication, believes in team work and wants to help others reach their personal development. She loves running and dancing as they feed one's soul, mind and body.



**Darriel McBride**  
Marist College

Darriel McBride is a senior at Marist College studying English Writing with a double minor in Video Production and Global Studies. Darriel grew up in the South Bronx. She is the first in her family to attend college as well as the first Marist student to study abroad in Western Samoa where she spent a semester traveling throughout the Pacific Islands. During her study abroad program, she conducted independent research on education policy implementation in Samoan public schools. Darriel is a leader on her campus, where she organizes various cultural and social events in order to promote inclusion and unite her campus community. Darriel is a 2017 Fulbright Fellow and will be teaching English in South Africa in January of 2018. She is also a Gates Millennium Scholar and hopes to pursue her Masters degree with the realm of Education Policy upon her return to the United States.



**Emily McDonnell**  
The University of Arizona

Born and raised on the Navajo reservation, Emily McDonnell studied public policy and American Indian studies at the University of Arizona. As a Navajo and convert to Judaism she was active in both Native American and Jewish student organizations throughout college where she held leadership positions. Emily currently runs the Moishe House Without Walls program in Tucson where she hosts and organizes social and religious programs for Jewish young professionals. While in college, Emily became passionate about educational equity, particularly in relation to Native American education and plans to pursue a joint degree in public policy and a law degree. This year she had the opportunity to teach social studies to middle school students in a Native American school.



**Ehlimana**  
University of Sarajevo

**Memisevic**

Ehlimana Memisevic is currently a PhD student at the Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo. She received her B.A. in Law from the University of Sarajevo in 2009, and an M.A. degree in 2013. Ehlimana has been working as a teaching and research assistant since 2009; since 2014, she has worked as a senior teaching and research assistant at the Department of Legal History and Comparative Law at the Faculty of Law. Her research interests include legal history, comparative law, the relationship between religion and law, transitional justice, human rights with a special focus on women's rights etc.



**Priyanka Menon**  
Harvard University

From Ann Arbor, Michigan, Priyanka Menon is currently a Humanities Fellow at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in Washington, D.C. She graduated from Harvard College in 2016, where she studied mathematics and history, and was involved with the Harvard Political Review and the Scholars at Risk program. Priyanka is interested in the ethical foundations of group decision-making and applications of this to the law. Next year, Priyanka will pursue a joint JD-PhD at Harvard University.



**Pedro Monque**  
St. Olaf College

Pedro Monque is a Bilingual Resource Specialist for the Madison Metropolitan School District where he works with underserved English Language Learners and their families. He is also Teacher Aide at community empowerment program Trail to Success – High Ridge Trail, and Facilitator for Empoderando a Latinoamérica, a youth-led program whose goal is to empower emerging Latin American community leaders. Through these positions, he has engaged children and youth in discussions about social justice and community engagement. Pedro was born and raised in Venezuela. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy from St. Olaf College and will join the Ph.D. program in Philosophy at CUNY Graduate Center in the fall.





### **Alma Mujanović**

The University of Sarajevo

Alma Mujanović was born in Montenegro. She currently lives in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Alma is a student at the Faculty of the Health Sciences, in field the of Radiology Technology at the University of Sarajevo. She works with people who fight to break discrimination, especially people with disabilities. Since 2010, Alma has actively engaged in issues of human rights and has participated in many fields of non-formal education and integration in the social environment. Currently, she is a member of many organisations. Her hobbies include photography and writing. She often writes about human rights and inclusion of people with disabilities. She was a participant in many educational programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Europe (Norway, 2015, Italy, 2016, Albania 2016, Switzerland 2016, Youth Exchange in Greece 2016, European Forum Alpbach, Austria, 2016). Her motivation is socializing with people and she loves to be among people with whom she is feeling happy and fulfilled.



### **Lila Murphy**

New York University

Originally from Philadelphia, Lila Murphy is a rising junior at New York University concentrating in Politics, Rights, and Development, with a minor in both Dance and Spanish Language. Prior to attending university, Lila traveled extensively throughout Latin America and South Asia observing localized methods of community development, education, and agriculture. She is a firm believer in the power smaller communities yield towards greater social change, and has worked in community development in many different capacities. In addition to her academic work, Lila is an artist who aims to challenge social stigmas through contrary visual representations. She plans on furthering her work in the arts after graduation, infusing her work with her passion for social and policy change.



### **Sara Osman**

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Born and raised in Minneapolis, Sara Osman is a Global Studies and Afro Studies double major, focusing on human rights on the continent of Africa, at the University of Minnesota. Sara spent a semester abroad in Nepal, Jordan and Chile studying comparative human rights. She serves as the Community Liaison/Direct Action Coordinator for the Young Muslim Collective. She is also a community organizer and works as a Youth Leader for the American Friends Service Committee in St. Paul. In her spare time, Sara is a writer, a photographer and a diversity training consultant. After college, Sara hopes to stay in Minnesota and develop programs for young Somali women in the Twin Cities to better prepare them for higher education.



### **Beau Revlett**

University of Kentucky

Beau Revlett is a rising junior philosophy major at the University of Kentucky. He grew up in Georgetown, KY with his loving family. He is the leader of two student groups at UK. One focuses on homelessness in Lexington, one on on-campus food insecurity. He often works with Arbor Youth Services, an emergency shelter for at-risk youth, where he serves on the Board of Directors. He has recently been working with a small group to find good ways to improve how the needs of youth in Lexington are met. At the moment, his academic interests are primarily in philosophy of science and logic. Before HIA this summer, he will be doing research with Dr. Julia Bursten on causation in philosophy of science. He likes analytic philosophy quite a bit and hopes to study it in graduate school. His friends often accuse him of disagreeing just for the sake of disagreeing.



### **Eliza Rutynowska**

University of Warsaw

Eliza Rutynowska was born in Warsaw, but raised both there as well as Maastricht, The Netherlands. She is currently a fourth year law and first year internal security studies student of the Interdisciplinary Individual Studies in the Humanities College at Warsaw University. She worked as a paralegal at the Polish Society of Anti-discrimination Law. Eliza is passionate about criminal justice and human rights, and is a graduate of the "Innocence Project - preventing wrongful convictions" workshop at the University of Warsaw. Eliza is currently a member of the University's Legal Aid Clinic, providing legal advice for the needy.



