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2018 JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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WELCOME LETTERS TO JOHN LEWIS FELLOWS

JOHN LEWIS

July 10, 2018

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,

John Lewis
Member of Congress

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June 25, 2018

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 2018 John Lewis Fellowship Program!

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. 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, and a host of other institutions of higher learning.

Coined the "City too Busy to Hate," Atlanta has an equally impressive and deep-rooted history in matters of civil and human rights, race, resistance, and reform. It is the birthplace of one the chief architects of the American Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who organized a national movement from 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 powerful voice and advocate for the marginalized and oppressed of every race and hue, on both the local and national stage. Atlanta's spirit of activism, particularly among its vibrant and diverse youth and student populations, is alive and well!

Atlanta's rich past and exciting future creates a unique synergy and an amazing classroom for the study of human and civil rights and the role of activism and engagement in the advancement of those rights. Atlanta is a microcosm of the challenges and opportunities present at the national level, as the nation struggles 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 inspired and able to employ their talents and creativity toward addressing human and civil rights issues in a variety of ways, along a continuum of contexts.

2018 marks the 50th year anniversary of Dr. King's assassination. Throughout the year the City of Atlanta has mourned its fallen son and reflected on the political, social, economic realities that existed at the time of his murder, examined the progress and retrenchment that has occurred since his death, and pondered the current state of affairs. 1968 was a period of intense political and social upheaval and consciousness raising activism- the convergence of outrage and hope. Parallels in the social, economic, political, cultural and racial landscape in 2018 abound.

Engaging the past as prologue, will provide you with insight and perspectives on contemporary civil and human rights challenges. Aided by the hindsight that the passage of 50 years affords and with due respect for the nuanced ways contemporary challenges differ from those of the past, you will engage in an intense examination of civil and human rights issues and challenges and the role and continued relevance of activism in expanding and protecting democratic prerogatives.

After a careful look at the history, the program curriculum will turn to examine how the past has informed and constructed contemporary challenges, and it will highlight lessons and examples that should guide action that serves to advance civil and human rights. This approach, examining the past to address the present, is designed to educate, equip, and empower you to recognize patterns of oppression, exclusion, discrimination, and marginalization, despite their shape-shifting nature, that undermine democratic processes, norms, foundations and frameworks. It is our goal that your generation, on which our shared humanity and the health of our democracy depend, will be inspired to use your talents, gifts, experiences, identities and skill-sets to meet the civil and human rights challenges that persist and to believe that you can and must rise to the occasion.

Thank you for making participation in the John Lewis Fellowship Program a part of your commitment to advancing and protecting civil and human rights. We are honored to be a part of your journey.

Peace,

Tanya Washington

Program Director, 2018 John Lewis Fellowship Program

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As we launch Humanity in Action programs each year, we tell ourselves that the issues of liberal democracy, pluralism and resistance to those who oppose those values are more important than ever. For the past 21 years, that has been true. And yet, this year is different. The tensions in our European and American societies have escalated and intensified to a degree that was unimaginable just a few years ago. We now confront existential issues in regard to our democracies.

In the summer of 2018 Humanity in Action Fellows in 7 cities are probing these issues, searching for and finding the language of constructive discourse and collaborative learning. Each country has its own specific challenges in regard to the survival of liberal democracy and pluralism. But every Humanity in Action country is straining to meet the promise and obligation of social equity.

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. President 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 is coming to terms with America's history of slavery and the perpetual denial of the democratic promise to African-Americans. It is a 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. Last year, 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."[1]

One must 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.

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The 2018 John Lewis Fellowship, now in its fourth 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 Atlanta's past and present challenges. What an extraordinary time to confront the complexities of social equity, restorative justice, the promises of the Enlightenment and the American Constitution. It is our hope that inquiries of this international group of Fellows 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 this unique opportunity.

Judith Goldstein
Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action

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June 27, 2018

Dear John Lewis Fellows,

I am both humbled and pleased to welcome you to the Center for Civil and Human Rights!

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

The Center is the only institution designed to connect the American Civil 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 a lot of questions related to the justiciability of rights in general. Rights are being challenged in every corner of humanity; philosophically, socially, economically, environmentally, and so forth. The question before us therefore is, do we have enough ***change agents*** to help protect those rights that we have for centuries fought so hard to establish as norm. To that end, The Center educates, empowers and galvanizes individuals to collaborate in the protection of every human's rights and commitment to freedom and justice in their community, nation and the world.

The Center is honored to partner with a prestigious human rights focused educational organization in this program, Humanity in Action. I am certain that our investment in you will yield 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,

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ABOUT THE JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP

The John Lewis Fellowship, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is a collaborative, international program on human and civil rights. The Fellowship, now entering its fourth 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 the 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 how civic engagement advances civil and human rights in a variety of contexts.

Approach, Mission and Vision

In partnership with The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Inc., the program takes place in Atlanta, Georgia from July 10 to August 5, 2018. Over four weeks, the 26 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 social justice and human rights issues, as they reflect various national and regional struggles and opportunities.

The 2018 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.

One of the many arresting exhibits at the Center for Civil and Human Rights showcases Dr. Martin Luther King's profound observation that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." This statement speaks to the inevitability of justice, highlights the need for patience in its pursuit, and issues an invitation to be active participants in preserving and promoting justice. The truth at the heart of this statement animates the mission of the John Lewis Fellowship Program which is to educate, empower, engage and inspire the Fellows, particularly at a time when norms, policies and laws designed to protect against human and civil rights abuses are vulnerable and under siege. The Fellows' course of study is not an existential exercise; rather, it is centered on the quintessential role of people in ensuring that the moral arc of our societies and communities continuously bends in the direction of justice and the preservation of human and civil rights.

The current political climate in the U.S. and in many European countries confirms that Democracy, human rights, civil rights, diversity, equity and justice require the vigilant stewardship of conscientious people committed to the preservation of these principles. To that end, each program presenter and participant in the John Lewis Fellowship Program will be asked to share with the Fellows the ways in which they have served as "arc benders" and about the important role of activism and engagement in preserving Democracy. The insight, experiences and wisdom shared during the program will shape the Fellows' final program presentations, in which each will demonstrate how the fellowship program has broadened and deepened their understanding of the importance of human and civil rights in healthy democratic societies, how the program has informed their capacity to be an "arc bender", and their future plans for making meaningful contributions to the advancement of civil and human rights in their respective communities and countries.

Congressman John Lewis continues to represent the best traditions of an "arc bender" and the legacy of his work stands as a sterling example of how activism, resistance and engagement can advance and protect civil and human rights, especially in the most challenging of political, social and cultural environments. The larger than life mural dedicated to Congressman Lewis, which appropriately recognizes him as a "HERO", identifies civic engagement as a quintessential aspect of Democracy. The selection of each panel, presentation, workshop, program, excursion, and experience included in this fellowship program was intentional and designed to lead this dynamic class of John Lewis Fellows to a greater appreciation of themselves, their talents and abilities as instrumental to the advancement of civil and human rights project and as "arc benders" committed to strengthening and protecting democratic institutions and principles.

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 experiences; 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 individual and collective action to remedy injustice and to protect and promote human rights.

At the end of the formal program, fellows complete and present action projects, highlighting engagement-based solutions to a specific human or civil rights issue, 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 1,650 Humanity in Action Senior Fellows. The Senior Fellow network consists of leaders in the fields of public service, journalism, medicine, law, education, research, the arts, business and grassroots activism. As Senior Fellows, program participants gain access to a range of educational and professional opportunities, including, study trips, international conferences and professional internships in the European Parliament and the United States Congress.

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 actively champion causes centered on equity, justice and inclusion like universal health care coverage, voting rights, safe schools, and humane immigration policies.

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

THE 2018 JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE: HOW HISTORY INFORMS THE PRESENT: SPACE, PLACE AND RACE IN ATLANTA

Atlanta's enjoys a civic identity as Martin Luther King's birthplace and as a place that housed a civil rights movement that shaped the national struggle for racial justice and against racial violence and discrimination. Many of Atlanta's streets and buildings still stand as monuments to the civil rights movement and its legacy. This first week of the John Lewis Fellowship Program provides Fellows with an opportunity to experience Atlanta's rich civil rights history from a variety of vantage points and perspectives. They will consider the historic Appeal for Human Rights authored by Dr. Rosalyn Pope in 1960, which served as a magna carta for the student movement in Atlanta, and they will consider whether the demands for fair housing, health care and quality education, among others made in the Appeal, continue to frame and give substance to the contemporary human and civil rights agenda.

During this first week of the program, the Fellows will be formally welcomed to the program by Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. They will check into their residences in the Georgia State University dormitories, in the heart of the City, and they will meet each other and the program staff at an opening dinner at the historic Paschal's restaurant, which was a meeting place for key civil rights organizers, including Dr. Martin Luther King. The first day of formal programming will be at the Center for Civil and Human Rights, which provides a contemporary space in the City for highlighting, discussing and addressing human and civil rights issues and which provides a physical space where the Fellows will experience the connection between the past and the present. They will take a bus tour of iconic sites in the City of Atlanta, which will help them to appreciate how race, place and space conflate in Atlanta. The fellows will visit the King Center and meet with Dr. Bernice King, who is continuing the work of her mother and father by facilitating non-violent discourse about controversial issues. The week will end with an exploration of activism through photography, as fellows tour the City on foot with renowned photographer Joshua McFadden and take pictures that capture the spaces, places, people and scenes that reflect the history, challenges and promise of Atlanta.

Tuesday July 10, 2018

Fellows Check in & Welcome Reception

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 @paschalslegacy)**

Wednesday July 11, 2018

Introduction to the Center for Civil and Human Rights and Program Orientation

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

9 AM – 9:30 AM	**Greeting and Introduction to National Center for Civil and Human Rights** **@CTR4CHR** Brian Tolleson (Interim CEO, National Center for Civil and Human Rights) **@briantolleson** Professor Tanya Washington (Program Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program) **@AskProfW**
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	**Welcome to Atlanta** André Dickens (Atlanta City Councilmember Post 3 at Large) **@Andre4Atlanta**
10:30 AM – 11:15 AM	**Review of Program Content, Fellow Program Presentations (Final Week) and Program Rules and Policies** Professor Tanya Washington (Program Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program) Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	**Break**
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	**Community Building Exercise** Ufuk Kâhya (Associate Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM	**Fellows tour Center for Civil and Human Rights Exhibition**
4:30 PM – 6 PM	**Fellows' Reactions to Center Exhibit & Introduction to Program Research Project** Derrick Pope (President and Managing Director of the Arc of Justice Institute) **@daptime** Darcy Meals (Assistant Director, Center for Access to Justice – Georgia State University College of Law) **@CenterA2J**
6 PM – 6:15 PM	**Daily Wrap-Up**

Thursday July 12, 2018

Preserving History: Atlanta's Civil Rights Legacy

Location: 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
Clarkston Community Center 3701 College Ave/ Clarkston, GA 30021

9 AM- 10:30 AM	***An Appeal for Human Rights*** Dr. Roslyn Pope (Author of *An Appeal for Human Rights*)
11 AM – 3 PM	**Civil Rights Tour** (Fellows leave from and return to MLK Historic Park) **@civilrightsatl** Tom Houck (Civil Rights Veteran and Dr. Martin Luther King's former driver and assistant)
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	**Tour of Martin Luther King National Historic Park** **@TheKingCenter** Dr. Bernice King (CEO, The King Center) **@BerniceKing**
6 PM – 8 PM	**Know Your Rights, Defend Your Rights Workshop at Clarkston Community Center)** **@ClarkstonCenter** Azadeh Shahshahani (Human Rights Attorney, Legal and Advocacy Director, Project South) **@ashahshahani**

Friday July 13, 2018

The Value of the Vote: The Racialized History of the Franchise

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	**2 Fellows' Individual Presentations**
9:30 AM – 12 PM	**One Person No Vote** Dr. Carole Anderson (Professor and Chair of the African American Studies Department, Emory University and author of One Person No Vote) **@ProfCAnderson**
12 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	**The Franchise: Voting Rights, Challenges and Responsibilities** Nse Ufot (Executive Director, The New Georgia Project) **@NseUfot** **@NewGAProject**
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	**Break**
3:45 PM – 6:45 PM	**An Eye for Justice: Photography and Activism** **A Photography Workshop and Tour with Joshua McFadden @Joshua_Rashaad**

Saturday July 14, 2018

No Programming

WEEK TWO: HISTORY AS CONSTRUCTED MEMORY: WHAT DO WE DO WITH OUR HISTORIES?

