

# Welcome to the Thirteenth Annual National Civil Rights Conference



Dear National Civil Rights Conference Planning Committee and Conference Participants:

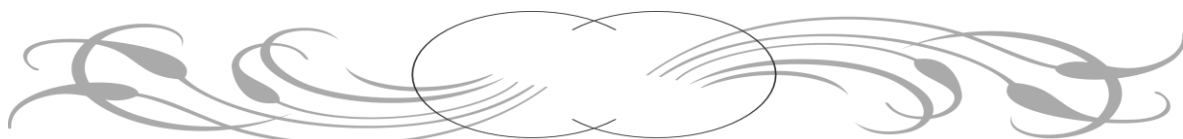
It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Thirteenth Annual National Civil Rights Conference. The National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc., the Voices for Liberty, Alabama A&M University, Miami University, Florida Impact to End Hunger, the Southern Poverty Law Center and the League of Women Voters of Florida are proud to co-sponsor the Thirteenth Annual National Civil Rights Conference. The 2024 conference, held in Huntsville, Alabama, will provide an opportunity to remember, reflect, and jumpstart the spirit, commitment, and courage that fueled a movement that changed the nation. During this day and age and at this time, when voting and citizenship are so important, we can and should do nothing less than follow the example of history. We appreciate your presence and participation in activities focusing on civil rights, social justice and human dignity.

The two-day conference provides a wide range of topics related to the conference theme, Engage, Educate and Empower: Precursors to Jubilee. I hope you will take full advantage of the workshops, artistic productions, sessions, tours, vendors and networking opportunities that will be available.

This conference, more than any other, provides a broad range of learning experiences for you to engage in. More important, this conference promises to generate considerable intellectual dialogue and debate, as well as create opportunities to strengthen existing networks and forge new relationships.

Again, welcome to the thirteenth National Civil Rights Conference. If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,  
*Keith Parker*  
Dr. Keith D. Parker, Chair  
NCRC Planning Committee



*Arts In Movement: Courageous 8 Traveling Exhibit*  
Art Exhibit Viewing & Community Conversations

Facilitated By: AL Association for the Arts and Partners  
Point of Contact: Jessica Fortune Barker ([barkerforbetter@gmail.com](mailto:barkerforbetter@gmail.com))

An arts exhibition and speaker series centered on the intersectionality of history, civics, art, and culture to include the examination of various art forms and their impacts on the movement for civil rights and social justice.

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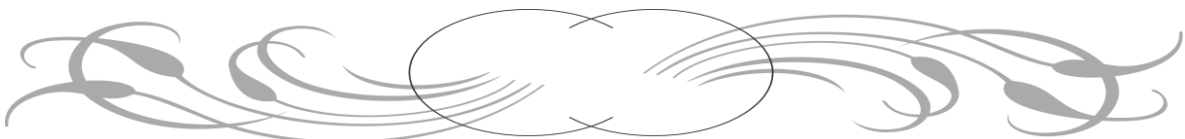
JUNE 16-19 2024

**COURAGEOUS 8  
TRAVELING  
EXHIBITION**

**HUNTSVILLE TOUR**

FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY TO HUNTSVILLE  
LEARN HOW THESE 8 PROMPTED THE HISTORIC SELMA BRIDGE CROSSINGS

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# Arts In Movement: Courageous Eight Traveling Exhibit Honors Selma's Voting Rights Activists in Huntsville Tour

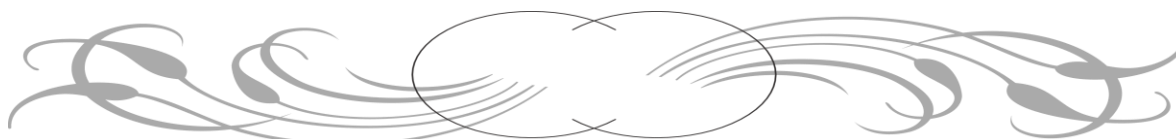
**Huntsville, AL (June 7, 2024)** – The Alabama Association for the Arts (ALAA) is proud to partner with Arts Huntsville, the National Education & Empowerment Coalition (NEEC), and the Friends of Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trails to bring the "Arts in Movement: Courageous 8 Traveling Exhibit" to Huntsville, Alabama.