### **Ian Stewart**

Illinois Wesleyan University

Ian Fields Stewart (pronouns: they/them/their) is a black, queer, and gender nonconforming New York based storyteller working at the intersection of theatre and activism. A native of Birmingham, AL, their work is centered in deconstructing mainstream media forms and rebuilding them to amplify and include the voices of marginalized people in our local and global communities. Ian's work has been published and seen across multiple mediums including The Journal of Community Practice, Buzzfeed, MoveOn.org, the United Nations, and many performance venues in New York City and beyond.



**Keitavious "Trey" Walk**  
Duke University

Born in the small town of Gray Court, South Carolina and raised in Greenville, Trey Walk is a rising junior at Duke University studying history with a concentration on Human Rights and Social Movements. Trey is interested how policies lead to structural inequality and how society- institutions and everyday people- responds to these inequalities. He is involved with Community Empowerment Fund, a nonprofit in Durham and Chapel Hill that works to combat homelessness and poverty. He is also involved with several organizations on campus at Duke. Trey loves music, dance, literature, film, and theatre and has recently become more interested in how art is used to heal, provoke, and inspire social change. Eventually, Trey would like to get a J.D. and an M.P.P. to enter into public service.



**David Werdermann**  
University of Freiburg

After graduating from high school near Münster and volunteering as a human rights observer in the Philippines, David Werdermann studied law in Freiburg, Germany, focusing on public international and European law. He completed his studies in 2016 and is currently working as a research associate at the Institute for Staatswissenschaft and Philosophy of Law at the University of Freiburg, where he is teaching constitutional law. He is planning to write a PhD thesis about constitutional rights of immigrants. David is author of various articles and political activist focusing on fundamental rights, migration policy and education. He is active member of the "work group of critical lawyers" (Arbeitskreis kritischer Jurist\*innen), an association of left-wing young lawyers, and the "Forum 'Active against Exclusion' Freiburg" (Freiburger Forum aktiv gegen Ausgrenzung), an organization supporting Roma from the Western Balkans.



# JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

BIOGRAPHIES ORGANIZED BY PRESENTATION DATE AND IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION

Thursday July 6, 2017

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.

Friday July 7, 2017

DR. ROSLYN POPE



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. One of the most significant accomplishments of this document was to recast civil rights as human rights, asserting entitlement to the dignity and inalienable rights inherent in humanity. 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 the Atlanta 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. Most recently, Dr. Pope participated in a dialogue with Spelman College students about civil and human rights, and she delivered the 2017 Commencement Address at Freedom University.



**DR. JUDITH S. GOLDSTEIN**



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.

**DR. DWIGHT ANDREWS**



Dwight Andrews is a native of Detroit, Michigan and a product of the Detroit Public Schools System. He graduated from Cass Technical High School and received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music from the University of Michigan. He continued his studies at Yale University, receiving a Master of Divinity degree in 1977 and his Ph.D. in Music Theory in 1993. Andrews served as Associate Pastor of Christ's Church at Yale University's Battell Chapel for ministry to the minority communities there. For over a decade he served as minister at the Black Church at Yale and pastored several generations of Yale students and faculty as well as members of the greater New Haven community. He has also served as Interim Minister at Faith Congregational Church in Hartford, Connecticut and Plymouth Congregational Church in Beaumont, Texas. Currently, Dr. Andrews is a Professor at Emory College, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1987. Dr. Andrews has also taught at Rice and Harvard Universities. In 1996 he was named the first Quincy Jones Visiting Professor of African American Music at Harvard. Dr. Andrews is the Senior Minister pastor at First Congregational United Church of Christ, which recently celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. First Congregational Church and Dr. Andrews and their respective contributions to Atlanta were recognized by the Atlanta City Council in 2017, by proclamation. Dr. Andrews carries his ministry wherever he goes and is grateful that God continues to provide him with wonderful opportunities for ministry— within the walls of the church and without.

Saturday July 8, 2017

**TOM HOUCK**



Expelled from high school in 1965 for marching in the Selma – Montgomery march, Tom committed himself to the Civil Rights movement. From 1965-1971 Houck worked with the NAACP, SCLC and VEP in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Washington DC, New York and Chicago. From 1966 until his assassination in 1968 Tom was an aide to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During this time he served as a driver and personal assistant to Dr. King and his family. Houck also became the youngest member of the SCLC executive staff working with organizations to end the Vietnam War and mobilizing for the “Poor People Campaign”. Houck helped organize Hispanics, Asians, Native American and poor whites for the long crusade across America culminating in the first truly rainbow community at “Resurrection City” on the Mall in Washington, DC. He was a speaker representing poor whites at the kick off of the Poor Peoples’ campaign in Memphis. In 1968 and 1969 as a member of the SCLC staff, Tom participated in organizing anti war campaigns in DC and Atlanta, get out the vote efforts in New York and Georgia, the hospital workers strike in Charleston, SC. From 1970 until 1972 Houck worked as field director for The Voter Education Project (VEP) and with John Lewis and Julian Bond – mobilizing, registering and encourage minority voter’s participation across 11 southern states of the old Confederacy. Returning to Georgia in 1973 Houck has worked extensively on various political campaigns including Andrew Young successful bid for Congress, Maynard Jackson’s election as Atlanta’s first black mayor and the campaigns of John Lewis and Zell Miller. A strong advocate for civil and human rights, over the last decade Houck has been in demand as a speaker, especially on the life and times of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Monday July 10, 2017

DR. CAROLE ANDERSON



Carol Anderson is Charles Howard Candler 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 second monograph, *Bourgeois Radicals: The NAACP and the Struggle for Colonial Liberation, 1941-1960*, also published by Cambridge, Professor Anderson 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. Professor Anderson's most recent work, *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Nation's Divide*, published by Bloomsbury, is a New York Times Bestseller, Race and Civil Rights of August 2016, and was a New York Times Editor's Pick for July 2016. 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. 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.



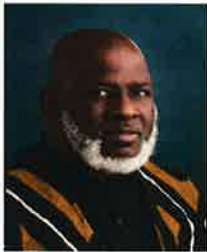
Tuesday July 11, 2017

PROFESSOR NATSU SAITO



Natsu Taylor Saito is an activist attorney and a Distinguished University Professor at Georgia State's College of Law in Atlanta, where she has taught international law and human rights, indigenous rights, immigration law, and the legal history of "race" in the United States since 1994. She is the author of more than thirty law review articles and two books, *Meeting Enemy: American Exceptionalism and International Law* (2010) and *From Chinese Exclusion to Guantánamo Bay: Plenary Power and the Prerogative State* (2006).