During the second week of the 2018 John Lewis Fellowship Program, the Fellows will focus on how historical facts and collective memories are constructed and shaped in ways that can both liberate and marginalize. Fellows will have an opportunity to compare and contrast museum exhibits that speak to the same "history" in ways that cast and characterize people and events in very different ways. They will contrast the very different histories reflected in Stone Mountain Park and the Montgomery, Alabama Museum and Memorial, and consider the tensions between calls to preserve and remove confederate monuments. They will consider the backlash experienced by sports figures like Mohammed Ali, who were maligned for their political activism, and they will explore whether there are echoes of that history in current NFL polices about athletes' rights to support social justice movements on and off the field. The Fellows will reflect on the history of Indigenous People in the U.S. and in Georgia and reflect on how their historic treatment casts a long shadow over current political, social, economic and cultural realities. Through film and discussion, Fellows will consider the entrenched framework of white supremacy, which has historically manufactured hierarchies that continue to marginalize and discriminate against individuals and communities. Fellows will also explore how science has been used to justify this supremacist framework, and how the resulting inequity creates health disparities for individuals and communities. Building upon the restorative justice focus of the 2017 John Lewis Fellowship Program, the 2018 Fellows be challenged, during the second week of the program, to consider the role of history in devising restorative justice approaches to addressing specific human and civil rights challenges.

Sunday July 15, 2018

Location: Atlanta-Fulton Central Library 101 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30303 **@afpls**

1 PM – 3 PM **12 Rounds of Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali (Tour of Exhibit)**

Monday July 16, 2018

Science, Sports and Supremacy: A Question of Humanity

Location: Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346
Auburn Research Library 101 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:10 AM – 10 AM	**5 Fellows' Individual Presentations**
10:30 AM – 12 PM	**Activist Athletes: Sport as a Platform for Protest and Activism** Auburn Research Library / Free and Open to the Public ***@AubAveLibrary*** Mawuli Davis (Founding Partner, Davis Bozeman Law Firm, Civil Rights Attorney) @MawuliMDavis The Kennesaw Five: Tommia Dean, Kennedy Town, Shlondra Young, Taylor McIver, Michaelyn Wright and Devante Lewis (Kennesaw 5 Representative)
12 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	**Democracy in Peril (Presentation and Discussion)** Dr. Judith Goldstein (Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action) @HumanityAction
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	**Fellows' Reflection Circle**
6 PM – 9 PM	**A Dangerous Idea: Eugenics, Genetics and the American Dream (Reception, Film Screening and Panel Discussion)** **@adifilm** Auburn Research Library / Free and Open to the Public (Reception) ***@AubAveLibrary*** Dr. Judith Goldstein (Founder and Executive Director, Humanity in Action) Andrew Kimbrell (Executive Producer and Co-Writer, A Dangerous Idea) Professor Paul Lombardo (Law Professor and Eugenics Expert, Georgia State College of Law) **@palg2015** Elaine Riddick (Director, Rebecca Project for Justice)

Tuesday July 17, 2018

Historical Redux: Persistent Patterns of Discrimination

Location: ***Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346***
Center for Civil and Human Rights 100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW/ Atlanta, GA 30313

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	**2 Fellows' Individual Presentations**
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	**Fellows' Reflection Circle**
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	**Break**
10:30 AM – 12 PM	**Darktown** Thomas Mullen (Acclaimed Author of Historical Fiction) **@Mullenwrites**
12 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	**Guided Tour of Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America Exhibit** Dr. Kim R. Ramsey-White (Director, Bachelors of Science Program, Georgia State University School of Public Health) **@PHGSU**
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	**Break**
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	**Health Disparities and Dichotomies** (Dr. Nathan Furukawa, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Center for Disease Control) **@CDCgov**
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	**Daily Wrap-Up**
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	**At the Speed of Sound: Tracing the Civil Rights Movement Through Music** Center for Civil and Human Rights / Free and Open to the Public **@CTR4CHR** Dr. Dwight Andrews (Professor of Music, Emory University and Head Pastor, First Congregational Church) Dr. Regina Bradley (Assistant Professor of English and African Diaspora Studies at Kennesaw State University) **@redclayscholar** Richard Morton (Musician, Performer, Social Worker, Civil Rights Veteran and Historian) Ms. Rutha Harris (Original Freedom Singer, Albany, Georgia) Sharon Willis (Founder/ Director of Americolor Opera and Theatre)

Wednesday July 18, 2018

Divergent Histories and Memories and Symbols of the Confederacy

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

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	**The Canary Effect (Movie)**
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	**Break**
10:30 AM – 11 AM	**Predating the Creation of the U.S.: An Historical Perspective on Indigenous Peoples** Professor Ward Churchill
11 AM – 11:30 AM	**Of Rights and Resistance: Contemporary Challenges Facing American Indians** Professor Akilah Kinnison (Assistant Professor, University of Arizona Law School) **@Uarizonalaw**
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	**Q&A with Speakers**
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	**Preservation, Removal and Inclusion: The Power and Meaning of Monuments**
2:45 PM – 8 PM	**Fellows tour Stone Mountain @StoneMtnPark**

Thursday July 19, 2018

An Exploration of Restoration: Perspectives on What Justice Looks Like

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

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	**2 Fellows' Individual Presentations**
9:30 AM – 12 PM	**Fellows' Country Presentations**
12 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM	**Restorative Justice Workshop: A Means of and An End to Achieving Empowerment** Professor David Hooker (Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame) **@KrocInstitute**
4 PM – 4:15 PM	**Break**
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	**Fellows' Reflection Circle**
5:15 PM – 5:30 PM	**Daily Wrap-Up**

Friday July 20, 2018

Of Museums, Memory and Memorials: Documenting A History of Racial Violence

Location: Montgomery, Alabama

8 AM – 6 PM **Trip to The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice @eji_org**

Saturday July 21, 2018

No Programming

WEEK THREE: THE SHAPE AND SUBSTANCE OF ACTIVISM

During the Fellows' third week of the John Lewis Fellowship Program, they will explore the varied ways people and organizations engage and express activism and resistance towards realizing human and civil rights objectives. The Fellows will visit the historic Ebenezer Church for a worship service, which was Dr. Martin Luther King's pastoral home and which maintains a commitment to active engagement toward "social transformation." The Fellows will experience the power of political organizing and engagement with the New Georgia Project and assist in their non-partisan efforts to register 1 million new voters by 2020, and to increase voter turnout for local, state and national elections. In full view of Atlanta's ranking as one of the top U.S. cities for child trafficking, Fellows will work on group projects centered on framing and addressing the demand side of child trafficking-- an issue the International Human Trafficking Institute and the Center for Civil and Human Rights are highlighting as a contemporary human and civil rights abuse with historic roots. Fellows will also be exposed to the activism that inspired Freedom University, which is a modern-day "Freedom School" in Atlanta—an area recognized as one of the toughest places for undocumented people to live and work in the U.S. Fellows will learn about Maynard Jackson, the first black Mayor of Atlanta, whose activism shaped his career and whose political legacy continues to inform the current political, social and economic landscape of Atlanta. The Fellows will explore the power of spoken word as a way of surfacing and creating collective engagement, inspiring coalition building and provoking activism around shared experiences and shared human and civil rights goals. Fellows will attend a screening of the PBS Documentary, *Get in the Way*, which chronicles the life and legacy of the fellowship's namesake, Congressman John Lewis, and they will hear from a panel of colleagues, friends and scholars who will highlight how his legacy and continued engagement has inspired generations of young people to act. Fellows will end the week learning about Congressman Lewis' pivotal role in freeing fifteen young girls, ages 12- 18, who were arrested and held captive in a stockade for 63 days, in Leesburg, Georgia in 1963. Fellows will consider the role of youth activists, in advancing the civil and human rights agenda.

Sunday July 22, 2018

The King Church

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

11:30 AM – 1 PM	**Ebenezer Church Service @Ebenezer_Atl**

Monday July 23, 2018

What Do We Do With Our Collective Pain and Shame?

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

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	**2 Fellows' Individual Presentations**
9:30 AM – 12 PM	**Fellows' Reflection Circle on Montgomery Museum/Memorial**
12 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 4 PM	**Spoken Word Workshop** Coleman G. Howard (Author, Speaker and Poet)
4 PM – 4:15 PM	**Break**
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	**Daily Wrap-Up**

Tuesday July 24, 2018

Colonial Constructs: Shaping and Defining Activism in Contemporary Human Rights Contexts

Location: ***Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346***
New Georgia Project Headquarters 250 Georgia Avenue SE, Suite 101 / Atlanta, GA 30315

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	**International Perspectives on Colonization** Jed Kinnison
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	**Settler Colonialism, Race and Immigration in the U.S.** Professor Natsu Saito (Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Law, Georgia State University)
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	**Q&A with Speakers**
10:45 AM – 11 AM	**Break**
11 AM – 12:30 PM	**Immigration Challenges, Advocacy and Resistance** Azadeh Shahshahani (Human Rights Attorney and Legal and Advocacy Director, Project South) **@ashahshahani** Emiko Soltis (Executive Director, Freedom University) **@FU-Georgia** **@lesoltis** Vân Huynh (Supervising Immigration Attorney, Asians Advancing Justice) **@AAAJ_Atlanta**
12:30 PM – 2 PM	**Lunch**
2 pm – 6 PM	**Voter Engagement Experience** The New Georgia Project **@NewGAProject** Nse Ufot (Executive Director, New Georgia Project) **@NseUfot**

Wednesday July 25, 2018

An Inhumane Industry: Modern Day Slavery and Sex Trafficking

Location: ***Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346***
Center for Civil and Human Rights 100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW/ Atlanta, GA 30313

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	**4 Fellows' Individual Presentations**
10:30 AM - 12 PM	**Fellows' Reflection Circle**
12 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 4 PM	**Workshop: Stemming the Supply of Victims by Addressing the Demand** Dr. Deborah Richardson (Executive Director, International Human Trafficking Institute) **@TheIHTI** **@drichar95226791**
4 PM – 4:15 PM	**Break**
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	**Daily Wrap-Up**
6 PM – 8 PM	**Get In The Way (Film Screening: PBS Documentary on Congressman John Lewis and Panel Discussion)** **@PBS** **@repjohnlewis** Center for Civil and Human Rights / Free and Open to the Public **@CTR4CHR** Michael Julian Bond (Atlanta City Councilmember Post 1 at Large) **@Michael_J_Bond** Tom Houck (Civil Rights Veteran and Dr. Martin Luther King's former driver and assistant) **@civilrightsatl** Dr. Maurice Hobson (Associate Professor, African American Studies Department Georgia State University) **@DrMoHob**

Thursday July 26, 2018

Children in the Movement

Location: ***Leesburg Stockade Leesburg, Georgia***
Civil Rights Institute 326 Whitney Avenue/ Albany GA 31701 @AlbanyCivilRigh

9:30 AM – 6 PM	**Fellows visit Stockade in Leesburg, Georgia and visit and have lunch at the Civil Rights Institute in Albany, Georgia**

Friday July 27, 2018

Artivism: The Art of Activist Storytelling

Location: ***Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346***
Auburn Research Library 101 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	**Workshop: Telling the Human Rights Story Through Dramatic Performance (Reception, Play, and Discussion)** ViBe Theatre Experience **@viBeTheater**
6 PM – 8 PM	**Through Our Eyes: A Black Girl's Perspective (Play)** Auburn Research Library / Free and Open to the Public ***@AubAveLibrary*** Dr. Shirley Reese (Educator, Public Official, and Leesburg Stockade Survivor)

Saturday July 28, 2018

Location: Auburn Research Library 101 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

6 PM – 9 PM

Maynard Holbrook Jackson Jr.: Reflections on His Legacy (Reception, Film Screening and Panel Discussion)

@watchAIBTV

Auburn Research Library / Free and Open to the Public ***@AubAveLibrary***

Shirley Franklin (Executive Producer of Maynard Holbrook Jackson Jr.: Reflections on His Legacy and Former Mayor of the City of Atlanta 2002-2010) **@ATLShirley**

Professor Derek Alphran (Law Professor and Attorney)

Attorney Rodney Strong (Chairman, Griffin and Strong, P.C.) **@R_K_Strong**

Clara Axam (Attorney and Certified Mediator)

WEEK FOUR: THE POWER OF LOCAL "ARC BENDERS": ACTIVELY ADDRESSING PEOPLE NEEDS AND PEOPLE PROBLEMS

During the final week of the John Lewis Fellowship, the Fellows will focus on local challenges facing the City of Atlanta, such as providing for the humane treatment of Atlanta's growing homeless population and devising effective strategies for increasing the inventory of affordable housing in the City; addressing gentrification resulting from the absence of safeguards protecting long-term residents and communities from inequitable development; mitigating significant racial and class-based disparities in access to transit, affordable housing and employment; and the need for criminal justice reform to address the devastating effects of police brutality and mass incarceration on individuals and communities of color. Fellows will hear from activists, organizers, organizations and lawyers committed to fashioning and executing long-term and short-term solutions to systemic problems plaguing people and communities in Atlanta and across the nation. They will explore the unique challenges and experiences of members of the LGBTQ community and consider whether their contributions to the civil rights movement were minimized in ways that were at odds with the principles of inclusion, equity and equality at the heart of the movement's mission. Fellows will examine the challenges and utility of coalition building and interest convergence strategies in today's polarized political climate while guarding against the reproduction of hierarchies that promote privilege and undermine human and civil rights priorities. The program will conclude with Fellows presenting their final projects, informed by their experiences in the program and inspired by the "arc bending" the Fellowship is designed to highlight and promote.

