

DAY ONE

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Co-Chairs

Ms. Pierrette “Petee” Talley and Rev. Dr. Willie D. Francois III

1:00 PM - Opening Session

Opening Prayer, Opening Remarks and Overview

Welcome to Cleveland State University (CSU) - Roland Anglin, Dean of The Levin College of Public Affairs and Education

1:20 PM - Part I - The Enduring Color Line

Opening Keynotes - The State of Metropolitan America and the Enduring Role of the Color Line in the 21st Century

Myron Orfield, Professor of Civil Rights Law & Director of the Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity, University of Minnesota Law School

Rev. Dr. Keith Byrd, Sr., 1st Vice-President, Progressive National Baptist Convention to Introduce Dr. Moss

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr., Senior Pastor Emeritus, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland

The Color Line Continued – historical, personal, and moral perspective - a dialogue

First Panel - Race, Place and Power

John C. Brittain, Professor of Law, UDC School of Law, Washington DC; Deepa Vedavyas, Program Manager, Neighborhoods and Environment, Cleveland Foundation; Lloyd D. Henderson, Esq., President, Camden County East NAACP, Lawnside, NJ; Regina Anderson, Executive Director, Food Recovery Network, Washington, DC (Moderator).

2:30 PM - Break

Second Panel: *Crime, Police, Mass Incarceration, and the “Ghetto”*

Rev. Evan Regis Bunch, Organizer, Faith Community United, Ohio; Judge Michael John Ryan, Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals; Josiah Quarles, Director of Organizing and Advocacy, Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless; Dr. Michelle Anne Simmons, founder and CEO of Why Not Prosper, Philadelphia, PA; Regina Anderson continues to moderate.

Part II - *“We are the ones we’ve been waiting for”*

Closing Keynote - Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, President and CEO of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition - *We are the ones we’ve been waiting for*

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Refreshments, Networking

5:00 PM Shuttles to the Maltz Performing Arts Center for the 2023 Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards Ceremony

6:00 PM - 2023 Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards Ceremony

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Part III - The Color Line Continued - Schools, Jobs, Environment and Opportunity

Morning Keynote - David Rusk, Former Mayor, Author, and National Consultant on Metropolitan Opportunity

How the color line and the class line destroys the environment, widens the wealth gap and segregates jobs, housing, education, and opportunity.

Third Panel - Schools and Opportunity

Michelle Burris, the Century Foundation; Scott DiMauro, Ohio Education Association; Reggie Oh, Cleveland State University School of Law; Tiffany Miller, Learning Policy Institute (Moderator).

10:15 AM - Break

Fourth Panel - The environment, race, and jobs

Michelle Burris (Moderator); Tom Bullock, Lakewood City Council; KaRon Waites Jr., UAW Local 1050, Davida Russell Councilwoman and President of the Northeast Ohio District of the Ohio Association of Public-School Employees Local 4

Lunch Keynote – Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence - *Building Multi Racial Coalitions*

11:30 PM - Prayer, Break and Work Lunch

Ana Garcia-Ashley, Executive Director, Gamaliel Foundation

1:00 PM - Part IV - Building the New Civil Rights Coalition - The tripartite alliance

Presentation, Myron Orfield – Building Multi Racial Coalitions by Closing the Black Voter Gap

A strategy for multi-racial power for progress.

Fifth Panel - Reaction to Presentation on Closing the Black Voter Gap and Multi Racial Power

Debbie Goettel, Hennepin County Commissioner, MN; Petee Talley, Ohio Unity Coalition; Rev. Raimon Prince, New Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Abigail Moncrieff, Professor of Constitutional Law at the CSU College of Law.

2:30 PM - Awards Ceremony - John Brittain, Emcee

3:00 PM – Next Steps – Training, Anointing of New Leadership

Closing Keynote - Fred Redmond - *Restoring the American Tripartite Alliance and reclaiming populism*

Closing Prayer

4:00 PM Adjourn