## A Celebration of History, Art, and Social Justice

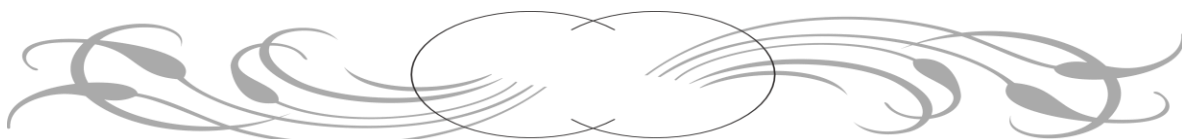
This powerful, free to community, exhibition sheds light on the often-overlooked stories of Selma's "Courageous Eight," a group of unsung heroes who played a pivotal role in the fight for voting rights during the Civil Rights Movement. Through various art forms, the exhibit honors their sacrifices and contributions to the ongoing struggle for social justice.

### Schedule of Events:

- **Sunday, June 16 (4 pm – 6 pm):** Intimate Mixer with Special Guests (Location: AVIQ) – Producer Codie Gopher of Seven Two Project, Gloria Hollins of AL Association for the Arts, and guests will discuss the importance of preserving history through art and culture.
  - 4:00- 4:30 pm Check in/ Voter Verification, Exhibit & Showroom Viewing
  - 4:30-4:40 pm Introductions & Purpose of Arts In Movement, Jessica Fortune Barker
  - 4:40-4:45 pm Welcome & showroom presentation by AVIQ
  - 4:45- 5:00 pm Ted X video & Seven Two Experience Discussion w/ Codie Gopher
  - 5:00-5:15 pm Stories of the South Discussion w/ Gloria Hollins
  - 5:15- 5:30 pm Q&A/ Open Discussion led by presenters
  - 5:30-6:00 pm Mixer & Dismissal
  - *Voter Verification will be available.*
  
- **Monday, June 17 (10 am – 4 pm):** Public Viewing (Location: Huntsville Revisited Museum) – Open to the public to view the exhibit.
  - **4:00-6:00 pm** - Artist Meet & Greet and Mixer
  - **6:00- 6:30 pm** Mix and Mingle, Casual Exhibit Viewing
  - **6:30-6:40 pm** Introductions & Purpose of Arts In Movement, Jessica Fortune Barker
  - **6:40-6:55 pm** Welcome & Huntsville Revisited Introduction, William Hampton
  - **6:55- 7:00 pm** Introduction of Alabama Association for the Arts, Gloria Hollins
  - **7:00-7:30 pm** Courageous 8 Discussion, led by Artist Phyllis Parks & Charles & Althelstien Johnson, Friends of Selma
  - **7:30-8:00 pm** Mixer & Dismissal
  - *Voter Verification will be available.*



- **Tuesday, June 18 (6 pm – 8 pm):** Public Exhibit Viewing & Youth Community Conversation (Location: Omega Center) – This event, held in conjunction with the National Civil Rights Conference, features a youth roundtable discussion moderated by Jasmine Byrd of WZDX Fox 54. HBCU students will participate in a conversation about bridging the generational gap in understanding history through art.
  - **6:00-6:15 pm** Mixer & Music, Exhibit Viewing
  - **6:15-6:25 pm** Purpose, Introductions & Special Guests Recognition, Jessica Fortune Barker & Dr. Keith Parker
  - **6:25- 6:40 pm** Stories of the Courageous 8 w/ Artist Phyllis Parks & Charles & Althelstien Johnson, Friends of Selma
  - **6:40-6:55 pm** Snack & Line Dance Break (2–3-line dance songs to encourage movement & participation)
  - **6:55-7:40 pm** Youth Community Conversation w/ Guest Moderator Jasmine Byrd, Fox 54 News
  - **Panelists**
  - **Jalen Parker**, Jemison High School Scholar & Graduate, c/o 2024
  - **Jessica 'Jai' Love**, President, Social Work Association, AL A&M University
  - **Gavin Bendross**, Students Demand Action National Organizing Board & FAMU Chapter President
  - **Iyanah M. Forbes**, President, FAMU Collegiate Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. 2024-2025; President, FAMU Collegiate Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice 2024-2025; Criminal Justice Scholar, Florida A&M University; College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities
  - **7:40-7:55 pm** Q&A/ Audience Reaction
  - **7:55-8:00 pm** Dismissal
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# Monday, June 17 | Alabama A&M University