Sunday July 29, 2018

A Spoken Word Experience

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

6 PM- 9 PM	**Under My Hood Truth Experience** Center for Civil and Human Rights / Free and Open to the Public Coleman G. Howard (Author, Speaker and Poet)

Monday July 30, 2018

In Black and Blue: Criminal (In)Justice

Location: Fulton County Juvenile Courthouse 395 Pryor Street SW/ Atlanta, GA 30312
American Civil Liberties Union Office 1100 Spring Street NW/ Atlanta, GA 30309
Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	**Courthouse Visit** Judge Renata Turner (Fulton County Juvenile Judge) **@RenataTurner**
11:30 AM – 1 PM	**Lunch at Courthouse with Judge Turner**
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	**American Civil Liberties Union Office Visit @ACLUofGA** Attorney Andrea Young, Executive Director, ACLU of Georgia **@andreayoungATL**
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	**The Politics of Mass Incarceration** Marshall "Eddie" Conway (Author, Speaker, Organizer Former Black Panther Party Member and One of the Longest Incarcerated Political Prisoners in the United States) **@RealEddieConway**
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	**Break**
4:45 PM – 6 PM	**Creating Justice in a Challenged System** Attorney Gary Spencer (Civil Rights Attorney) **@rgspencer** Attorney Atteeyah Hollie (Senior Staff Attorney, Southern Center for Human Rights) **@southerncenter**
6 PM – 6:15 PM	**Daily Wrap-Up**

Tuesday July 31, 2018

Coalitions Of Intersecting Identity Groups: Creating An Inclusive Human Rights Agenda

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

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:10 AM – 10:00 AM	**5 Fellows' Individual Presentations**
11 AM – 11:15 AM	**Break**
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	**Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin (Film)**
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 3:15 PM	**Challenges Under the Rainbow: Rights and Experiences of the LGBTQ Community** Ryan Roemerman (Executive Director, LGBT Institute and Senior Strategist, National Center for Civil and Human Rights) **@RMRoemerman** Tiffany Smith (Senior Coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, University of Georgia) **@tifsmith22** Toni-Michelle (Organizer and Leadership Development Coordinator, Racial Justice Action Center and the Solutions Not Punishment Collaborative (SNaP)) **@Snap4Freedom**
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	**Break**
3:30 PM – 4:45 PM	**Fellows' Reflection Circle**
4:45 PM – 5 PM	**Daily Wrap-Up**

Wednesday August 1, 2018

Challenges, Campaigns and Advocacy Around Poverty

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

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	**Homelessness in the Midst of Plenty** Reverend Dr. James Milner (Senior Pastor, Christian Love Baptist Church and Member, Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless) Marshall Rancifer (Founder and Outreach Director, Justice for All Coalition and Member, Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless) **@Rancifer** Jamie Roberts (Attorney, Housing Advocate, Transgender Activist and Member, Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless) **@Merlot_Winters** Warren Smith (Chair of the Board of the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless) **@KeishaBottoms**
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	**Break**
11:15 AM – 12 PM	**Fellows' Reflection Circle**
12 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 3 PM	**A Tale of Two Cities: Displacement, Gentrification and Development in Atlanta** Sherise Brown (Housing Activist, Low Income Tenant Organizer and Smart Alex Board Member) Matthew Cardinale (Housing Activist, Editor Atlanta Progressive News, and Smart Alec Founder and Board Member) **@mmcardinale** Tim Franzen (Housing Organizer and Leadership, Housing Justice League) **@timfranzen1** Alison Johnson (Housing Activist and Leadership, Housing Justice League) Columbus Ward (President, Peoplestown Revitalization Corporation)
3 PM – 6 PM	Marta Tour (West End and Lindbergh Stations) **@MARTASERVICE**

Thursday August 2, 2018

Fellows' Final Program Presentations

Location: ***Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346***
Center for Civil and Human Rights 100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW/ Atlanta, GA 30313
Gallery 992 Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard / Atlanta, GA 30310

9 AM – 9:10 AM	**Morning Announcements**
9:30 AM – 12:30 AM	**The Transformative Power of Transit** Deborah Scott (Executive Director, Georgia StandUp and Partner with TransFormation Alliance) **@GA_STANDUP** **@ATL_TFA**
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM	**Fellows' Presentations (7)**
6 PM – 8 PM	**Conscious Canvasses Activism and Art** Center for Civil and Human Rights **@CTR4CHR**

Friday August 3, 2018

Location: Georgia State College of Law 85 Park Place NE / Atlanta, GA 30315 Room 346
Auburn Research Library 101 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

9:30 AM – 11:20 AM	**Fellows' Presentations (5)**
6 PM – 9 PM	**A Trek To The Rivers Edge (Reception, Film Screening and Discussion)** Auburn Research Library / Free and Open to the Public ***@AubAveLibrary*** Althea Brown (Director and Executive Producer, A Trek to the River's Edge) Dr. Roslyn Pope (Civil Rights Veteran, Author, An Appeal for Human Rights) Charles Black (Civil Rights Veteran and Performer) Lonnie King (Civil Rights Veteran)

Saturday August 4, 2018

Fellows' Final Program Presentations

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

10 AM – 11:20 AM	**Fellows' Presentations (4)**
11:20 AM – 11:35 AM	**Break**
11:35 AM – 12:15 PM	**Fellows' Presentations (2)**
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	**Fellows' Presentations (4)**
3:00 PM – 3:20 PM	**Break**
3:20 PM – 4:45 PM	**Fellows' Presentations (4)**

Sunday August 5, 2018

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

1 PM – 5 PM	**Fellows Check Out of Georgia State University Commons**

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Tanya Washington
John Lewis Fellowship Program Director

Tanya Washington is a Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law. Her articles have been published in law journals and periodicals across the nation, and Supreme Court Justice Kennedy cited her co-authored amicus brief in the 2015 marriage equality decision. Professor Washington has taught comparative law classes on race and domestic violence in study abroad programs in Brazil, Europe, and China. A belief that the true value of the law lies in its capacity to improve the human condition animates Professor Washington's work, which includes three years on the Atlanta Human Relations Commission, volunteer service to Atlanta's homeless population, work at area soup kitchens, several amicus briefs in Georgia appellate cases, and countless hours of pro-bono work. She is the Director of the John Lewis Fellowship, a HIA program funded by a grant to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights from the Mellon Foundation.

Ufuk Kâhya
Associate Program Director

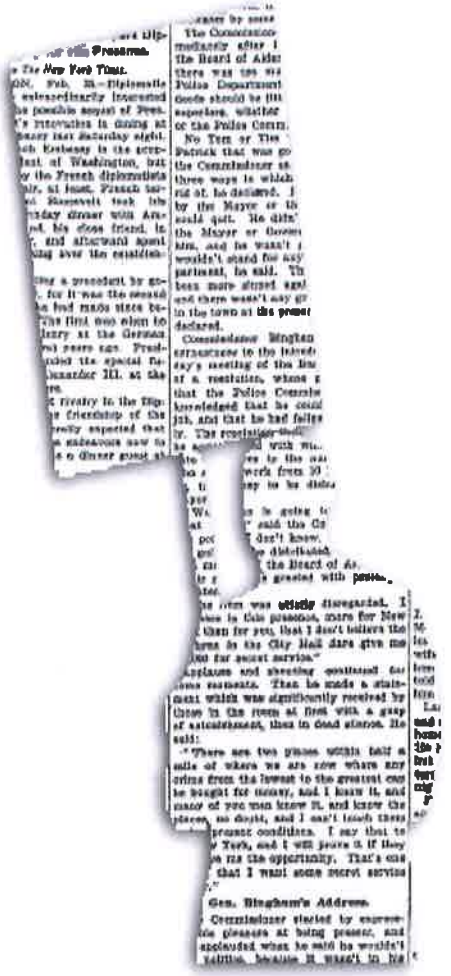
Ufuk Kâhya serves as Humanity in Action's Associate Program Director for the John Lewis Fellowship. Ufuk has an academic background in Public Administration, Political Science and International Relations. Ufuk currently serves as the Leader of the Green Party at the City Council of Hertogenbosch in The Netherlands and as a senior advisor for Kompass, 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 (Atlanta)

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 indigent criminal defense. She currently works as a Judicial Staff Attorney in Juvenile Court.

Hanane Abouellotfi
Program Intern (Atlanta)

Born and raised in Heerlen, the Dutch equivalent of Texas, Hanane Abouellotfi 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.



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Judith S. Goldstein
Founder and Executive Director (New York)

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.

Renata Dixon
Chief Financial Officer (New York)

Renata Dixon graduated from the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT and earned a BS/BA in Accounting from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Her extensive accounting and financial management career began at Ernst & Young. She continued her training in accounting while working in accounting and collections for 12 years in the insurance industry. She has responsibility for management accounting system development, and expert oversight of all the bookkeeping and accounting functions at Dixon & Company. Key areas of proficiency are in evaluating, auditing and reviewing the financial condition of going concerns, especially not-for-profit entities. She has managed the books of not-for-profit entities at various stages of their growth and development and is considered a reliable resource for not-for-profit accounting and financial management. She is particularly experienced in providing timely and accurate information for not-for-profit boards and executive directors as staff and resource change, diminish or evolve.

Anthony Chase
Director of Programs and Detroit Program Director

Anthony Chase joined Humanity in Action in 2011 — first as a Fellow in Paris and, in 2013, as a staff member in New York. He manages a range of initiatives, including the Detroit Fellowship, a program focused on inequality and development. He received his BA from the University of Michigan and will begin graduate studies at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University in fall 2018. He serves as a board member of Libraries Without Borders. Anthony is a native of Kalamazoo, Mich., and lives in Brooklyn.

Antje Scheidler

International Director of European Programs and National Director (Berlin)

Antje Scheidler has been with Humanity in Action since 2002, when she became Program Director of the newly established German fellowship program. Antje was born in East Germany and has lived in Berlin for almost her entire life where she experienced the fall of the Berlin Wall as a teenager. She studied English and American Studies, Sociology and Political Science at Humboldt University Berlin and at the University of Toronto. She shares a great interest in immigration-related issues and matters of social cohesion. Antje was a researcher at Humboldt University in the Department of Demography from 2000 to 2007 and the Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter "Migration und Bevölkerung" from 2000 to 2011. Since 2007 Antje has been the National Director of the German chapter of Humanity in Action. She is now the International Director of European Programs of the organization and among other things facilitates the transatlantic communication between the Humanity in Action chapters on both sides of the Atlantic. Her focus areas have been the Annual International Conferences, the organization's outreach to Greece as well as Grant Competitions for Humanity in Action Senior Fellows. Apart from enjoying family life with her two daughters, Antje enjoys long-distance running and she recently discovered a passion for yoga.

Martine Alonso Marquis

Program Director, Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellowship (Brussels)

Martine Alonso Marquis is Program Director of the Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellowship in the European Parliament and a teacher of International Relations at Sciences Po Paris. Until July 2014, she was a political advisor on foreign affairs to a Member of the European Parliament. She has gained extensive work experience with Oxfam in Berlin, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, and the Humanitarian Law Center in Belgrade and Pristina. Martine has organised many educational workshops and trainings with the South Eastern Europe Initiative of the French-German Youth Office, mostly focused on interculturality, human rights and post-conflict reconciliation. She studied social sciences in Berlin, conflict studies and international relations in Paris, where she also obtained her PhD in political science.

Sylwia Vargas (Wodzińska)

Program Coordinator (Warsaw)

Sylwia (Senior Fellows, Warsaw 2014) is a social activist passionate about women's empowerment and a feminist social entrepreneur. A double graduate in Linguistics and Cultural Studies from Poznan University, she recently took a break from her PhD in Sociology, in which she researched group dynamics between Israeli and Palestinian migrants in Berlin. Three years ago, as her Action Project, Sylwia co-founded MamyGłos, a nation-wide foundation empowering teenage girls in Poland to stand up against sexism, delivering workshops to 1,500+ teens and free psychological counseling to over 300. Currently, she is developing a new solution to the underrepresentation of young women in IT. Sylwia was a Program Coordinator in the 2017 Warsaw Fellowship and co-created HIA Poland's social entrepreneurship school. She is a Global Laureate Fellow (2017), DO School alumna (2017) and Ashoka's Changemaker (2016). In her free time, Sylwia co-authors interactive books for teenagers on racism, menstruation, sexism and ableism, and is fiercely learning JavaScript to code for a better world. She is happily married to another Senior Fellow.

Jamie Sohngen
Coordinator of Operations and Administration (New York)

Jamie hails from Cleveland, Ohio and received her bachelors degree in International Business with minors in Mandarin Chinese and German from the University of Cincinnati. She has spent an academic year in Shanghai, where she studied at Fudan University and worked for the Ameson Education and Cultural Exchange Foundation. She is passionate about exploring culture and conflict through language, and in her free time she enjoys cooking and running. Jamie first became involved with Humanity in Action while interning with the Berlin office for seven months, and is very excited to now serve as the Coordinator of Operations and Administration in the New York office.