DR. AKINYELE UMOJA



Akinyele Umoja is a Professor and the Chair of the Department of African-American Studies at Georgia State University. He teaches courses on the history of the Civil Rights and Black Power movements and other Black political and social movements. Professor Umoja is the author of *We Will Shoot Back: Armed Resistance and the Mississippi Freedom Movement* (New York University, 2013). The book *We Will Shoot Back* was named the 2014 Anna Julia Cooper/ C.L.R. James Award for the best book in Africana Studies by the National Council of Black Studies. It also the recipient of the Winner of the 2014 PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Award for Excellence in Literature. Umoja's research has also been featured in several scholarly publications: *Souls*, *The Journal of Black Studies*, *New Political Science*, *The International Journal of Africana Studies*, *The Black Scholar*, and the *Radical History Review*. Umoja is a contributor to several anthologies including *Blackwell Companion on African-American History*, edited by Alton Hornsby; *The Black Panther Party Reconsidered*, edited by Charles E. Jones; and *Liberation, Imagination, and the Black Panther Party*, edited by Kathleen Cleaver and George Katsaficis, and *Malcolm X: A Historical Reader* edited by James Conyers and Andrew Smallwood. Professor Umoja is also very engaged in human rights and social justice advocacy. He received awards from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (1998) and the National Council of Black Studies (2008) for his community activism. Due to his civic engagement and scholar-activism, Umoja was inducted into Selma, Alabama's Hall of Resistance in the Enslavement and Civil War Museum during the annual Bridge Crossing and Jubilee Celebration. Other inductees into the Hall of Resistance include author Sonia Sanchez, and scholar-activists Asa Hilliard, Maulana Karenga, Ray Winbush, and legendary Hip Hop artist Tupac Shakur.

Wednesday July 12, 2017

DR. MAURITA POOLE



Dr. Maurita Poole is a cultural anthropologist and curator specialized in race and identity formation in North African Islamic contexts, visual cultures of the African Diaspora, and image-based ethnography. She is currently the Director of Clark Atlanta University Art Galleries. Her dissertation research, “‘Brown Skin is Half of Beauty’: Representations of Beauty and the Construction of Race in Contemporary Cairo” focuses on racialized beauty and the color-caste aesthetic in Mubarak-era Egypt. As the Mellon Curatorial Fellow for Diversity in the Arts at Williams College Museum of Art, she has curated “Myra Greene: Selections from My White Friends” and “Zanele Muholi”. She is currently working on a book-length manuscript about contemporary Nubian aesthetics and curating the exhibition “Fathi Hassan: Migration of Signs,” which highlights the most recent paintings and drawings by contemporary Nubian mixed media artist Fathi Hassan. Before arriving at Williams College, Dr. Poole taught courses at Spelman College, Dillard University, and Emory University. The courses included Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology; Introduction to Feminist Theories; Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality; African Diaspora and the World; and “Will to Adorn”: African American Dress and the Aesthetics of Identity. Her research has been generously supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, American Research Center in Egypt, and the Ford Foundation.

Thursday July 13, 2017

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 two-terms until 2009. The mayor is term limited in Atlanta.

#### PROFESSOR COURTNEY ANDERSON



Courtney Anderson, assistant professor of law, teaches Law and Social Welfare and Property. Her legal experience has been focused in the area of transactional law and community and economic development. Her position at Georgia State Law supports the university's Second Century Initiative, which focuses on interdisciplinary research into how law and policy might impact the social, economic, and environmental determinants of health, particularly among minority, low-income and vulnerable populations, and working with communities for favorable health outcomes. Anderson's research is focused on preserving affordable housing and eradicating the disparities in low-income and minority communities that exacerbate health issues. She is particularly interested in initiatives that pair community and economic development mechanisms with laws and policies to achieve health equity. She was a clinical fellow with the Harrison Institute for Affordable Housing and Community Development Clinic at Georgetown University Law Center, where she represented low-income tenant associations in purchasing and rehabilitating multifamily housing units. Prior to joining the Harrison Institute, Anderson worked in the real estate group at Sidley Austin LLP, where her practice had an emphasis on corporate and financing transactions. Anderson received an LL.M. with distinction from Georgetown University Law Center in 2012. She graduated from Harvard Law School in 2006, and *summa cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh in 2003.

#### PROFESSOR ERIN RUEL

Erin Ruel is associate professor of sociology and director of graduate studies at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA. She received her PhD in sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2003. In 2003, Erin took a postdoctoral position at the University of Wisconsin Madison in the Center for Demography of Health and Aging. While there, she continued to hone her survey research skills on the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study. Soon after arriving in Atlanta to take an assistant professor position at Georgia State University (GSU) in 2005, she began the Urban Health Initiative, a longitudinal survey study of public housing residents facing involuntary relocation with GSU colleagues. Erin was principal investigator of the National Institutes of Health study on the health outcomes of relocated public housing residents and co-investigator on two National Science Foundation grants, examining social disorganization and social support for public housing residents. She employs quantitative and mixed methods to examine health disparities and the health consequences of racial residential segregation, neighborhood disadvantage, housing, and socioeconomic status. Ruel has published in numerous journals, including *Demography*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science Research*, *Health and Place*, *Journal of Housing Studies*, *Cities*, *Sociology Compass*, *Journal of Adolescent Health*, and *Journal of Urban Health*.

**PROFESSOR JOHN MARSHALL TRAVIS**



John Travis Marshall, assistant professor of law, is interested in the challenges associated with the growth and contraction of urban areas. In particular, Marshall studies private, nonprofit and government interventions to promote long-term urban recovery from crisis and disasters. Marshall joined Georgia State Law from Yale Law School, where he was a clinical lecturer in law and the Ludwig Community Development Fellow. From 2007 to 2011, he was a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow with the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority. In that role, Marshall advised NORA on post-Hurricane Katrina implementation of the Authority's urban revitalization efforts, including land acquisition, development, and disposition programs. Prior to his work in New Orleans, Marshall was a partner with Holland & Knight LLP, specializing in land use and zoning matters as well as real estate litigation. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Jenkins, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Marshall earned a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame, an M.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and a J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law. He teaches Environmental Law and Land Use Law.