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**8:00am – 4:00pm** **Registration**..... Alabama A&M University Campus

**8:30am – 9:20am** **Welcome** .....**The Ernest L. Knight Reception Center**

- Dr. John Jones, Provost and VP Academic Affairs, Alabama A& M University
- Kenneth Anderson, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion  
Office of the Mayor, City of Huntsville
- Dr. Keith D. Parker, Chair, 2024 National Civil Rights Conference

**Opening Keynote** ..... Mr. William Hampton  
Founder/Director Huntsville Revisited Museum

**9:30am - 10:45am** **Session 1-A** ..... Room 206, New School of Businesses Building  
*Let Freedom Ring: Deconstructing the Emergence of the Civil Rights Movement and Examining Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Facing the Challenge of a New Age Speech*  
Fredrick Douglass Dixon, PhD, Radford University

*Bridging Generations: Exploring Freedom Summer Through an Immersive Storytelling Website*

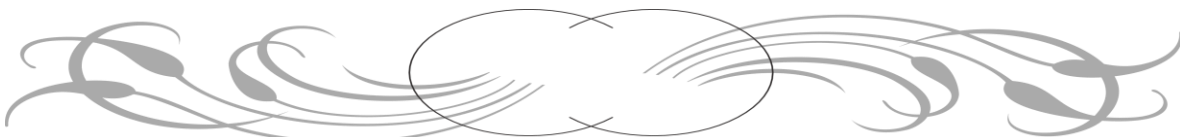
Kylee Halter, Undergraduate, Communication Design, Miami University, Oxford, OH  
JoJo Peregrina, Undergraduate, Communication Design, Miami University, Oxford, OH  
David Shuppert, Undergraduate, Communication Design, Miami University, Oxford, OH

**Moderator** ..... Dr. Omekia McNeal  
Co-Founder/Executive Director, Let's Have MANversation™

**Session 1-B** ..... Room 208, New School of Businesses Building  
*How Gerrymandered Congressional Districts Placed Our Democracy at Risk*  
Dot Inman-Johnson, Author/Past Mayor of Tallahassee, Florida

*Voter Suppression Laws and Recent Legal Challenges to the Voting Rights Act*  
Jess Unger, Senior Staff Attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center

**Moderator** ..... Gloria Hollins  
Lift Our Vote



Film Viewing & Discussion (Clips) **Session 1-C ..... Youth Empowerment .....** VIP Dining Room, **4900 Meridian Street**  
*Black Women and Children in the Civil Rights, Human Rights and Social Justice*  
*Movement: Standing on the Shoulders of Rosa Parks and Ruby Bridges.*

**Moderator .....** Dr. Frances Staten  
Professor Emeritus, Grambling State University

**11:00am – 12:15 pm** **Session 2-A .....** Room 206, New School of Businesses Building  
**Panel Discussion** Discussion of *Shuttlesworth*. Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth was a civil rights activist and minister who led the fight against segregation and racism in Birmingham, AL. He was a co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a close ally of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Panelists** T. Marie King, TMARIEKING.COM, TBN

**Moderator .....** Dr. Keith D. Parker  
Chair, 2024 National Civil Rights Conference

**Session 2-B .....** Room 208, New School of Businesses Building  
*The Fallacies of Racism: Understanding How Common Perceptions Uphold White*  
*Supremacy*  
Jennifer Patrice Sims, Department of Sociology, University of Alabama in Huntsville

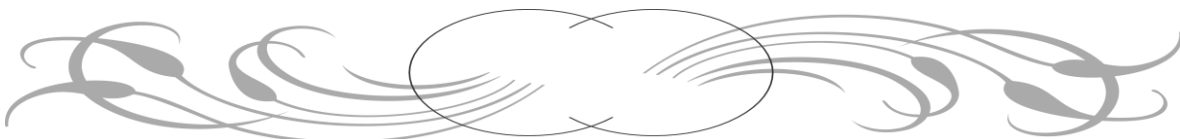
*A Comparative Analysis of Civil Rights Issues in HBCUs and PWIs: Histories, Challenges, and Paths to Equity*  
Dr. Cameron Sumlin, University of Louisiana at Monroe  
Dr. John Nwoha, Louisiana Tech University  
Dr. Lemmy Akoma and Dr. Obadiah Simmons, Grambling State University  
Dr. Frances Staten, Professor Emeritus, Grambling State University