Beverly Li
Program Associate and Conference Intern

A San Francisco native, Beverly Li is the Program Associate at Humanity in Action. She graduated cum laude from Whitman College in 2014 with a B.A. in Psychology. She is a 2014 Berlin Senior Fellow and a 2015 Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellow. She was the program intern for the 2015 Berlin and 2017 Detroit Fellowship. She has been a part of social psychological research for over seven years, having been a part of labs at Whitman, Stanford, London Business School, and UC Santa Barbara. She received an Honorable Mention of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program in 2016 for her research proposal to examine ways to reduce microaggressions. She is currently pursuing her Masters in the Psychology of Global Mobility, Inclusion, and Diversity in Society and currently resides in Istanbul, Turkey.

Laura Cahier
Conference Intern

Born and raised in the French rural department of Ain, Laura is studying a dual Master's Degree in Human Rights law and International Affairs (Paris 2 / Sciences Po Lyon). She also spent a year abroad at UC Berkeley, where she studied sociology (inequalities/gender). She wrote her first thesis on gender-based violence in France and the legal and political obstacles migrant women face to access justice. As co-founder of an organisation called InterCambio, she shot a documentary about Mayan women's right to health in rural Guatemala and the importance of local empowerment. With Lumir Lapray, who founded the organisation Optimist, they work together to advance equal opportunities in higher education, especially in Sciences Po Lyon. She hopes to pursue a Ph.D in Human Rights law, about gender-based violence against indigenous women on the American continent and the necessity to take into account intersectionality and local demands for equal rights.

Sara Deitermann
Conference Intern

Born and raised in a small town close to Münster in Germany, Sara left her hometown after graduating to pursue her professional aspirations. After working in Windhoek, living in Canada for one year and studying sociology in Utrecht for a couple of months, Sara now studies social science at the University of Cologne. Sara has been with Humanity in Action since March 2018 where she works as a Program Assistant to support the preparation of the 2018 HIA Fellowship Program and the annual international conference in Strasbourg. She is returning to Cologne in October to finish her bachelor's thesis. Besides her academic interests, Sara loves good wine, books and live music.

Gage Garretson
Conference Intern

Raised across the United States, Gage Garretson is a graduating senior at Macalester College majoring in Geography with a concentration in Human Rights and Humanitarianism. After studying abroad at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Gage participated in a public policy and international affairs fellowship at Carnegie Mellon University. Combining his interests in human rights and policy, he interned with The Advocates for Human Rights writing reports to the UN on migrant labor abuses and detention policies in the U.S, and with the U.S. State Department's Humanitarian Information Unit, crowdsource mapping emerging humanitarian situations. This past winter Gage spent time in Lesbos, Greece working in refugee camps which led to his senior capstone project focusing on gender and sexuality minorities in the Mediterranean refugee crisis. After Macalester, Gage is interested in pursuing opportunities to further research migration, asylum, and identity.

Katarzyna Klimowicz
Conference Intern

Katarzyna is a PhD candidate at University of Warsaw (Poland) and is doing her research on the implementation of the idea of participatory and deliberative democracy with the use of digital tools. Another focus of her research is emergence of network parties promoting citizen-centered politics, such as Razem in Poland or Podemos in Spain. She is a Co-Founder and the Board President of 4YOUth Foundation, with which she coordinated a number of international and local projects promoting the idea of citizen participation, human rights, intercultural dialogue, ecology and sustainable development. Moreover she is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Warsaw Program 2013) and a current Visiting Fellow at Democracy Lab (Das Progressive Zentrum, Berlin). Katarzyna enjoys participating in various public speaking events (such as international conferences and TEDx Talks) in order to share and promote progressive ideas.

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Kafilat "Adeola" Naomi Aderemi
Birmingham City University

Adeola is a Nigerian-Greek artist, scholar, activist, and healer. She is currently an MPH candidate at the Birmingham City University, working as a curator, yoga therapist and creative director. Currently working on raising awareness among the general public on issues concerning human trafficking, gender equality, women's health and equal representation for voices of women of African descent in the global media. She is the currently elected coordinator of the Gender Equality Working Group of the Alliance Europe Network and works as a consultant on gender-based conflict resolutions. Her work in various medium has been featured in publications such as Women Under Siege, New York Times, Ms. Magazine, New Museum New York, Forbes, E-flux, Elle, and Vogue. Adeola is the founder of 'Distinguished Diva,' a collective that fosters community building, communication, outreach and global accessibility for women of African descent with a focus on telling and amplifying stories told by these women.

Laila Alvarez
Pitzer College

Born in Mexico and raised in Atlanta, GA, Laila Alvarez is currently a senior at Pitzer College majoring in Human Biology. She spent a summer abroad studying epidemiology and comparative perspectives of health in Costa Rica. After her time abroad, Laila volunteered at her local hospital, providing translations and enrolling patients into temporary health insurance in the emergency room. Laila hopes to pursue a career removing language, cultural, and economic barriers to health care. She has worked with the American Civil Liberties Union analyzing and collecting data on health and human rights violations in San Bernardino County jails in California. After Pitzer Laila hopes to pursue a Juris Doctor degree in order to advocate and remove policies that make health care inaccessible for communities of color.

Rachel Atakpa
University of Kansas

Rachel Atakpa is a poet and first-generation student at the University of Kansas studying English and Spanish. As a Ronald E. McNair scholar, Atakpa conducts research on Black women's writing. At KU, she is the chief editor of the Undergraduate Research Journal for the Humanities, a writing fellow and consultant for the writing center, Multicultural Scholar, and a honors student. Atakpa is the 2018 recipient of the Langston Hughes Award for Creative Writing in Poetry and Brosseau Creativity Award for Writing. Her poetry has appeared in Kiosk Magazine and The Shade Journal, and is forthcoming in Women, Gender, & Families of Color, Asterism, and Berkeley Poetry Review. Her work engages questions of body politics, materialism, and futurity, and believes in intuition, love, and healing. After graduating, Atakpa will pursue graduate studies in English with the intention to do work in community rebuilding, prison abolitionism, child and adult literacy, and academia.

Olha "Louise" Boleyn
University of Warsaw

Born in Ukraine, Louise Boleyn currently attends University of Warsaw in Poland, majoring in US Society and Culture. Inspired by recent social activist movements, such as #metoo and Black Lives Matter, she aims to speak up against discrimination and injustices, to make a change both in her own and the international community. After graduating from University of Warsaw, Louise wants to pursue a degree in Law and further continue working on protecting those who suffer from human rights violations.

Teodora "Mara" Dorofre
University of Amsterdam

Originally from the north-eastern part of Romania, Mara currently lives in Amsterdam, The Netherlands and identifies as a European citizen, rather than belonging to only one culture. She will begin her third year as a student of Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics in a small-scale, unique, intensive program which raised her interest for academic research on Social Development and its applicability in policymaking. Before moving to Amsterdam, Mara was a professional fencer. As a student of an interdisciplinary major, Mara values a holistic perspective on the reality of human rights and wishes to bring empathy into the study of forced displacement and conflict resolution. She highly values storytelling and open-mindedness and hopes she will be able to use these qualities into a future career as an Identity Politics researcher. Even if it's a daily routine, Mara still enjoys biking through Amsterdam and is keen to see other cities becoming more sustainable!

Elle Enander
Centre College

Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Elle is a graduate of Centre College where she received her BA in English and Environmental Studies. She studied abroad in Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Uganda, and Rwanda, researching issues of tropical biodiversity and conservation, community responses to genocide, French literature, and the intersection of religion and violence in Eastern Africa. Elle is currently an AmeriCorps member serving with City Year Boston, an organization that aims to confront the school-to-prison pipeline by increasing mentorship for students in under-resourced public schools. Elle recently trained with the Obama Foundation to grow as a civic leader and social change agent, and is passionate about creating spaces for youth empowerment and identity exploration through photography, storytelling, and the arts. She is currently working on a photography project exploring disability and identity focused on her sister and her experience living with disability. In her spare time Elle enjoys baking, drawing, and hiking.

Desmond Fonseca
Tufts University

Desmond Fonseca, the son of an Angolan mother and Cape Verdean father, is a rising junior studying History and Africana Studies at Tufts University. Growing up in South Shore Massachusetts, Desmond was immersed in Cape Verdean and Angolan community, and, as a result, is interested in studying cultural manifestations of Blackness across the Atlantic Ocean, as well as revolutionary Luso-Africa. On campus Desmond is treasurer of the Cape Verdean Students Association, has co-organized a conference pertaining to African and Caribbean culture, and annual cultural nights celebrating Cape Verde. A Laidlaw scholar, over the next two summers he will be conducting independent research on visual culture and cultural memory in "postcolonial" Angola, and during his junior year, he will be a visiting student at the University of Oxford. After graduation, Desmond will pursue a Ph.D in history and education to study global Black liberation movements.

Laurel Hiatt
University of Georgia

A Washington transplant raised in Suwanee, Georgia, Laurel is a UGA Foundation Fellow currently earning dual degrees in biochemistry and molecular biology and Spanish, and working toward a certificate in interdisciplinary writing. An intersectional social justice activist, Laurel trains service animals as a spokesperson for disability rights as well as leads community initiatives through organizations including Lambda Alliance, the LGBT Resource Center, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness on Campus UGA. Laurel is also an award-winning journalist with a passion for enhancing science communication, developed during their two years of executive involvement within Science Olympiad Outreach. Laurel intends to earn an MD/PhD in clinical biochemistry. As a physician-scientist, Laurel will investigate disease mechanisms for transgender and intersex patients while also shaping health care policy to better ensure safe and successful engagement of vulnerable populations.

Abibat Iriafen
California Polytechnic State University

Raised in Rancho Cucamonga California, Abibat Iriafen is a rising junior at California Polytechnic State University with major in political science with a concentration in global politics and minor French. She competes in NCAA division 1 track and field as a long and triple jumper. As a student assistant at the multi-cultural center she seeks to create a diverse environment for students of color and created her own mentor program called Poly Pipeline. She researched the efficiency of diplomacy in Haiti after the fall of the Duvalier regime. As a proud Nigerian-American, in her spare time, she loves to cook Nigerian food. She enjoys playing movie soundtracks on her bass guitar and string bass. After college she hopes to obtain a masters degree in international diplomacy and work for United Nations.

Sophie Kupetz
Brown University

From Los Angeles, Sophie Kupetz is a first semester junior at Brown University, studying History with a focus on race and law. She spent last Fall studying Spanish at Proyecto Lingüístico Quetzalteco in Guatemala. Many of her most meaningful learning experiences have occurred outside of the traditional classroom: participating in campaigns to fight against the Prison Industrial Complex with grassroots organizations, such as Direct Action for Rights and Equality and Critical Resistance; volunteering as a Teacher's Assistant in educational programs at the Rhode Island prison; and teaching at Breakthrough Providence. Sophie is a student employee at Brown's Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice. She is interested in thinking through ways to make the University more accessible and pressuring the University to accept responsibility for past injustices. She is currently advocating for a Brown for-credit college in prison program.

Francesca Lupia
Stanford University

Raised in Ann Arbor, MI, Francesca Lupia is a rising senior at Stanford University with a major in Human Biology and minors in East Asian Studies and Italian. They are broadly interested in the influence of early experience on human well-being and identity formation. An intern at the Santa Clara County Office of Reentry Services, Francesca is conducting honors research on parenting among formerly incarcerated women. They study racial and gender-based bias in preschoolers through Stanford's Social Cognition and Development Lab, and they researched cultural identity among Chinese immigrants to Italy while studying abroad in Florence. Francesca is also dedicated to promoting dialogue and cooperation between China and the United States. As co-president of the Forum for American-Chinese Exchange at Stanford (FACES), they organized a five-day academic conference on China-US relations. Francesca hopes to pursue graduate coursework in law and public policy, supporting a career in criminal justice reform advocacy.

Sandra Mehmedovic
University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Philosophy

Sandra was born and raised in Sarajevo. She is currently pursuing her master degree in English Language and Translation Studies at the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo, where she also earned her undergraduate degree. Besides working as a freelance translator, she also works at the War Childhood Museum in Sarajevo as a translator and research assistant. She mainly works with people whose childhoods were or are still affected by conflict, either by collecting objects and stories or by conducting video testimonies about their experience of growing up in conflict. She loves to travel and explore new cities, cultures, and languages, and she is passionate about animals, nature, theater, literature, and human rights.

Larry "Liem" Nguyen
University of Washington

Liem Nguyen is originally from Việt Nam. He is studying Anthropology at University of Washington. A kid at heart and a free spirit, he is serious about the pursuit of justice for his people. He is a proud PPIA UC Berkeley fellow and a Dalai Lama Fellow. Service to others is his principle. Buddhism is his root. His hope is to be an advocate/healer for the most vulnerable and marginalized. Now he is devoting his time to planning a pilgrimage for Vietnamese youths to learn the full-scale history of the Vietnam War through oral history and contemplative practices. In his free time, he like to take long walks, take photos, write, read, meditate, make lame jokes, throw shades (sometimes :)) and have heartfelt conversations.