**Friday July 14, 2017**

**RYAN GRAVEL**



Ryan Gravel is an urban planner, designer, and author working on site design, infrastructure, concept development, and public policy as the founding principal at Sixpitch. His master's thesis in 1999 was the original vision for the Atlanta Beltline, a 22-mile transit greenway that with fifteen years of progress, is changing both the physical form of his city and the decisions people make about living there. Now a \$4 billion public-private investment in the early stages of implementation, the project's health and economic benefits are already evident through record-breaking use of its first section of mainline trail and \$3.1 billion of private sector redevelopment since 2005. Ryan has received numerous awards and press related to his work on the Atlanta Beltline and tells his story internationally, but an essential aspect of his work is yet to come. Alongside project work at Sixpitch and research on similar "catalyst infrastructure" projects around the world, he makes a compelling case about what this movement means and why it matters. In his book, *Where We Want to Live*, Ryan investigates the cultural side of infrastructure, describing how its intimate relationship with our way of life can illuminate a brighter path forward for cities.

**DR. STUART ROMM**



Stuart Romm is a founding principal in the Atlanta architectural firms of Praxis3 and Romm + Pearsall, both multidisciplinary practices focused on urban revitalization and social sustainability. His work has especially confronted the challenges of affordable housing, beginning with Romm + Pearsall's award-winning entry to Progressive Architecture's 'Affordable Housing Initiative', and in Praxis3's Renaissance Walk project on historic Auburn Avenue that won an AIA Honor Award in 2009. Recent project papers on 'Emplacing the Other' and 'How Dignity Works' were presented at the 2017 Virginia Humanities Conference and the 21st World Congress of the ICLA (Vienna 2016). The collaborative team of Praxis3, EDAW, and BNIM was awarded First Place in the national 'City of the Future' design competition, sponsored by the History Channel to envision alternative urban models for sustainable growth. Stuart Romm is a Professor of the Practice in the College of Design at Georgia Tech, having taught architectural design studios and urban outreach workshops for 25 years.

## Saturday July 15, 2017

COLEMAN G. HOWARD



Coleman G. Howard has spent his adult life serving and inspiring others in different capacities. Through his blog, motivational t-shirt line, and public speaking, he is leading a movement centered around the pillars of truth, love, and compassion. Coleman believes that you must have truth, love, and compassion for yourself and others in order to change the world we live in. He is a 200-Hour Registered Yoga Teacher with Yoga Alliance and teaches Yin Yoga and Mindful Meditation to teachers and students at several of the local schools. Coleman is also a Yoga Warrior International certified teacher using yoga to assist ex-veterans with post traumatic stress and this year he will publish a children's book, "Abasi The Big Dreamer". Coleman is a former paramedic, police officer and military veteran, who served in Desert Storm. In his spare time Coleman enjoys traveling, reading, playing golf, and face timing with his granddaughter, Juliana.

Monday July 17, 2017

DOUG AMMAR



Doug Ammar has been associated with the Georgia Justice Project (GJP) since began in 1986. First as a volunteer, then as a staff lawyer in 1990, and currently serves as the Executive Director. He has served in that capacity since 1995. Doug earned a Bachelor of History degree from Davidson College in 1984 and earned his law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1989. Doug's professional awards and affiliations include: Davidson's College's 2016 Game Changers, Emory University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award, the Milner S. Ball Working In the Public Interest Lifetime Achievement Award; the Thomas Moore Society Law Award (Atlanta); the Annie E. Casey Foundation Fellowship; the Georgia Center for Nonprofits' Evelyn G. Ullman Innovative Leadership Award; Fulton County Daily Report's Young Lawyer on the Rise Award; Omicron Delta Kappa Alumni inductee at Washington & Lee University; Emory Law School's Public Interest Committee's Inspiration Award; the University of Georgia's Equal Justice Foundation's Knox Award; the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Indigent Defense Award; Davidson College's John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service; the Atlanta Catholic Social Services' Award for Exemplary Service; the Davidson College Alumni Admissions Program Award; and the Georgia Indigent Defense Council's Commitment to Excellence Award.

PROFESSOR LAUREN SUDEALL LUCAS



Lauren Sudeall Lucas, associate professor of law, teaches Constitutional Law and Capital Punishment. She also serves as founding faculty director of the Center for Access to Justice. Lucas's scholarly work to date has focused on the relationship between rights and identity, and the intersection of constitutional law and criminal procedure. Other research interests include the constitutional treatment of multiracial and economically and politically marginalized populations. Her recent scholarship has appeared in the *Columbia Law Review*, *California Law Review*, and *Minnesota Law Review*, among other publications. Before joining the academy, Lucas clerked for Justice John Paul Stevens on the Supreme Court of the United States and Judge Stephen Reinhardt on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She then worked at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, first as a Soros Justice Fellow and later as a staff attorney. At the Southern Center, she represented indigent capital clients in Georgia and Alabama and litigated civil claims regarding constitutional violations within the criminal justice system, based primarily on the right to counsel. She serves on the Southern Center's board of directors, the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid & Indigent Defendants, the Indigent Defense Committee of the State Bar of Georgia, and the board of advisors for the Systemic Justice Project at Harvard Law School. She has also served as chair of the AALS Section on Constitutional Law. Lucas graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where she served as treasurer of the *Harvard Law Review*. She received her B.A. with distinction from Yale University. During her time in practice, Lucas received the Anti-Defamation League's Stuart Eizenstat Young Lawyer Award and was named by the *Fulton County Daily Report* as one of 10 "On the Rise" Georgia lawyers under 40. In 2011, she was recognized as one of *National Law Journal's* Minority 40 Under 40.

#### **SARA TOTONCHI**



Sara Totonchi is the Executive Director of the Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR), a nonprofit law firm that is working in the Deep South to end mass incarceration, the death penalty, and the criminalization of poverty. Sara joined SCHR in 2001 as the Public Policy Director and became Executive Director in 2010. Sara led coalition efforts and legislative advocacy to establish Georgia's statewide public defender system and enact criminal justice reforms. As Executive Director, Sara leads SCHR in carrying out its mission to dramatically transform the criminal justice system. Sara has been recognized for her work by several publications, including being named by *Atlanta Magazine* as one of "Five of the Future" leaders of Atlanta. Sara and her family immigrated to the United States when she was a child.