**Moderator .....** Ms. Sylvia Fitts  
Alabama New South Coalition

Film Viewing & Discussion (Clips) **Session 2-C ..... Youth Empowerment .....** VIP Dining Room, **4900 Meridian Street**  
*Black Women and Children in the Civil Rights, Human Rights and Social Justice*  
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**Moderator .....** Mrs. Eboni Smart  
Lincoln Preparatory School

**12:20pm – 1:50pm** Dr. Ronald Scott and Deborah Scott Recognition Luncheon .. **Knight Reception Center**  
**Introduction of Speaker .....** Keith D. Parker, PhD  
**Luncheon Keynote .....** Dr. Penny Brown Reynolds  
USDA Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
**Awards Presentations .....** Keith D. Parker, PhD



**2:00pm – 3:30pm  
Workshop**

**Session 3-A** ..... Room 206, New School of Businesses Building  
*Public Charities Can Lobby: How a 501(c)(3) Can Influence Policy for the Greater Good*  
Monika Graham, Bilingual Counsel | Bolder Advocacy

**Moderator** ..... Kim Johnson  
Member, Board of Directors, NEEC-INC.ORG

**Session 3-B** ..... Room 208, New School of Businesses Building  
*The Fight for Fair Maps in Alabama*  
Shalela Dowdy, Black Voters Matter

*History of Voter Suppression and Present-day Voter Suppression Laws*  
Debbie Chandler, Esq., Co-president, League of Women Voters of Florida  
Cecile Scoon, Esq., Co-president, League of Women Voters Florida

**Moderator** ..... Mr. James Bush  
Let's Have MANversation™ (Co-Founder)

**Session 3-C** ..... **Youth Empowerment** ..... VIP Dining Room, **4900 Meridian Street**  
Mini-Info-dramas on *Black Women and Children in the Civil Rights, Human Rights and Social Justice Movement: Standing on the Shoulders of Rosa Parks*

**Moderator** ..... Mrs. Inetha Wimberly  
Retired, Grambling State University

**3:40pm – 5:10pm**

**Session 4-A** ..... Room 206, New School of Businesses Building  
*Shall We Have Free Speech or Uniform Speech?*

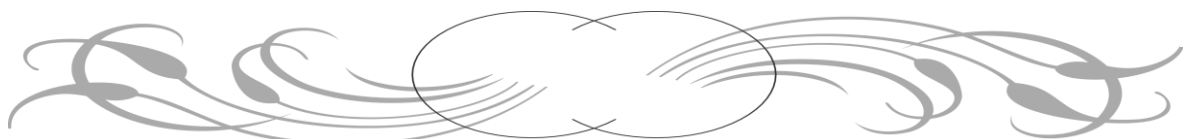
**Panelists**

**Erec Smith** is a research fellow at the Cato Institute and an Associate Professor of Rhetoric at York College of Pennsylvania

**John Wood, Jr.**, National Ambassador for Braver Angels, utilizes a national network of volunteers and bipartisan alliances to create spaces for dialogue, constructive debate, and to challenge politicians and institutions to build trust across the political divide.

**Moderator** ..... Debi Ghate is Partner at Steadfast LLC.  
Member, Board of Directors, NEEC-INC.ORG

**Session 4-B** ..... Room 208, New School of Businesses Building  
*Born Unequal: Health Inequality in America*  
Thomas J. Durant, Jr., Professor Emeritus, Louisiana State University  
Alma Thornton, Professor, Executive Ph.D. Program, Higher Education Jackson State U.



*Apply Pressure to Effect Transformative Outcomes within Communities*  
Gloria Hollins, Lift Our Vote

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Alabama New South Coalition

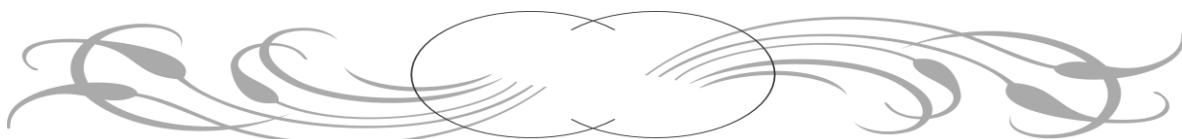
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**5:30 pm - 7:00 pm** Mingle with registered hotel guests at the complimentary reception ..... **Embassy Suites**  
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**7:00pm – Until** **Community Forum** ..... The Omega Center  
181 Import Circle, NW  
*Codification of the ‘Anti-woke Culture War’ Discourse*  
Asa Gordon, Exe.Dir.DIG/Sec. Gen.S&DUSCT  
Research Historian & Consultant Curator AACWMM