Eugene "Gino" Nuzzolillo
Duke University

Born in Denver, Colorado and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, Gino Nuzzolillo is a rising junior at Duke University studying History and Human Rights. Gino is particularly interested in community organizing, mass incarceration, affordable housing, and environmental justice. On campus he organizes around economic justice, working with organizations in Durham and at Duke on issues such as a living wage and Ban the Box. He also helped found a group of students called "People's State of the University" to pressure Duke University on implementing 12 demands ranging from a living wage for all employees to hiring more diverse faculty. He also conducts research on gentrification in Durham and wastewater infrastructure in rural Alabama. After Duke, Gino plans to attend law school and work as a civil rights lawyer.

Jennifer Pham
Copenhagen Business School

Growing up with a mix of Danish, Canadian and Vietnamese influences, Jennifer Pham has spent 25 years chasing the idea of 'home' from a cross-continental airplane seat. With the submission of her thesis on private sector engagement in humanitarian assistance, Jennifer recently earned a master degree in Global Governance from Copenhagen Business School, on top of a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University. Now a consultant at Dalberg Global Development Advisors, Jennifer spends her time growing a global innovation platform that annually recruits one thousand young minds to co-create new solutions targeted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, thereby taking inspiration from the idea that "diversity is the engine of innovation." In her spare time, Jennifer is writing a novel that is part-cookbook, part-memoirs gathered from the Vietnamese diaspora community, and part a call to action to tackle migrant education and resource inequalities.

Jasmine Rashid
Swarthmore College

Jasmine Rashid was born and raised on Long Island, New York, and is graduating from Swarthmore College this spring with a degree in Peace and Conflict Studies. At Swarthmore, Jasmine spent her time working as an associate for Arts, Media, and Culture at the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility, freelance writing, and as the Editor-in-Chief of VISIBILITY Magazine — a publication dedicated to showcasing the creative work of traditionally marginalized voices. Jasmine recently finished her senior thesis, which explores the contours of human rights and multimedia strategy in bringing attention to the Rohingya crisis. She plans to pursue further education in either the realm of public policy or human rights law in the near future.

Dariann Rickerson
Hunter College

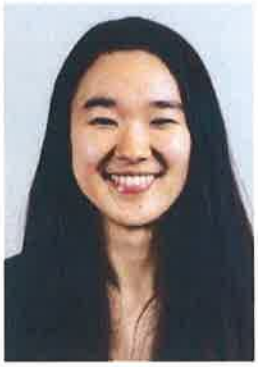
Graduating in Fall 2018, Dariann Rickerson is a public health major and human rights minor at Hunter College in New York City. She is a Community Outreach Intern at the NYC DOHMH, working with a mental health organization in effort to reduce the stigma associated with mental health through art and storytelling. Dariann is involved in various projects that demonstrates her passion for health equity and racial justice. One is a podcast series that brings attention to the lack of public health and women's reproductive rights U.S prisons. Dariann just returned from doing service work in Detroit where she partnered with the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. She worked on various projects that would help the museum promote health, racial justice, and community engagement and education in the Detroit area. Post-graduation, Dariann plans on applying for the Fulbright Scholars Program and for Master's in Public Health programs.

Jesse Smith-Appelson
Florida State University

Jesse is from Florida and graduated from Florida State University in 2016 with degrees in sociology and environmental science. For the past two years, she has been teaching Model United Nations and a human rights curriculum at a secondary school in Madrid, Spain through the Fulbright English Teaching Grant and the Spanish Ministry of Education. As an undergraduate, Jesse focused her studies and community engagement on migrant farmworker rights, specifically through her internship with Student Action with Farmworkers, outreach work with South Carolina Migrant Education, and her research on migrant farmworker health inequalities in the Southeast. In addition, Jesse's interest in land rights and environmental justice stems from her summer internships in Paraguay and Nicaragua. She plans to focus her future work and studies on environmental justice and health inequalities. Jesse is most happy spending time outdoors or playing music, whether it's college marching band, orchestra, or learning Brazilian percussion.

Kevin Solomon
Duke University

Born in St. Petersburg, Florida, Kevin Solomon is a rising junior at Duke University with a major in Political Science and minors in African & African American Studies and Environmental Sciences & Policy. He is actively engaged in local politics in Durham, North Carolina, where he works with the Durham Community Land Trustees to advocate for permanently affordable housing. Kevin is an executive member of the Duke Disability Alliance, assistant at the Duke Human Rights Center, undergraduate organizer for the Fight for $15 campaign, and executive member of the Duke Coalition for Alleviating Poverty. Next year, he will participate in SIT's Global Cities study abroad program, where he will study urban politics in NYC, Buenos Aires, Barcelona, and Cape Town. In his spare time, Kevin thoroughly enjoys swing dance, distance running, and percussion. After Duke, Kevin intends to pursue a J.D. and continue his work in local politics.



Yumika "Miki" Takeshita
The University of Chicago

Born and raised in New York to two Japanese immigrants, Miki Takeshita is a recent graduate of the University of Chicago. She majored in history, specializing in urban history. During her time at UChicago, she was a member of the Japanese American Citizens League, where she led a group of 10 Japanese American youth on a four-day pilgrimage to Manzanar, one of the Japanese American incarceration camps, and facilitated workshops on race, identity and allyship. She also interned at Asian Americans Advancing Justice, a nonprofit that advances immigrant rights. Currently she is working as a College Advisor for High School for Art & Design in New York, where she advises 400 underrepresented, first-generation minority seniors on their college applications. Following the Humanity in Action fellowship, Miki will start her master's in urban policy at Sciences Po in Paris fellowship as a Fulbright Scholar.

Sloan Talbot
Duke University

As a first-generation (1G) college student from Ypsilanti, Michigan, Sloan Talbot is a rising senior at Duke University studying Cultural Anthropology with a certificate in the Study of Ethics. Sloan's interests stem from exploring articulations of home in the context of forced displacement, with issues surrounding her personal experiences of homelessness and poverty, but also globally through refugee and migrant studies. Sloan has spent her undergraduate career traveling to the U.S/Mexico border, spending a semester interviewing refugees in Durham, NC and those in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to working on stemming youth migration in Northern Togo, offering classes in photography and English. Sloan is involved extensively with the 1G community at Duke, works as an Academic Peer Advisor, and is creating a senior thesis on refugee youth's articulations of home through visual expressions. After Duke, Sloan plans to pursue a Law degree with a focus on Public Interest.

Hoa "Mai" Trần
Freie Universität

Hoa Mai Trần studies educational science (M.A.) and is an (early) childhood educator and carer, and has practical work experiences in Germany, Spain, Vietnam and Costa Rica in nurseries, private schools, and orphanages. As a researcher she did qualitative and quantitative projects on health, social inequality, refugee children and is a member of different scientific networks in Germany and Austria. Furthermore, she speaks about racism, migration, asylum, critical approaches in pedagogy, and inclusion in different educational settings with young adults and professionals in early educational institutions. Besides that, she is an actress and a writer. She is currently writing an empowering multilingual book for and with children. She also encourages cultural education as a member of a jury in a funding program in Berlin. In her different fields of activities, she seeks for transdisciplinary knowledge, awareness for inequalities and varied forms of transformative education practices that challenge the status quo.

Katarzyna "Kasia" Udała
Kozminski University

Katarzyna is a recent graduate of Kozminski University in Warsaw, Poland, where she majored in Management and Sociology in Business and Media. She has also spent a semester abroad studying Business Administration and International Relations at IE University in Madrid, Spain. Since 2014, Katarzyna has been a member of the Erasmus Student Network, the biggest European student association that promotes student mobility. While volunteering in Warsaw, she worked as the HR manager and the vice president of her local association; before graduation, she moved to Brussels and joined the ESN International team as the digital marketing intern. Katarzyna is also an experienced facilitator - she has held a number of various workshops for international audiences in Poland, Portugal, Belgium, and Turkey. In the future, Katarzyna plans to pursue a master degree in intercultural communication, further develop in the field of non-formal education, and work for the European Commission.

Themistoklis "Tim" Vergidis
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Themistoklis Vergidis was born and raised in Thessaloniki, Greece, in a small area called Kalamaria. His early-expressed passion for writing and zeal for social sciences led him to enroll in the Journalism and Mass Media Communication university, a field which he currently studies as a second year undergraduate student. He strives to use the knowledge he acquired in the service of the idealistic journalism, with his interested focused on, but not limited to, matters of minorities and human rights. In his free time, he likes to read literature and poetry, watch the news and discuss it, and watch documentaries.

Jianhang Xiao
Binghamton University

Having grown up in China, Jianhang completed his bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in global studies from Binghamton University. He has a deep interest in studying comparative politics with a focus on China, U.S., and human rights issues. In college, he was a research assistant for a human rights course and researched global labor laws to understand how strong unions affect reasonable working hours. He also studied abroad in Peru and Chile, thereby broadening his perspectives on culture and diversity. He is passionate about helping immigrants through public services and previously worked at the Office of Congresswoman Nydia M. Velazquez as a community liaison and caseworker. Currently, he is an AmeriCorps member at the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Affairs in the Department of Social Services where he has helped hundreds of immigrants gain U.S. citizenship. After AmeriCorps, he plans to pursue a Master's Degree in International Studies or Business Administration.

Carter Zenke
Duke University

Carter Zenke is a rising junior at Duke University who wants to design high-quality, equitable education for all students in the Digital Age. He is pursuing a self-designed major titled "Digital Era Education: Learning, Policy, and Ethics" – a combination of courses in public policy, the learning sciences, and education. Carter is specifically focused on ensuring equitable access to high-quality computer science (CS) education that engages students as creators and self-authors. He regularly teaches CS in Durham Public Schools and leads CSbyUs, an initiative that mobilizes undergraduates from local universities to do the same. He has been invited to do education work in Nepal through Duke's Karsh Mentorship Initiative, and will return to lead research on the links between experiential education and civic engagement. Eventually, Carter would like to bridge the gap between educational research and practice by getting a Ph.D. in education and teaching in K-12.

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Wednesday July 11, 2018

BRIAN TOLLESON

Brian Tolleson is the Interim CEO of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Mr. Tolleson's expertise is the strategic development and delivery of multi-platform branding and marketing campaigns (digital, social, broadcast, print, mobile, AR/VR). Mr. Tolleson spent the early days of his career in Los Angeles at world-famous talent agency Creative Artists Agency and as a story editor at Columbia Pictures/Sony Pictures Entertainment, working for Multi-Academy Award Winning Producer Douglas Wick on such feature projects as GLADIATOR, SPY GAME, STUART LITTLE, GIRL, INTERRUPTED, BEWITCHED and THE CRAFT. He received a 2009 Emmy Nomination for Best Promotional Campaign as Producer on Noggin's Parent Directed Image Campaign, and his creative and strategic work on Kathy Griffin's album received a 2009 Grammy Nomination as well. Mr. Tolleson currently serves as Founder and Leadership Committee Member of The LGBT Institute at The National Center for Civil & Human Rights.

ANDRE DICKENS

Councilmember Andre Dickens was elected citywide to the Atlanta City Council Post 3 at Large in November 2013 and was the only Councilmember who was re-elected unopposed in November 2017. Currently, Dickens is chair of the Transportation Committee and serves on Committee on Council, Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee, and Finance/Executive Committee. In his first term, Dickens served as chair for the Public Safety & Legal Administration and Community Development & Human Services Committees and has served on the Code Enforcement & Budget Commissions as well as the Boards of the Atlanta Beltline, Invest Atlanta, and the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

DERRICK POPE

Derrick Alexander Pope is Founder, President, and Managing Director of The Arc of Justice Institute. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Derrick is a 1987 graduate of Morris Brown College and a 1992 graduate of Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana, earning top honors in the Loyola Law Clinic. Mr. Pope has a distinguished career in the public, private and academic sectors. He has provided counsel to the legislative and executive branches of government at the federal, state, and county level and has been an Adjunct Professor at Georgia State University College of Law. In private practice, he has helped protect the inheritance rights of more than 500 families throughout Georgia. Mr. Pope has several published works to his credit. He is the author of By the Content of Our Character: A Declaration of Independence for Colored Folks, Negroes, Black People and African Americans and Thy Will Be Done: An African American Guide to Estate Planning and the Howard Law Journal article, A Constitutional Window to Interpretive Reason: Or in other Words…The Ninth Amendment.

DARCY MEALS

Darcy Meals, assistant director of the Center for Access to Justice, is responsible for developing and overseeing the center's programs and publications. She oversees the student Pro Bono Program and the Public Interest Law and Policy certificate program, and she teaches law school courses through the center's access to justice curriculum. Meals holds an A.B. in public policy from Brown University and a J.D. from UCLA School of Law, where she graduated Order of the Coif. Meals clerked for Judge J. Frederick Motz of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland before joining O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Washington, D.C., where she specialized in white collar criminal defense, internal investigations and complex civil litigation. Meals also maintained an active pro bono practice, representing clients in deportation proceedings and a group of federal inmates seeking accommodation under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. She has written articles on immigration law and co-wrote an amicus brief in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* that was cited twice in Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's concurring opinion. Meals is a co-chair of the Southern Center for Human Rights' Leadership Council and serves on the Young Alumni Participation Council for Brown University.