## MAWULI DAVIS



Mawuli Mel Davis is a founding partner of the Davis Bozeman Law Firm where he leads the firm's Civil Rights and Criminal Defense Sections. Attorney Davis attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, where he played varsity basketball and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Attorney Davis served in the United States Navy as an officer for nearly ten years. He earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Bowie State University while on active duty in Rota, Spain. Attorney Davis is a graduate of Georgia State University College of Law, where he was recognized in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and awarded the Eleanor Norton Holmes/Thurgood Marshall Award for his outstanding contribution as a law student. He is also the recipient of the Georgia State University Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Torch of Peace. Attorney Davis served on the Executive Board for the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) and as President of GSU BLSA. Attorney Davis was selected by and featured in the Fulton County Daily Reporter as one of just 15 lawyers in Georgia that are "On the Rise." He has also been featured in Rolling Out newspaper as an attorney who is an advocate in and out of the courtroom. He was acknowledged in the Atlanta Magazine as both a Rising Super Lawyer and later as a Super Lawyer, distinctions given to less than 3% of the lawyers practicing in Georgia. Attorney Davis was named the Civil Rights Attorney of the Year by the Gate City Bar Association, the Advocate of the year by the ACLU of Georgia, Civil Rights Legal Champion by the Urban League of Greater Atlanta, and was inaugural recipient of the Southern Center for Human Rights' Luminary Award. Attorney Davis' organizing efforts have ranged from working with gang members in Chicago to participating in the United Nations World Conference Against Racism in South Africa. Attorney Davis developed and presents a multimedia presentation to teens entitled, "The Consequences of Thug Life". Attorney Davis along with his wife, educator and activist, Jana Johnson-Davis, also developed "If You Can See, it You Can Be It", an engaging teaching module for attorneys to introduce the legal profession to middle school students. As a result of his many community endeavors, Attorney Davis is considered an "Activist Attorney" and was named Humanitarian of the Year by the Atlanta Chapter of the NAACP, Kappa Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma and most recently by the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Additionally, he has represented and helped organize legal support for activists engaged in protests including the Occupy Movement, Moral Monday, and Black Lives Matter. As a result of his pro bono representation in social justice movements he has been affectionately dubbed the "Liberation Lawyer". As an activist, Attorney Davis is a co-founder of Let Us Make Man. After the acquittal of George Zimmerman, he was one of the primary organizers for the march of over 5,000 protestors from the Atlanta University Center to CNN Headquarters. A photograph of this historic "Respect Black Life" march was featured in Ebony magazine. Recently, Attorneys Davis and Bozeman were featured in the 2016 Who's Who in Black Atlanta as "Game Changers". Attorney Davis was awarded Father of the Year in by Jack & Jill Inc. of Atlanta, Social Innovator Award by Sistas Inspiring Sistas, and Father of Distinction by the Concerned Black Clergy. Attorney Davis is the Immediate Past President of the DeKalb Lawyers Association (DLA) and the "Mawuli Davis Legal Warrior Award" was named in his honor by DLA which is awarded to attorneys who have demonstrated courage and tenacity in their legal representation. Attorney Davis is also the recently, elected President of the newly formed City of Decatur NAACP Branch. He is a proud member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and the DeKalb Chapter of the 100 Black Men of America.



#### **GARY SPENCER**



Gary Spencer opened his practice in 1997, concentrating in the areas of state and federal criminal defense, attorney discipline and personal injury cases. After receiving his undergraduate and law degrees from Howard University, he practiced with Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., the Miami-Dade Public Defender's office, the Fulton County Public Defender's Office, and the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Georgia. He has tried nearly 300 cases to a jury. He serves on the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors, recently appointed to the Disciplinary Rules Committee. He is a member of the Gate City Bar Association, having served as President in 2003, and is a member of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Atlanta Bar Association, the National Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Over the years he has volunteered with the ACLU of Georgia, the National Lawyers Guild and the National Conference of Black Lawyers. While he recognizes that there are many paths to happiness, he is a selfproclaimed progressive Christian, living out his faith at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. And he knows that Black Lives Matter!

#### **TIFFANY WILLIAMS**



Tiffany Roberts is a 2008 graduate, pro bono distinction, of Georgia State University College of Law, where she served as the President of the Black Law Students Association, Urban Fellow for the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, and Pupil of the Bleckley Inn of Court. Tiffany also received the American Law Institute-American Bar Association Scholarship, Gate City Bar Association Hall of Fame Scholarship and Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys Foundation Scholarship as a law student. In 2008, she presented at the International Forum on Legal Education on her research in Durban, South Africa on the value of mandatory clinical experience to law students. Also in 2008, she published a student note in the Tennessee Journal of Law and Policy based on her research abroad funded by the Study Space Fellowship at the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, "The Ties That Bind: Capitalizing on the Existing Social Fabric in Public Housing to Revitalize Neighborhoods and Avoid Displacement in Panama City, Panama." In 2010, Tiffany was appointed by Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed to sit on a community panel for the selection of the city's next police chief. Her appointment was based on her leadership role in a local community safety organization. She presently volunteers with several organizations that promote justice, fairness and equity in the criminal justice system. Tiffany is presently serving as the Deputy Director of the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism. She also now operates a solo law practice after over two years of practicing felony indigent defense at the Office of the Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit. Tiffany has an interest in clinical legal education and legal ethics and professionalism, particularly as applied in the criminal justice setting.