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	<b>Opening Remarks</b> ..... Keith D. Parker, PhD
	<b>Morning Plenary</b> ..... <b>The Ernest L. Knight Reception Center</b>
	<b>Presentation of Speaker</b> ..... Debi Ghatte Partner at Steadfast LLC
	Member, Board of Directors, National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc.
	<b>Opening Keynote</b> ..... Nadine Strossen Former President, The American Civil Liberties Union

How do we balance the civil right of speech with freedom from discrimination? That question is getting harder than ever to answer after waves of campus clashes over issues like police killings, antiracism, and antisemitism. Are we to be ever measuring the line between words and stones, offense, and attack, right and restriction? This interactive panel will share their latest thinking on these issues and invite attendees to pose their own questions and concerns for active discussion.

Nadine’s keynote will illuminate her latest documentary on civil rights in America, *Free to Speak*, along with some insights into her new book, *Free Speech: What Everyone Needs to Know*.

**9:30am - 10:45am**    **Sessions 5-A & 5-B** .....**The Ernest L. Knight Reception Center**

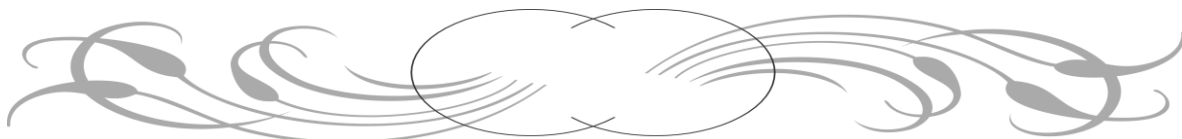
## Panelists

The panel discussion will feature three outstanding panelists and civic-minded individuals: [1] Nadine Strossen, former President, The American Civil Liberties Union, [2] Penny Brown Reynolds, (Ph.D., J.D.), Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, United States Department of Agriculture, one of the nation’s preeminent civil rights scholars and experts bringing and [3] Jerome Dees, Policy Director for the Southern Poverty Law Center.

## Panel Discussion

This panel discussion is designed to help nonprofits and civic-minded individuals and groups understand how they can best support the demands of their communities during times of need.

**Moderator** ..... Tim Hoefer  
Voices for Liberty & Steadfast Partner



**Session 5-C ..... Youth Empowerment .....** VIP Dining Room, 4900 Meridian Street  
Film Viewing and Discussion (Clips) on *Black Women and Children in the Civil Rights, Human Rights and Social Justice Movement: Standing on the Shoulders of Rosa Parks and Ruby Bridges*

**Moderator .....** Mrs. Eboni Smart  
Lincoln Preparatory School

**11:00am – 12:00pm Session 6-A .....** Room 206, New School of Businesses Building  
*Socioeconomic Factors Contributing to Crime*  
Iyanah Forbes, Florida A&M University  
Gavin Bendross, Florida A&M University

*Reducing Disproportionate Arrests on Minority and Disadvantaged Populations: An Evaluation of a Policy Shift in Policing Patterns and Practices*  
Quentin D. Holmes, Sr., PhD, Monroe (LA) Chief of Police (Retired)  
Assistant Professor, Public Administration Department, Grambling State University

**Moderator .....** Dr. Fredrick Douglass Dixon  
Radford University  
Member, Board of Directors, NEEC-INC.ORG

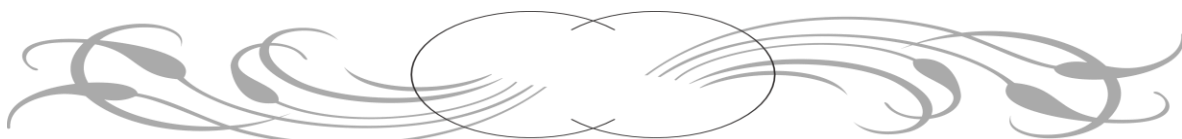
**Session 6-B .....** Room 208, New School of Businesses Building  
*State of Manhood: Pull Up a Seat: Time to Talk*  
Mr. James Bush, LPC, MHSP - Let's Have MANversation™ (Co-Founder)  
Dr. Omekia McNeal, Belinda Gail Management