Thursday July 12, 2018

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.

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 antiwar 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.

DR. BERNICE KING

Dr. Bernice A. King is a global thought leader, orator, peace advocate, and Chief Executive Officer of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change (The King Center), which was founded by her mother, Coretta Scott King, in 1968. She was appointed CEO of The King Center in January 2012, by the Board of Trustees. From this position, the same one once held by her mother, this transformative leader steadfastly continues her efforts to advance her parents' legacy of Kingian Nonviolence, which Dr. King re-branded Nonviolence365™. Through her work at The King Center, Dr. King educates youth and adults about the nonviolent principles modeled by her parents. Under Dr. King's leadership, the Center has expanded and enhanced its community engagement to include partnering with the Urban League of Atlanta to provide Nonviolence365 experiences for 100 ex-offenders and to encompass launching the Better Together: Racial Reconciliation initiative for pastors and church leaders. Dr. King also initiated the Beloved Community Talks to begin having courageous conversations about the difficult racial issues impacting our communities, nation and world.

AZADEH SHAHSHAHANI

Azadeh has worked for a number of years in the Southeast to protect the human rights of immigrants and Muslim, Middle Eastern, and South Asian communities. She previously served as National Security/Immigrants' Rights Project Director with the ACLU of Georgia. Azadeh is a past president of the National Lawyers Guild. Through the NLG, Azadeh has participated in international delegations, including to post-revolutionary Tunisia and Egypt, a delegation focused on the situation of Palestinian political prisoners, and election monitoring delegations to Venezuela and Honduras. She has also served as a member of the jury in people's tribunals on Mexico, the Philippines, and Brazil. Azadeh also serves as Chair of Georgia Detention Watch, Co-chair of the US Human Rights Network Working Group on National Security, and on the Advisory Council of the American Association of Jurists. She is the author or editor of several human rights reports, including a 2017 report titled "Imprisoned Justice: Inside Two Georgia Immigrant Detention Centers," as well as law review articles and book chapters focused on racial profiling, immigrants' rights, and surveillance of Muslim-Americans. Her work has also appeared in the Guardian, the Nation, MSNBC, Aljazeera, the Atlanta Journal Constitution, and the Huffington Post, among others. Azadeh received her JD from the University of Michigan Law School.

Friday July 13, 2018

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 most recent book One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying our Democracy was released in 2018. 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.

NSE UFOT

Nse Ufot has dedicated her life and career working on various civil, human, and workers' rights issues. As the Executive Director of the New Georgia Project, she is proud to lead the organization to its goal of strengthening the state's democracy by registering and engaging Georgia's eligible, but unregistered African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans. Prior to joining the New Georgia Project, Ms. Ufot worked as the Assistant Executive Director for the Canadian Association of University Teachers, Canada's largest faculty union. She also served as the Senior Lobbyist and Government Relations Officer for the American Association of University Professors. In this role, she coordinated initiatives for mobilizing members around legislation and regulations that impacted higher education and labor law. Ufot, a proud naturalized citizen, was born in Nigeria and raised in Southwest Atlanta. She earned a Bachelor of Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Dayton School of Law. Ms. Ufot is fluent in both French and English. In her free time, she enjoys international travel, listening and playing music from the African Diaspora, and hosting house parties for close friends and family.

JOSHUA RASHAAD MCFADDEN

Joshua Rashaad McFadden is an American artist who works to raise awareness on social issues. McFadden earned his MFA in photography from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia. Growing up in Rochester, New York, opened his eyes to the need to become an advocate for social justice and civil rights through his photographic work and community organizing. McFadden was chosen as one of the top emerging photographers in the world by LensCulture in 2015 and received the LensCulture Emerging Talent Award. He also received an International Photography Award (IPA) Award for his series, After Selma.

Monday July 16, 2018

MAWULI DAVIS

Mawuli Mel Davis is a founding partner of the Davis Bozeman Law Firm where he leads the firm's Civil Rights Division. Attorney Davis attended the United States Naval Academy, where he played varsity basketball and earned a degree in Political Science. Attorney Davis served in the United States Navy as an officer while earning a master's in public administration from Bowie State University. Attorney Davis is a graduate of Georgia State University(GSU) College of Law. Attorney Davis is recognized as a Super Lawyer, a distinction given to less than 3% of the lawyers practicing in Georgia. Attorney Davis has been recognized for his work as a Civil Rights attorney and advocate by the Gate City Bar Association, ACLU of Georgia, Urban League of Greater Atlanta, and Southern Center for Human Rights. He was named as one of Georgia's Legal Elite by Georgia Trend Magazine and has been affectionately dubbed the "Liberation Lawyer."

THE KENNESAW 5

On September 30, 2017, Tommia Dean, Kennedy Town, Shlondra Young, Taylor McIver, and Michaelyn Wright (popularly known as the "Kennesaw 5"), took a knee at a Kennesaw State University football game to protest police brutality during the national anthem. In response to their peaceful protest, former KSU President Sam Olens imposed a policy that no longer allowed the cheerleaders on the field during the national anthem. On Monday, October 9th, 2017, Davante Lewis, the representative of the Kennesaw 5, filed an Open Records request to review the communications within the university administration and athletics department on the Kennesaw 5 kneeling protest. This was the first of many inquiries into the motives of Sam Olens' imposition of the new policy on the cheerleaders. A state report revealed Olens ignored protocol on how to respond to student protests. Additionally, evidence emerged that Olens imposed this new policy on the cheerleaders after being pressured to do so by Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren and Republican state Rep. Earl Ehrhart , as indicated by text messages between the parties received by the Atlanta Journal Constitution. The state investigation ultimately led to Olens' resignation as KSU President on February 15, 2018.

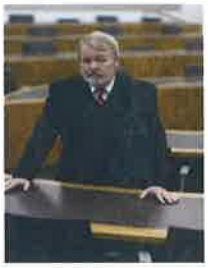
DR. JUDITH S. GOLDSTEIN

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.

ANDREW KIMBRELL

Andrew Kimbrell is an internationally recognized public interest attorney, public speaker, and author. A leading proponent of regenerative forms of agriculture and organic policies, Kimbrell is the editor of the book *Fatal Harvest, The Tragedy of Industrial Agriculture* and the author of *Your Right to Know: Genetic Engineering and the Secret Changes in Your Food.* Kimbrell's articles and editorials have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Harpers*, *USA Today*, and other outlets. Kimbrell is also a featured expert in *A DANGEROUS IDEA*.

PAUL LOMBARDO



Paul A. Lombardo, Regents' Professor and Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law, is a lawyer/historian at the Georgia State University College of Law who is best known for his work on the legal history of the American eugenics movement. His books include: A Century of Eugenics in America: From the Indiana Experiment to the Human Genome Era (2011), Three Generations, No Imbeciles: Eugenics, the Supreme Court and Buck v. Bell (2008). Lombardo advised the Cold Spring Harbor (N.Y.) Laboratory panel that assembled the digital Image Archive on American Eugenics Movement and was also a contributor and consultant for the U.S. Memorial Holocaust Museum exhibit, Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race. Lombardo has been a historical consultant for several films, including Race: The Power of an Illusion Part I, The Difference Between Us (PBS, 2003), and The Golden Door (Martin Scorsese/ Miramax, 2006) a feature film that explored the impact of eugenic screening on early 20th century immigrants at Ellis Island. From 1985-1990, Lombardo practiced law in California. From 1990 until 2006, he served on the faculty of the Schools of Law and Medicine at the University of Virginia.

ELAINE RIDDICK

Elaine Riddick is an advocate for victims of forced sterilization and Director of the Rebecca Project for Justice, which works to protect African Americans from injustices that take many forms.

Tuesday July 17, 2018

THOMAS MULLEN

Thomas Mullen is the author of five novels, including *Darktown*, an NPR Best Book of 2016, which was shortlisted for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, the Southern Book Prize, and the Indies Choice Book Award; and *Lightning Men,* named one of the Top Ten Crime Novels of 2017 by *The New York Times.* Those novels begin with Atlanta's 1948 hiring of the city's first African-American police officers and are part of a series that will trace the progress of Civil Rights Movement in Atlanta through crime fiction. His earlier work includes *The Last Town on Earth,* which was named Best Debut Novel of 2006 by *USA Today* and was awarded the James Fenimore Cooper Prize for excellence in historical fiction; and *The Many Deaths of the Firefly Brothers,* which was awarded the Townsend Prize for best novel by a Georgia author. The *Darktown* series is being developed for television by Amazon Studios, Sony Pictures, and executive producer Jamie Foxx. He lives in Decatur, GA, with his family.

DR. KIM RAMSEY-WHITE

Dr. Ramsey-White teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in health disparities and research methods. Her research focuses on education reform initiatives, health disparities and social capital. She has also worked extensively in the area of diversity strategic planning in the higher education arena. Prior to joining the faculty in the Institute of Public Health, Dr. Ramsey-White served as the university liaison to the Carver Early College High School program in Atlanta, GA. Earlier in her public health career she worked as the disease prevention/health promotion coordinator at the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center in Mount Vernon, NY. She has also served as the data manager and youth services coordinator for another Georgia State University project – Project Healthy Grandparents. Dr. Ramsey-White holds a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Hampton University, an MPH from the University of Alabama-Birmingham and a Ph.D. in Research, Measurement and Statistics from Georgia State University.

DR. NATHAN FURUKAWA

Dr. Furukawa is a physician trained in Internal Medicine and Public Health with experience in research on global health, emerging infectious diseases, and social determinants of health. He earned his medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, WA, where he also completed his residency. Dr. Furukawa is currently working for the Centers for Disease control, and he is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow.

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 150th 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.

DR. REGINA BRADLEY

Dr. Regina N. Bradley is a writer and researcher of African American Life and Culture. She is an alumna Nasir Jones HipHop Fellow (Harvard University, Spring 2016) and is an Assistant Professor of English and African Diaspora Studies at Kennesaw State University. Dr. Bradley's expertise and research interests include 20th and 21st Century African American Literature, hip hop culture, race and the contemporary US South, and sound studies. She is the founder and host of OutKasted Conversations, a critically acclaimed dialogue series dedicated to thinking about the cultural and academic implications of the hip hop group OutKast. The project has been featured in Ebony, the New York Times, Musiqology, For Harriet, Huffington Post, and the Feminist Wire. In May 2017, Dr Bradley delivered a TEDx talk, "The Mountaintop Ain't Flat," about the significance of hip hop in bridging the American Black South to the present and future.

RICHARD MORTON
(Musician, Performer, Social Worker, and Civil Rights Veteran)

RUTHA HARRIS

Rutha Mae Harris was one of the original Freedom Singers in Albany Georgia. She, along with Bernice Johnson Reagon, Cordell Reagon, and Charles Nesbett formed the SNCC Freedom Singers. She later joined Bernice Johnson Reagon as part of Sweet Honey in the Rock.

Wednesday July 18, 2018

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.

PROFESSOR AKILAH KINNISON

Akilah Kinnison joined Hobbs Straus in October 2013 after receiving a J.D., magna cum laude, and an LL.M. in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy from the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law. At Arizona, Akilah was privileged to be a part of the Law College's world-renowned Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program (IPLP). During her time with IPLP, Akilah had the opportunity to work as a research assistant for Professor Robert A. Williams, Jr. as well as to study with Professor S. James Anaya, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples. Akilah worked on several of IPLP's international human rights cases, including advocating on behalf of the Western Shoshone in various United Nations' forums and assisting in the case of Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group v. Canada. She is currently an Assistant Law Professor at University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law.

Thursday July 19, 2018

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. 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. 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.

Monday July 23, 2018

COLEMAN G. HOWARD

Coleman G. Howard is an author, certified yoga and meditation instructor, motivational speaker, business owner and human rights activist currently leading a movement that is centered around the pillars of Truth, Love and Compassion. As a former police officer and military veteran, Coleman understands how fragile life can be and how important it is to be able to share experiences in a safe space, free of judgement. Coleman has helped countless students, teachers, and corporate employees share their experiences through the storytelling series and workshop titled, "Under My Hood Truth Experience". Coleman has shared his own story of being a black man living in today's America and helped participants share their own stories. The hope is that participants and attendees recognize the humanity in one another while listening to the stories of others. Workshops and performances have been held at Morehouse College, Vanderbilt University, The Center for Civil and Human Rights, The Galloway School and the Theatrical Outfit. With over 15 years of experience practicing yoga and mindfulness, Coleman is a RYT 200 with Yoga Alliance. He is working on his PH. D in Philosophy of Metaphysical Science and his dissertation is on the power of forgiveness. He currently uses yoga and meditation to assist ex veterans, formerly incarcerated men and recovering addicts with post-traumatic stress, to learn how to heal themselves from within.