Tuesday July 18, 2017

PROFESSOR DAVID HOOKER



David Anderson Hooker is a Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, in Notre Dame Indiana. In this role, he teaches practice oriented courses at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels. His primary focus is in conflict transformation and strategic peacebuilding with a special emphasis on historic and multigenerational trauma and narrative practices for redressing trauma and transforming complex conflicts. Hooker also continues to practice peacebuilding and conflict transformation. Before joining the faculty of the Kroc Institute, Hooker served for five years as a Senior Fellow for Community Engagement Strategies at the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development at the University of Georgia. For more than thirty (30) years, Hooker has assisted individuals, groups and communities to conduct important conversations on difficult subjects. Mr. Hooker has been a mediator and facilitator since 1982 and has practiced law since 1994. Before becoming a mediator and lawyer, Mr. Hooker was a Master's level clinical psychologist working in an urban adult outpatient psychiatric clinic providing family, group and individual counseling. As a lawyer, Mr. Hooker represented the State of Georgia as an Assistant Attorney General. He had primary responsibility for the representation of the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. As part of his responsibilities, Mr. Hooker conducted internal investigations into allegations of abuse and neglect when lodged against juvenile detention facilities, mental health hospitals and community service providers of mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse treatment. He also developed an expertise in government ethics and civil rights. After leaving the State Law Department, Mr. Hooker continued to serve as Special Assistant Attorney General representing the State in class action law suits brought against the state by private parties and in investigations of the State Juvenile Justice System by the United States Department of Justice. In both instances, Mr. Hooker was charged with internal oversight (from the legal perspective) of the systems changes resulting from those changes. In the private practice of law, Mr. Hooker has also investigated countless claims of civil rights violations and claims of discrimination based on race, gender, age, religious practice and sexual orientation. As a mediator and facilitator, Mr. Hooker has worked with communities, local and state governments in structuring and implementing community dialogue around issues of environmental justice, post-riot community reconciliation, prejudice reduction; community visioning, health care services and any number of other issues of public policy and social concern. In addition to clinical psychology, Mr. Hooker has academic and professional experience in law, public health, public policy and theology. He is an active as a trainer and workshop leader in prejudice reduction and diversity management. This breadth of experience allows him to work simultaneously with diverse populations with divergent interests and structure and facilitate meaningful conversations about complex, technical and often highly emotionally charged issues. Mr. Hooker served his community as the Vice President of Community Building for the Center for Working Families, Inc. In this role he established several leadership development initiatives to allow members of currently marginalized, primarily minority (African American Hispanic and Asian) communities to define, lead, own, benefit from and sustain the change they desired in their communities. Hooker has taught and participated in conflict transformation, trauma healing, community building, and leadership development initiatives in Nigeria, Bosnia, Myanmar, Kenya, The Bahamas, Zimbabwe, and South Sudan. His leadership development programs center in peacebuilding concepts of democratization, racial and ethnic reconciliation, restorative justice, public policy conflict resolution, and asset-based community development.

Wednesday July 20, 2017

PROFESSOR WARD CHURCHILL



Ward Churchill is the author of two dozen books, including the award-winning *Agents of Repression* (1988, 2002), *The COINTELPRO Papers* (1990, 2002), *Fantasies of the Master Race* (1992, 1998), *Struggle for the Land* (1993, 2002), *A Little Matter of Genocide* (1997), *Acts of Rebellion* (2003), *Kill the Indian, Save the Man* (2004) and *On the Justice of Roosting Chickens* (2003). Now retired, Churchill was a professor of American Indian Studies and chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of Colorado-Boulder until 2005, when he became the focus of a major academic freedom case. He has served on the leadership council of Colorado AIM (American Indian Movement), and was a national spokesperson for the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee as well as a UN delegate for the International Indian Treaty Council. He is a life member of Vietnam Veterans Against the War and on the Council of Elders of the original Rainbow Coalition founded by Chicago Black Panther leader Fred Hampton in 1969.

Thursday July 20, 2017

ANDREA YOUNG



Andrea Young joined the ACLU of Georgia as Executive Director in January 2017. Under her leadership, the organization has grown in influence, impact and membership. The organization is battling injustice and inequity through the courts – fighting for the rights of transgender Georgians to be themselves without discrimination, for the rights of citizens to challenge unconstitutional state laws, and for the rights of parents to raise their children without government interference. In the state capitol, the ACLU of Georgia worked successfully with other civil rights groups to stop anti-LGBT legislation, block attempts to weaken the voting power of minority communities through redistricting, and ensure colleges and universities can continue to protect survivors of sexual assault. To catalyze civil rights activism at the grassroots level, the ACLU of Georgia launched Freedom School trainings for local activists and volunteers. Ms. Young has devoted her career to promoting policies to defend and extend civil and human rights. Prior to joining the ACLU, she taught leadership and social policy at Georgia State University, was the founding Director of the Andrew Young Foundation and created the Making of Modern Atlanta Project that included an archive, documentary film and book.

#### **DR. EMIKO SOLTIS**



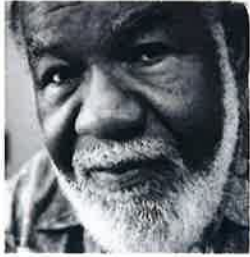
**Dr. Soltis currently serves as the Executive Director of Freedom University, an underground freedom school for undocumented students banned from public higher education in Georgia. Emiko received her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia, and her PhD from Emory University, where she wrote her dissertation on the role of global human rights strategies and local music practices of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, an interracial farmworker organization in South Florida. Emiko joined Freedom University as a volunteer professor in 2013. In June 2014, she was appointed the organization's first executive director. As a longtime student activist and human rights educator, Emiko is committed to mentoring undocumented youth and providing them with the skills they need to be effective leaders in their own freedom struggle. As a social movement strategist, Emiko works to advance the undocumented student movement in the South by building bridges between undocumented and documented student groups, advocating for fair admissions policies in higher education, and cultivating intergenerational relationships between undocumented students and veterans of the Black Freedom Movement. Emiko continues to serve as the Professor of Human Rights at Freedom University, teaching classes in international human rights, social movement theory, and immigration history. As an active public scholar, she writes and lectures frequently on topics such as human rights advocacy, immigration policy, economic justice, and music and social movements. Emiko is of mixed Japanese and Czech ancestry, and is a first-generation immigrant on her mother's side and a first-generation college graduate on her father's side. Emiko is also an accomplished photographer and violinist, and sings in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus.**

#### **ASMA ELHUNI**



**Asma Elhuni is working towards her bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality studies at Georgia State University. The recipient of the university's 2016 MLK Humanitarian Award, Asma tries to listen to and uplift the voices of groups often times marginalized by society. Asma interns for Rep. Brenda Lopez at the Georgia Assembly. She's currently Community Outreach Director for the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Georgia and an organizer for the United Students against Sweatshops at Georgia State University. As a volunteer with GA Close UP, a nonpartisan educational organization, Asma helps educate students, teachers, and citizens about public policy in Georgia. She also volunteers her time with many other grass roots organizations, including recently with NAACP voter protection monitoring. Elhuni was chosen as Congressman Hank Johnson's invited guest as a protest at President Trump's address to Congress in Washington D.C. where she spoke to the press on why she continues to fight oppressive policies.**

#### **CHARLES BLACK**



A native of Miami, Florida, Charles is an alumnus of Morehouse College, where he was Editor of the student newspaper, a varsity debater, President of the senior class, one of only eight students taught by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Chairman of the Atlanta Student Movement. He is a veteran actor and Voice Talent on TV, in feature films, commercials and industrials, and has starred in a number of serialized faith-based films shown in more than 1,000 churches nation wide. A past president of a national training and consulting firm and past Editor of a weekly newspaper, Charles currently serves on the boards of Freedom University and Hammonds House Museum, and is Chairman of the Board of Illien Adoptions International, Inc. In 2017 he worked with a new coalition of young, Georgia college students to publish the New Appeal for Human Rights, 57 years after his work on the original Appeal for Human Rights in 1960.