*Founder Fathers Commentary On the "State of Our Union"*  
Asa Gordon, Executive Dir.DIG/Sec.Gen. S&DUSCT

**Moderator .....** Mr. Adrian D. Hargrove  
Boys Club of North Alabama

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**12:10pm – 1:30pm** **Authors Recognition Luncheon** .....**The Ernest L. Knight Reception Center**  
Join host Keith D. Parker for *The Author Corner* – a celebration featuring discussions with authors and artist of all genres. Colleagues and former students of Dr. Thomas Durant are sponsoring the *Author Corner*. Authors and artists include Dr. Thomas Durant, Dr. Penny Brown Reynolds, Mrs. Dorothy Inman-Johnson, and Dr. Jennifer Patrice Sims.

**1:40pm – 3:00pm** **Session 7-A** ..... Room 206, New School of Businesses Building  
Film Screening  
Defending Dissent: A Screening & discussion of the Award-winning Documentary, *Boycott*. The film, produced by **Just Vision**, traces the impact of state legislation aimed at penalizing individuals and companies boycotting Israel due to its human rights record.

Panelists Rula Salameh, Just Vision’s Outreach and Education Director in Palestine  
Jordana Rubenstein-Edberg, Just Vision’s Public Engagement Associate

**Moderator** ..... Keith D. Parker, PhD

**Workshop** **Session 7-B** ..... Room 208, New School of Businesses Building  
*The Beyond the Vote Workshop* will be an interactive workshop focused on exploring vital issues connecting the “why” behind the vote. The Beyond the Vote nonpartisan workshop will help participants make informed decisions at the polls.

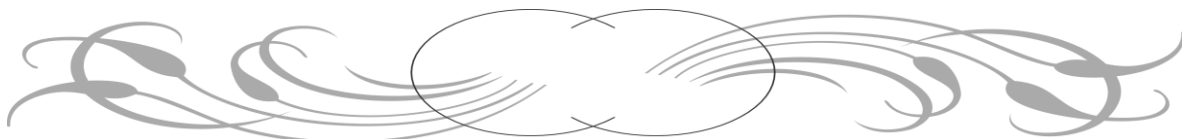
Panelists Tafeni English-Relf, State Director SPLC Alabama Office  
Makhayla DesRosiers, Community Organizer at Southern Poverty Law Center

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**3:10pm – 4:50pm** **Session 8-A** ..... Room 206, New School of Businesses Building  
*Radical Hospitality to Empower toward Immersive Community Engagement, Civil Rights, and Social Justice*  
Zack Tucker, Assistant Professor of Communication Design Miami University



**Workshop**

*Voting Rights Restoration in Alabama*

Felony disenfranchisement in Alabama is deeply rooted in its racist past. These roots continue to permeate present-day elections. Workshop participants will explore historical context, learn how to assist those who have lost their voting rights in restoring them and identify what we must do, collectively, to end felony disenfranchisement completely.

Tari Williams, Organizing Director, Greater Birmingham Ministries  
Dori Miles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Voting Rights Restoration Specialist  
Co-Director, Return My Vote  
Stephanie Hicks, Voting Rights and Reentry Advocate

**Moderator** ..... Dr. Omekia McNeal  
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**Workshop**

**Session 8-B** ..... Room 208, New School of Businesses Building  
*Paging the Voter Advocacy Consult Team: Strategies and Partnerships for Addressing Barriers to Voter Engagement Within a Safety Net Hospital*

Ronnye Rutledge, MD, MHS, Emory Division of Hospital Medicine, Grady Memorial Hospital

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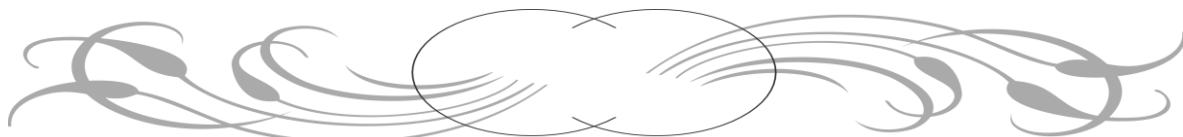
*Black Women and Children in the Civil Rights, Human Rights and Social Justice Movement: Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders, Rosa Parks, and Ruby Bridges*