Tuesday July 24, 2018

JED KINNISON

Jed is a PhD candidate studying political geographies with a minor in law. His research focuses on how, following WWII, the International Labour Organization (ILO) was delegated the project of dealing with what was termed the "indigenous problem." His dissertation focuses on how the ILO's work on this topic involved denationalization, a process now described by the term, genocide, following Lemkin's 1944 coining of the neologism. He completed his MA at the University of Arizona. Prior to joining the Geography Department at the University of Arizona, Kinnison worked as a labor organizer representing health care workers in California. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 2006 with a degree in Ethnic Studies and a concentration in American Indian Studies.

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. 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.

VÂN HUYNK

Vân Huynh is the Supervising Immigration Attorney for Asians Advancing Justice and she leads the Removal Defense Team in representing individuals in immigration detention throughout Georgia. She was the 2015-2017 National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Law Foundation Community Law Fellow at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Chicago, focusing on legal advocacy and immigrants' rights policies. Prior to coming to Atlanta, Vân practiced immigration law in Chicago, where she represented individuals in bond proceedings and at immigration hearings. In her role as an attorney, she worked with community organizations to co-strategize deportation defense cases. Her approach to law and advocacy is with an eye to movement lawyering and seeks to effectively address root causes of criminalization through organizing Vân received her B.A. in Political Science from Temple University and J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.

Wednesday July 25, 2018

DEBORAH RICHARDSON

Deborah Richardson is Executive Director of the International Human Trafficking Institute of the Center for Civil and Human Rights, spearheading the three-year effort of the Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition of Metro-Atlanta. A nationally recognized expert in ending child sex trafficking, she initiated innovative programs for survivors, testified before Congress, and convened a national alliance of organizations who successfully shutdown craigslist's adult services site, at that time, the largest online platform facilitating sex trafficking. She is currently Deborah Richardson also is *the Alonzo F. and Norris B. Herndon Human Rights Expert in Residence* in the Honors College at Georgia State University. Richardson was on the founding team of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights as its Executive Vice President, leading fundraising and program development. In her role, she met the fundraising goals for the Center's Phase I Capital Campaign; launched the Women's Solidarity Society and the Justice Fund-- two donor affinity groups; along with creating its signature tribute event *Power to Inspire.* She has received several recognitions for her human rights work, which includes: The *Pathbreaker Award* by Share Hope International, the *Lives of Commitment Award* from Auburn Seminary, and the *Community Service Award* from Spelman College. Deborah holds a Master's Degree in Leadership from St. Mary's College of California and is a doctoral candidate in Public Policy and Social Change at the Union Institute and University.

MICHAEL JULIAN BOND

Councilmember Michael Julian Bond has served Atlanta citywide, representing more than 450,000 residents, since his election to the Atlanta City Council Post 1 At-Large seat in November of 2009. Outside of his council duties, Michael served as the Deputy Director and Chief Programs Officer for the Atlanta branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He has volunteered with the American Diabetes Association for more than 20 years, serving on its national board from 2011 to 2013. Born and raised in Atlanta, Michael is the son of the late civil rights leader Julian Bond and his wife, Alice. He attended Frederick Douglass High School, Morehouse College, and Georgia State University. In 2011, Michael received his certification for the Senior Executives in State and Local Government from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is an active member at Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta.

DR. MAURICE HOBSON

Dr. Maurice Hobson is an Associate Professor of African American Studies and Historian at Georgia State University. Dr. Hobson earned the Ph.D. degree in History, focusing in African American History and 20th Century U.S. History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research interests are grounded in the fields of African American history, 20th Century U.S. history, African American studies, oral history and ethnography, urban and rural history, political economy, and popular cultural studies. He is the author of *The Legend of the Black Mecca: Politics and Class in the Making of Modern Atlanta* with the University of North Carolina Press. Dr. Hobson engages the social sciences and has created a new paradigm called the Black New South that explores the experiences of black folk in the American South, with national and international implications, since WWII. For this, he has served as an expert witness in court cases and as a voice of insight for documentaries, films, movies, public historical markers, monuments and museum exhibitions.

Friday July 27, 2018

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's 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. Dr. Reese was one of 15 teenaged girls imprisoned in a stockade in Leesburg, Georgia for 63 days in 1963.

Saturday July 28, 2018

SHIRLEY FRANKLIN

Former Atlanta Mayor, Shirley Franklin, is currently the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Purpose Built Communities, and Chair of the Board of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. 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. In 2018 Franklin was the Executive Producer of a documentary about former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, with whom she served as commissioner of cultural affairs and chief of operations.

DEREK ALPHRAN

Attorney Derek M Alphran works in the municipal government practice area of the Hilliard Firm in Atlanta, Georgia. Attorney Alphran has a varied diverse back ground as a constitutional lawyer, law professor and scholar. Prior to law teaching, Alphran served as a special counsel to the City of Atlanta's law department and former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, where he drafted minority business legislation and worked on various policy initiatives and legislation for the office of the mayor and the city law department. He has worked in private practice focusing on civil rights and municipal governmental practice. Attorney Alphran is a native of Atlanta Georgia, a 1975 graduate of Morehouse College, and a 1981 graduate of UCLA School of Law.

RODNEY STRONG

Rodney K. Strong is the Chairman of Griffin & Strong, P.C., a law and public policy consulting firm based in Atlanta, Georgia. A member of the State Bar of Georgia, he represents a range of public entity and corporate clients. He also serves as the general counsel for the Fulton County/City of Atlanta Land Bank Authority and as the disparity study and supplier diversity consultant for numerous clients. A Memphis native, he is a graduate of the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law and received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Morehouse College.

CLARA AXAM

Clara Hayley Axam is a magna cum laude graduate of Duke University and holds a law degree from the University of Michigan. Ms. Axam is an experienced manager, skilled facilitator and certified mediator. Over the course of her career, she has applied her legal, management, and facilitation skills to change initiatives in a number of environments across public, private, philanthropic and community sectors. Most recently, Ms. Axam served as Director of the Atlanta Office of Enterprise Community Partners, a national non-profit intermediary which invested more than $175 million in grants, equity and debt to support community development and affordable housing production in Atlanta. She has served in the cabinets of two mayors—Maynard H. Jackson and Andrew Young—with responsibility for the administrative services of the city, including human resources, labor relations, fleet management, purchasing, and general services.

Monday July 30, 2018

THE HONORABLE RENATA TURNER

Judge Renata D. Turner is presiding judge with the Fulton County Juvenile Court. Judge Turner was raised in Atlanta and graduated from Therrell High School. Judge Turner attended the University of Georgia, graduating with a B.A. in psychology. She worked for five years as a caseworker for the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services before entering law school in 1986. She received her J.D. from Southern California University School of Law and became a member of the California bar in 1989 and the Georgia bar in 1990. Judge Turner has served as vice chair of the Fulton County Child Attorney's board; a committee advisor for the Supreme Court of Georgia's Committee on Justice for Children; and an executive board member of the Charles Weltner Family Law Inn of Court. She served as president of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys in 1997. Judge Turner is a member of the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges and currently serves on the board of the Andrew and Walter Young YMCA.

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.

EDDIE CONWAY

Marshall "Eddie" Conway is a published author, organizer, educator and former Minister of Defense of the Baltimore chapter of the Black Panther Party. Eddie was also one of the longest incarcerated political prisoners in the United States.

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 self-proclaimed progressive Christian, living out his faith at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. And he knows that Black Lives Matter!

ATTEEYAH HOLLIE

Atteeyah Hollie currently serves as a Senior Staff Attorney in the Southern Center for Human Right's (SCHR) Impact Litigation Unit (ILU). She previously served as an Investigator in the ILU for four years before returning in 2010 as an Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale Fellow. Atteeyah has litigated cases challenging the denial of the right to counsel for poor Georgians, illegally closed courtrooms, wealth-based detention, inhumane prison conditions, and the denial of utility services because of court debt. In addition, Atteeyah, along with Managing Attorney Patrick Mulvaney, has spearheaded SCHR's efforts to end extreme sentences for nonviolent drug offenses in Georgia. Atteeyah is a 2010 graduate of Gideon's Promise and currently assists the organization with training public defenders. She was named a 2017 "On the Rise" Georgia lawyer by the Fulton County Daily Report. She received her B.A. in History from Dartmouth College in 2002, graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2010.

Tuesday July 31, 2018

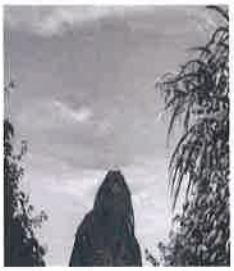
RYAN ROEMERMAN

Ryan serves as the Executive Director of the LGBT Institute at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. The Institute is a trusted convener for thoughtful dialogue and serves as a nexus for education and research that is catalyzing a public imperative for LGBT equality in the South. At the Center, Ryan also serves as Senior Strategist, helping to refine the Center's efforts to become a locally grounded, globally relevant voice on civil and human rights. In addition to this work, Ryan is the creator and advisor of Safe School Certification, a technical assistance model that strengthens implementation of safe school laws and helps schools adopt best practices for sustaining safe and supportive learning environments. It is currently being piloted and studied in Washington, DC with support from the National Institute of Justice. Prior to his work at the Center, Ryan served as a communications and policy consultant for Out Leadership, a strategic advising firm dedicated to helping organizations realize the economic growth and talent dividend derived from inclusive business. His past work also includes co-founding a statewide nonprofit in Iowa to help amplify the voices of LGBT youth. This work led to the passage of statewide safe school and amended civil rights laws that protect students from harassment and discrimination.

TIFFANY R. SMITH

Tiffany R. Smith currently serves as Senior Coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Affairs at UGA. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Communications from Bowling Green State University and a Master's of Art in Integrated Global Communication with an emphasis on the African Diaspora at Kennesaw State University. Throughout her higher education career, Tiffany worked diligently to create a more intersectional and inclusive environment at the universities she attended by focusing on issues of anti-blackness, misogynoir, homophobia, and transphobia. Her hard work earned her the 2013-2014 Outstanding Graduate Student award presented by the African and African Diaspora Studies program and 2014-2015 Presidential Commission on Racial and Ethnic Dialogue R.O.H. Social Justice Award both from Kennesaw State University. Beyond her social justice activism within academia, Tiffany enjoys getting into "good trouble" and has worked for Amnesty International, The Walter Rodney Foundation, Solutions Not Punishment Coalition (SNaP Co) Black Lives Matter Atlanta, Southerners on New Ground (SONG) and is a Founding Member at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. In her previous role, she served as the Program Coordinator for the Center for Global Diversity and Inclusion at Agnes Scott College. In her free time Tiffany is a photographer documenting marches and other acts of civil disobedience.

TONI-MICHELLE WILLIAMS



Toni-Michelle Williams is an organizer and leadership development coordinator for the Racial Justice Action Center (RJAC) and the Solutions Not Punishment Collaborative (SNaP Co) in Atlanta, Ga. She is an Atlanta native, strategist and master facilitator for black LGBTQIA communities, generative somatics practitioner and teacher, healer, and performance artist. In 2015, she designed and launched the Atlanta Trans Leadership (ATL) Internship Program (formerly known as Trans Leadership Connection), a 4-month embodied leadership and community organizing institute for Black trans folks in Atlanta. The internship is responsible for developing an important report which was ultimately released as "The Most Dangerous Thing Out Here is the Police!" documenting the experiences of trans people in Atlanta and their stories of sexual harassment, profiling and mistreatment by the Atlanta Police Department (APD). Since then, The ATL interns have been instrumental moving transformative campaigns that led to the implementation of the Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative and the reclassification of marijuana possession in the City of Atlanta.

Wednesday August 1, 2018

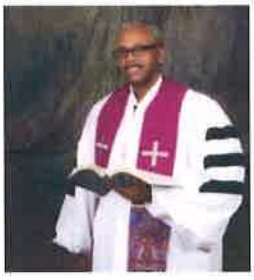
MARSHALL RANCIFER

Marshall Rancifer is a long-time community leader and activist who understands from personal experience what it is like to struggle with addiction, to survive on the streets, and to work for transformational change. In the middle of the night, you will most likely find Marshall out on the streets, having conversations, being a friend in someone's time of need, and connecting people to resources. During the day, you might find him working with the Atlanta Harm Reduction Center providing life-saving services or, at City Hall or the state legislature advocating to end the criminalization of the poor and homeless. Marshall is a beloved community member who tirelessly marshals resources, offers compassion, and speaks truth to power. Currently, Rancifer serves on Atlanta Mayor Bottoms' Task Force for the Homeless.