#### **LONNIE C. KING JR.**



Lonnie King was one of the student leaders, organizers and activists responsible for the 1960's Appeal for Human Rights. In 2016, King continues to be a visionary. With plans for human rights organizations in colleges, opening more charter schools for those in underprivileged neighborhoods and working on his dissertation, there is no limit for him. He also continues to mentor those in similar civil rights movements today while teaching non-violence and peace. With a recent visit to Kennesaw State University, he took the time to talk with students and said that he "came to life again" and "loves talking with students because they are the future change of this country." Lonnie King is a public servant who has made this world better, and now he says "it is our turn."

Friday July 21, 2017

JEFF GRAHAM



Jeff Graham is the executive director of Georgia Equality, an organization that works to advance fairness, safety and opportunity for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities throughout Georgia. Jeff began advocating on LGBT and AIDS related issues as a college student in the mid-1980s and has continued his advocacy on these issues since that time. He has been involved in a wide variety of grassroots and legislative advocacy campaigns and has served as either an executive director or board member to a number of local and national organizations working on issues related to gay and transgender rights, access to healthcare, community empowerment and HIV/AIDS. Jeff has received numerous awards and recognition for both his advocacy and nonprofit work from organizations such as the National Center for Human Rights Education, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Atlanta City Council, The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, ACLU of Georgia and several publications and organizations within the local LGBT and HIV communities. He is a current board member of ProGeorgia and the national Equality Federation. He served as a Grand Marshal of the Atlanta Pride Parade in 1999, 2010 and 2012.

MATTHEW ROBISON



Dr. Robison serves as Director of Student Engagement for Kennesaw State University. In his role as Director, he supervises numerous offices at the university which supports the wonderfully diverse KSU student body. Specifically, Dr. Robison is responsible for the offices of GLBTIQ Student Programs, International Student Programs, Multicultural Student Affairs, and Multicultural Student Programs which serves as home to the university's African-American Male Initiative (AAMI) program. In addition, he teaches graduate qualitative research methods courses in the Bagwell College of Education. Dr. Robison has worked with LGBT student issues for the past 17 years with his doctoral work focusing on the experiences of gay and bisexual college men navigating their collegiate journeys while being out and staying safe. His goal as a critical researcher is to assist colleges and universities in developing better ways to serve historically marginalized groups, while educating the entire campus community around issues of diversity, privilege, power, and social justice. His dissertation was honored by Georgia State University's College of Education in his receipt of the Outstanding Educational Leadership Dissertation Award. Dr. Robison has presented on both his practical experience with and scholarly research on LGBT issues at the local, state, and regional levels. Dr. Robison is a current member of and past chair of the Board of Directors of Georgia Equality, the state of Georgia's largest LGBT rights organization. And, he has served on the planning team for the Georgia Safe Schools Collation and the Georgia Gay/Straight Youth Summit. Dr. Robison holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Georgia State University, Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from New York University and Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from Mississippi State University.



**DEBORAH SCOTT**



Deborah Scott, Vice Chair of the Partnership's board, is Executive Director of STAND-UP, a “Think and Act Tank for Working Families” that supports community economic development through advocacy for community benefits, project work agreements, and other policies that increase equity and access to opportunity. She is the founder of TRADE-UP, a prep-apprenticeship program that provides a pathway for residents of low-wealth, disadvantaged populations to 21 skilled trades through the AFL-CIO multi-craft training program. Deborah is the convener for Emerald Cities Atlanta, a regional affiliate of the national Emerald Cities Collaborative that supports economic growth and job creation by retrofitting buildings to conserve energy, water and other resources. Deborah is a leading advocate for employing sustainable principles in the effort to expand opportunity and transform disadvantaged communities.

**Monday July 24, 2017**

**ALTHEA BROWN**



Althea Brown made her entrée into the broadcast industry armed with a Bachelor of Science in Radio & Television Communication from Ohio University and landed her first position at CBS-TV City in Los Angeles. An active member of the Board of Directors for Women in Film/Los Angeles, Althea produced the awardees retrospective videos for the annual Crystal Awards and directed the live program. She learned her craft as a script supervisor for commercials, PSAs, and music videos from the first Black script supervisor in the union. Later, she branched out into radio sales in Huntington, West Virginia, Nashville and St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Earning the FCC First Class license led Althea into broadcast engineering at WSB-TV/Atlanta, KTLA-TV and KCAL-TV/Los Angeles. With exposure to both the business and creative sides of the industry, Althea opened her own company in Atlanta, GA. As an independent filmmaker and working professional she: was commissioned to produce Oral Histories: Sweet Auburn Ave. and the Tuskegee Airmen - both are publicly available at the Auburn Ave. Research Library has won 30 national film and video awards for her work received 2 Proclamations from The City of Atlanta received a MA in Animation and a MFA in Film from the Savannah College of Art and Design has been featured in national industry trade publications: Videography and POST; and locally: The Atlanta Journal Constitution, The Atlanta Metro, The Atlanta Tribune and The Atlanta Voice.

Wednesday July 26, 2017

**DR. SHIRLEY REESE**



An Americus, Georgia native, Dr. Shirley Green-Reese has served in many professional academic and administrative roles in higher education and professional organizations. As an experienced academic and administrator, marketer, professional fundraiser for collegiate athletics, collegiate chairperson, assistant vice president, and professor, Dr. Reese has also taught undergraduate and graduate level courses, supervised field and clinical experiences. An engaged scholar with disciplinary-related service experience at the national and state-wide levels, her strengths are comprised of athletic administration and fundraising, community and alumni relations, management and supervision, collegiate level teaching, SACS/NCATE/ NCAA accreditations, student, faculty/ staff relations, athletics marketing, grant proposal writing, and scholarly research. After attending Savannah State University, she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in education. Dr. Reese obtained her Master Degree from Georgia State University, where she continued her post-graduate studies. She continued her graduate studies at Florida State University where she received and earned her Doctor of Philosophy Degree in two years in the area of Administration, Supervision, Curriculum and Professional Preparation. In 2012, Dr. Reese was inducted into the Savannah State University's Foundation Hall of Fame. In 2000, she selected to serve as the Special Projects Coordinator and Recreational Services Specialist in the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs at Georgia State University. She continued her graduate studies at Florida State University where she received and earned her Doctor of Philosophy Degree in two years in the area of Administration, Supervision, Curriculum and Professional Preparation. Dr. Reese was the first African American and the first female to be appointed to the Georgia State Games Commission by three (3) former Governors; the Honorable Zell Miller, Roy Barnes and Sonny Perdue.