Presenters

Youth Participants of the Louisiana Eta Chapter of Phi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences (PGM) Grambling State University

Organizers & Advisors

Dr. Frances Staten and Mrs. Inetha Wimberly, Grambling State University  
Dr. Coleen Speed, Grambling State University  
Dr. Lurie Thomason and Dr. Lemmy Akoma, Grambling State University  
Dr. John Nwoha, Louisiana Tech University  
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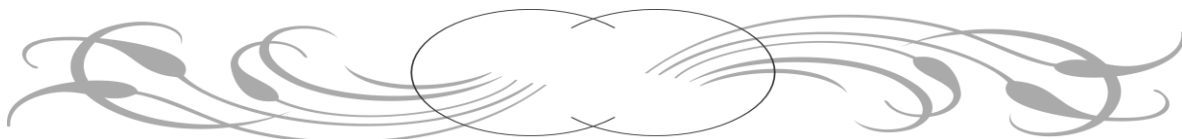
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Youth Community Conversation & Courageous 8 Art Exhibit

Come hear from young high school and college voices discussing the importance of bridging the generational gap in history through arts

Moderated By: Jasmine Byrd, Multi Skilled Journalist, WZDX TV- Fox 54

No Charge, Tax Deductible Donations Appreciated



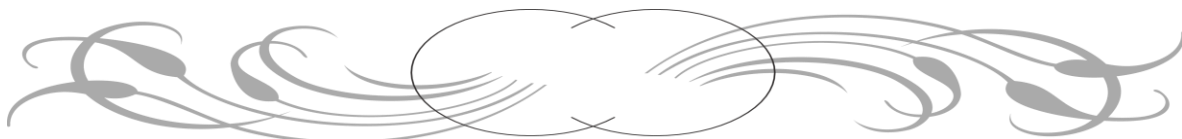
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# VOICES FOR LIBERTY

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## Can free speech and civil rights coexist?

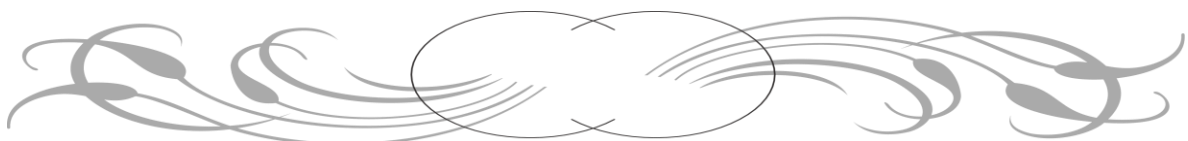
The Voices for Liberty Initiative examines the intersection of civil rights and free speech through significant research and scholarship, a nationwide speakers bureau, and numerous public events.

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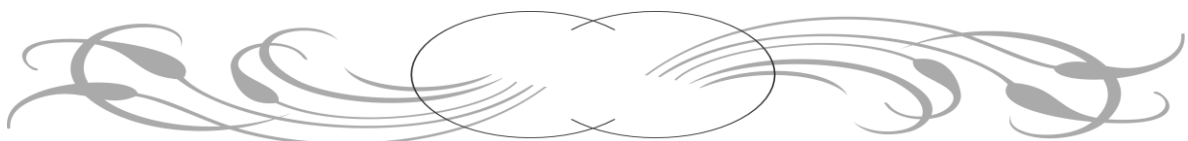
# EDUCATE, ENGAGE & EMPOWER

## 13TH NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Our strength lies in our diversity. By coming together, we bring a multitude of perspectives, experiences and talents to the table. Diversity enriches our understanding, fosters creativity, and fuels the engine of progress.

When we stand together, our collective voice becomes a force that cannot be ignored. Our unity empowers us to influence change, challenge injustice, and shape a society that values the rights and dignity of every individual.

Now is the time to use our voices to fight for our freedom, to preserve our history, and to build a brighter future for us all.