JAMIE ROBERTS

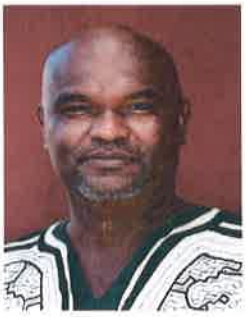
Jamie Roberts was born in Griffin, Georgia and is a lifelong resident. She began her gender transition in 1999, the same year she graduated from law school at the University of Georgia and began her law practice. The same year also saw her volunteer for Atlanta Gender Explorations, Atlanta's oldest continuous support group for trans and gender non-conforming individuals. She was a member of the Georgia HIV Community Planning Group from 2001 to 2003, a volunteer and employee of LaGender, Inc. from 2002 to 2006, and was a Board Member of Georgia Equality from 2008 to 2013, Currently she volunteers with Trans Housing Atlanta Program, Inc., whose Mission is to ensure that trans and gender-nonconforming Georgians find safe and accessible emergency, intermediate-term, and long-term housing. Currently, Jamie serves on Atlanta Mayor Bottoms' Task Force for the Homeless.

PASTOR JAMES MILNER



Dr. Milner is a certified member of the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors and a chartered member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. He has lectured at Clark University, Morehouse School of Religion at ITC, the National Conference of Methodist Men, the National Conference of Presbyterian Men, and at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University. He earned his Doctorate of Ministry and Master of Divinity degrees from the Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center, and he completed his post graduate work in the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program. He is the recipient of the Duran Cassan Award, the Benjamin E. Mays Fellowship Award, and the NAACP Community Service Award. He was recognized by the Universal Peace Federation as an Ambassador for Peace and selected by the Atlanta Business News as one of the 100 Most Influential Pastors in Atlanta.

WARREN SMITH



Warren A. Smith of Douglasville, Georgia, is Chair of the Board of the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless. Smith has more than 20 years of professional experience in domestic and international business and non-profit management and operations, including nine years at Hormel Foods Corporation. He is currently the director of plant operations for Chef Stephen Foods. In 2009, he was elected as a member of Who's Who's in American Business for Management. Smith has also been an avid volunteer for a decade. Smith is a graduate of Louisiana State University (LSU), earning a B.A. degree in International Politics and Law in 1992, a Master's of Public Administration 1994 and completed two years of doctoral coursework in administration, 1994-96.

SHERISE BROWN

Sherise Brown is a long-time housing activist, advocate, tenant organizer and a Board Member of Smart Alec. She is also a member of the Housing Justice League and the Turner Field Coalition and has worked tirelessly to inspire the City of Atlanta to adopt a community benefits agreement to ensure equitable development in Southeast Atlanta.

MATTHEW CARDINALE

Matthew is a housing activist, advocate, and policy consultant. He is a founder and the Board Chair of Smart Alec.

ALISON JOHNSON

Alison Johnson is a native of Atlanta whose family has lived in Atlanta since the early 1900s. A member and part time staffer of Housing Justice League, a community organizing group based in Peoplestown that works to build issue-based campaigns to combat displacement and support tenant organizing in low-income and subsidized housing. She also works for the Peoplestown Revitalization Corporation which supports community economic development initiatives centering the needs of the community. Given her family history, Alison understands personally how Atlanta's top-down approach to development has historically demolished and marginalized Black, low-income communities. Alison's family has experienced displacement from urban renewal highway construction, "slum clearance," and development of the Fulton County Stadium in the 1960s and '70s. This pattern continues today with the BeltLine and Turner Field developments. Alison's current work in community organizing strives to build the leadership, knowledge, and power required to combat mega development projects intentionally designed to demobilize and moderate any community-led resistance. Her work recognizes the traumatic effects of displacement on the intersections of health, education, housing and the need to protect and build upon tight-knit neighborhoods that offer critical social support networks to populations that have been stripped of critical resources.

TIM FRANZEN

Tim Franzen is the program director for the American Friends Service Committee's Georgia Peace and conflict resolution program. For more than a decade Tim's work has been focused on helping young people develop skills to create the changes they want to see in their community and exploring alternatives to the prison and military industrial complex our country continues to fund at an alarming cost to our communities. In the past year Tim has played a key role in the National Occupy Movement, providing important infrastructure locally, and building the Occupy Our Homes movement nationally. Tim is also part of the leadership team of The Housing Justice League.

COLUMBUS WARD

Columbus Ward has advocated for community rights, fair housing, work force development and equitable development for more than 30 years on behalf of Southeast Atlanta neighborhoods. He currently serves as President of the Peoplestown Revitalization Corporation.

Thursday August 2, 2018

DEBORAH SCOTT

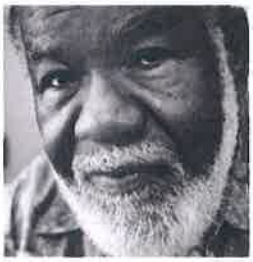
Deborah Scott, Vice Chair of the Partnership's board, is Executive Director of STAND-UP, a "Think and Act Tank for Working Families" that supports community economic development through advocacy for community benefits, project work agreements, and other policies that increase equity and access to opportunity. 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. In 2012, Deborah was named a White House Champion of Change for her efforts to promote economic equity and environmental stewardship in Atlanta.

Friday August 3, 2018

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.

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 nationwide. 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. 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."

2018 JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Clarkston Community Center 3701 College Ave/ Clarkston, GA 30021

Auburn Research Library 101 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Stone Mountain Park

Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice (Montgomery, AL)

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

New Georgia Project Headquarters 250 Georgia Avenue SE, Suite 101 / Atlanta, GA 30315

Leesburg Stockade / Leesburg, Georgia

Civil Rights Institute 326 Whitney Avenue/ Albany GA 31701

Fulton County Juvenile Courthouse 395 Pryor Street SW/ Atlanta, GA 30312

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About Humanity in Action

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

Humanity in Action has educated over 1,700 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.

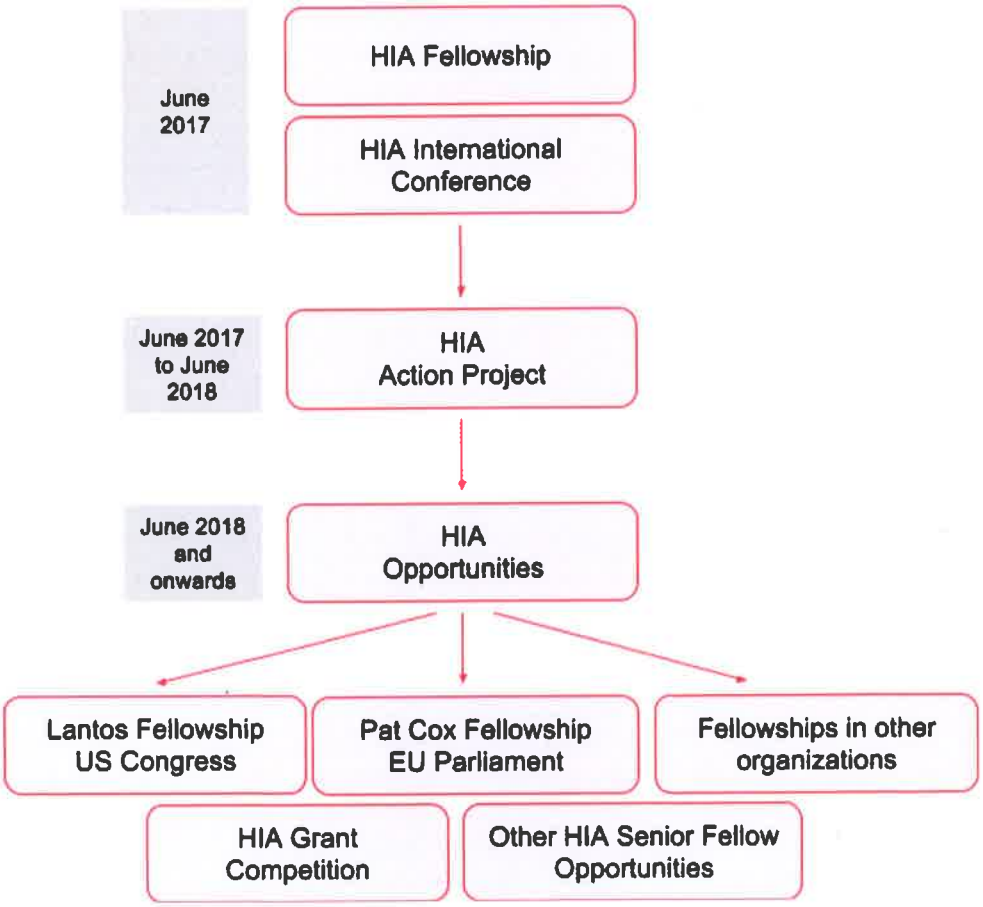
Humanity in Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with governing and advisory Boards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States. Humanity in Action's international headquarters is in New York City.

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



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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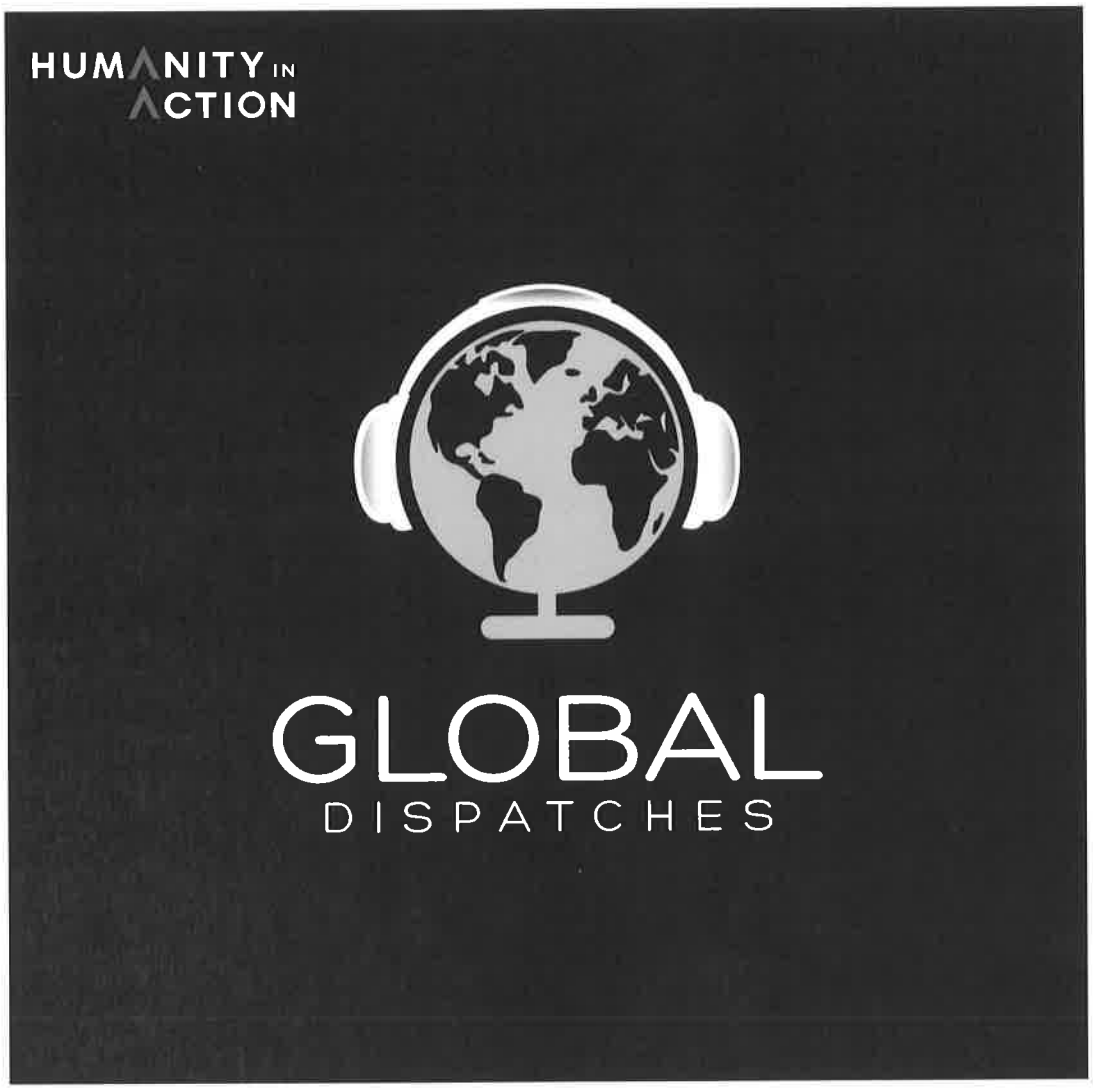

Humanity in Action is excited to announce a new partnership with Global Dispatches, a podcast on international affairs hosted by Senior Fellow Mark L. Goldberg (The Netherlands 2001). Named by *The Guardian* as "One of 27 Podcasts to Make You Smarter," Global Dispatches will now feature guests from the Humanity in Action network each month, including Senior Fellows, board members and speakers.

Mark Leon Goldberg is the editor of the United Nations and global affairs blog UN Dispatch and host of the Global Dispatches podcast. He co-founded the social enterprise, Development and Aid World News Service — DAWNS Digest. The Global Dispatches podcast is available on iTunes, Google Play and Stitcher; as well as an app on the Apple App Store; and globaldispatchespodcast.com. Subscribe for free and listen in.

JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM NOTES