## 2017 JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM LOCATIONS

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**Georgia State University Commons 141 Piedmont Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303**

**Paschal's Restaurant 180 Northside Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30313**

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

**Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site Visitor Center, 450 Auburn  
Avenue NE/ Atlanta GA 30312**

**Clark Atlanta University Art Gallery 223 James P. Brawley Drive, SW / Trevor  
Arnett Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> level/ Atlanta, GA 30314**

**Ebenezer Baptist Church 101 Jackson Street NE/ Atlanta, GA 30312**

**Herndon Home Museum 587 University Place NW / Atlanta, Georgia**

**Atlanta History Center 139 West Paces Ferry Road NW/ Atlanta, GA 30305**

**Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum 441 Freedom Pkwy NE,  
Atlanta, GA 30307**

**IBEW Building Local 613 501 Pulliam St SW #250, Atlanta, GA 30312**

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## ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION

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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 1,700 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.

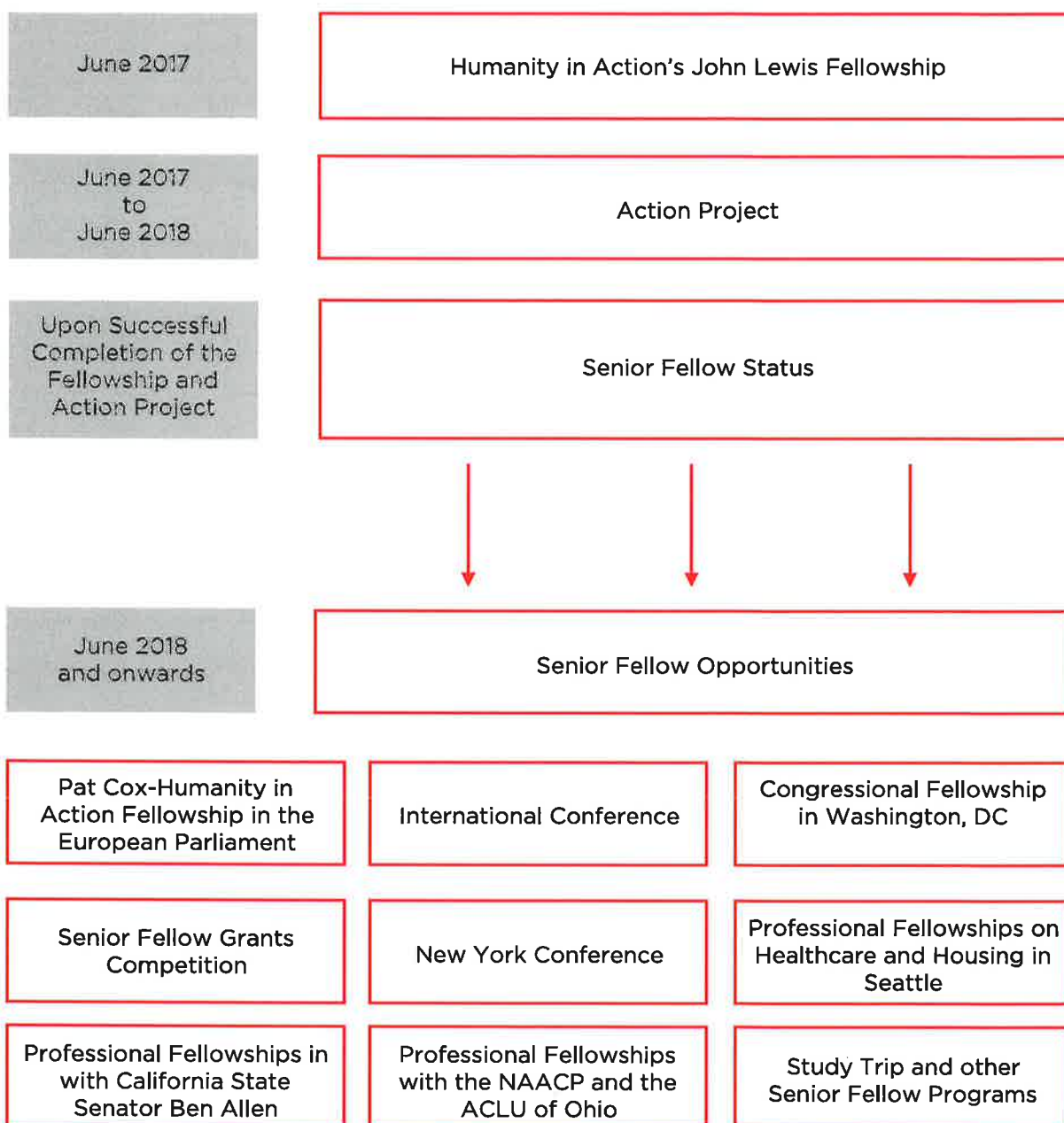
Humanity in Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with governing and advisory Boards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States. Humanity in Action's international headquarters is in New York City.

Major supporters of Humanity in Action have included the Ford Foundation; the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund; the Germeshausen Foundation; the Stavros Niarchos Foundation; Open Society Foundations; the Hurford Foundation; Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ); the William H. Donner Foundation; the Fetzer Institute; the Dutch Ministry for Health, Welfare and Sport; the Polish Foreign Ministry; and the US Department of State.

## A life-long engagement

# Being a Humanity in Action Fellow

The John Lewis Fellowship may only last for a month, but engagement in Humanity in Action lasts much longer. The John Lewis Fellowship will be your entryway into a global network of people dedicated to advancing human rights, diversity and active citizenship around the world. There are many ways to engage in the Humanity in Action Network. The diagram below shows each Fellows' progression through Humanity in Action, starting with the Fellowship, the planning and execution of the Action Project, and the Senior Fellow opportunities available to them afterwards. See more about these opportunities on the website.







## ABOUT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

## **About the National 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.**



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