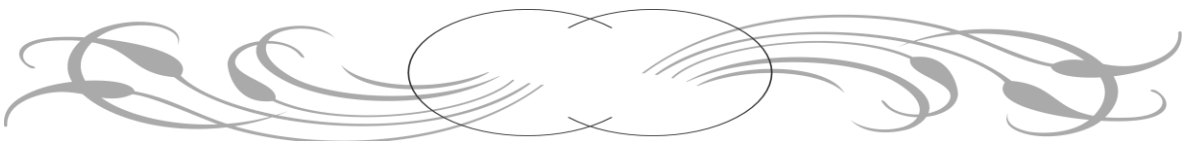


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Since 1979, we've worked to mobilize Florida's communities to maximize access to federal, state, and local food and nutrition programs with a focus on our most vulnerable populations.



WE IMPACT POLICY



WE ADVOCATE



WE DO OUTREACH



WE INCREASE PARTICIPATION

## Our Outreach & Advocacy Focus:

### AFTERSCHOOL MEALS

The Child and Adult Care Food Program, At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program, is a federal nutrition program that offers reimbursement for meals served at community afterschool enrichment sites.

[www.floridaafterschoolmeals.org](http://www.floridaafterschoolmeals.org)

### SCHOOL BREAKFAST

The National School Breakfast Program makes it possible for all school children in the US to receive a nutritious breakfast every day at school.

[www.floridaschoolbreakfast.org](http://www.floridaschoolbreakfast.org)

### SUMMER BREAKSPOT

Provides free meals and snacks to all children when school is out during the summer. Local governments, school districts, and nonprofits sponsor these free summer meal sites found in communities.

[www.summerbreakspot.org](http://www.summerbreakspot.org)

### COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP)

CEP allows high-poverty schools to offer both breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students, thus eliminating the traditional school meal application process for schools.

[www.floridaimpact.org/cep](http://www.floridaimpact.org/cep)

### FARM TO LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS

This program brings fresh produce from local farms to Leon County school cafeterias, along with nutrition education and school gardens.

[www.farmtolcs.org](http://www.farmtolcs.org)

### FLORIDA HEALTHY RETAIL

We work with local small business owners to bring fresh, nutritious, affordable foods into areas without enough access so that residents have the option to make healthier choices.

[www.floridahealthyretail.org](http://www.floridahealthyretail.org)

### FLORIDA FOOD ACCESS WORK GROUPS

We work to identify the needs of our communities and educate about the safety net programs available to them. So far, our focus areas include Madison, Homestead, Orlando, and Tampa.

[www.rebrand.ly/floridafoodaccess](http://www.rebrand.ly/floridafoodaccess)

### SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

SNAP is a federal program that supplements the food budget of low-income families and individuals so they can purchase enough to eat. Through outreach we increase access to SNAP and educate the public on the full extent of their benefits in Florida.



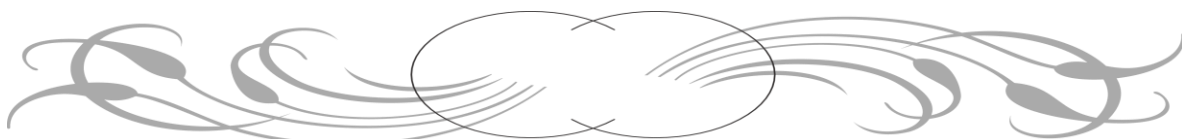
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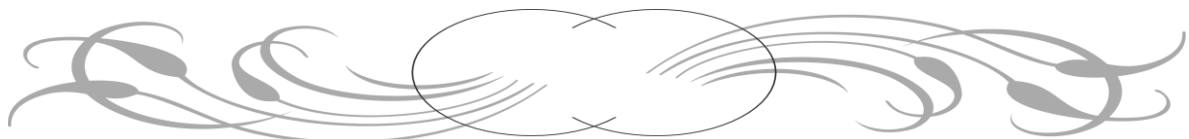
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May 26, 2024, marked the 68th Anniversary of two female students from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Wilhelmina Jakes and Carrie Patterson, sat down in the “whites only” section of a segregated bus in the city of Tallahassee. When they refused to move to the “colored” section at the rear of the bus, the driver pulled into a service station and called the police. Tallahassee police arrested Jakes and Patterson and charged them with “placing themselves in a position to incite a riot.” In the days immediately following their arrests, students at FAMU organized a campus-wide boycott of city buses. Their collective stand against segregation set an example that propelled like-minded Tallahassee citizens into action. Through courageous nonviolent protest, boycotters in Tallahassee achieved an important victory in the struggle for civil rights. The case in Tallahassee proved that a commitment to nonviolence could achieve remarkable results towards equality.





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