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# Welcome to the 11th Annual National Civil Rights Conference

Dear National Civil Rights Conference Planning Committee and Conference Participants:

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Eleventh National Civil Rights Conference. The National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc., Miami University and the Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice-Southern University Law Center are proud to co-sponsor the Eleventh Annual National Civil Rights Conference. The 2022 conference, held in Baton Rouge (LA), 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, *Rise, Advocate, Educate and Cooperate: Fusing Power and People*. We hope you will take full advantage of the workshops, artistic productions, sessions, tours, vendors and networking opportunities that will be available.

This conference, perhaps 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 Eleventh National Conference on Civil Rights. If we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,



Dr. Keith D. Parker, Chair NCRC Planning Committee



John Pierre, Chancellor Southern University Law Center

## National Civil Rights Conference Agenda 2022 Pre-Conference Events: Saturday, June 18, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana

Time	Event
8:30 AM	Historical New Orleans Tour
9 - 9:50	Pre-Conference Opener: Artistic Presentation featuring Artist <u>April Fitzpatrick</u> - <u>Ashe' Cultural Arts</u> <u>Center</u> 1712 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70113
10 - 12	<u>Restorative Justice Circle</u> "Living in Times of Fear" featuring Dr. Shailly Agnihortri from The Restorative Center - Ashe'' Cultural Arts Center
Noon	Lunch on your own
1-2 PM	<u>Restorative Justice Circle</u> in conjunction with <u>Daughters Beyond Incarceration</u> - Ashe' Cultural Arts Center
1-2:30	Know Your Rights Training for Youth - <u>Ashe' Power House Theater</u> - 1731 Baronne Street, New Orleans, LA 70113
3 - 5 PM	A Crime on the Bayou Film Screening and Panel Discussion moderated by <u>Blaine G. LeCesne</u> , Filmmaker <u>Lolis Eric Elie</u> , <u>Gary Duncan</u> , and others - Ashe' Power House Theater
6 - 7 PM	National Civil Rights Pre-Conference Reception - Ashe' Power House Theater
7 - 9 PM	Restorative Justice Circle Community & Stakeholder Circle "The Truths that Must be Spoken" featuring Dr. Shailly Agnihortri - Ashe' Cultural Center

# Pre-Conference Events: Sunday, June 19, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana

Time	Event
9 AM	Edwin C. Williams, Sr. Historical Marker Presentation & Williams Family Program - Beautiful Zion Baptist Church 1017 Elmira Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70114
10 AM	Whitney Plantation Tour (Departure location TBD) 5099 LA-18, Edgard, LA 70049 12 PM On-site lunch will be provided.
10 AM	Restorative Justice Circle featuring Dr. Shailly Agnihortri - Ashe' Cultural Arts Center
2-5 PM	NCRC & NORD Presents: Fathers of the Civil Rights Movement & Juneteenth Program - <u>The</u> <u>Historic Carver Theater</u> 2101 Orleans Avenue, New Orleans LA 70116
5-6 PM	NCRC Honoree Reception - <u>The Historic Carver Theater</u> , 2101 Orleans Ave, New Orleans, LA 70116
6 PM	Jerome H. "Big Duck" Smith Second Line to Hunter's Field - 1600 N. Claiborne Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana 70116

# Monday, June 20 | The Hilton Hotel

Sessions 1-A - 1-C

7:00am – 8:50am	Setup Tables	The Gallery
8:00am – 4:00pm	Registration	The Gallery
	Vendor Tables	The Gallery
8:30am – 9:20am	Welcome and Morning Keynote	<b>Riverview</b> A
	Welcome	Chancellor John K. Pierre
	Morning Keynote	Dave Dennis Sr.
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### Session 1-A

9:30am 10:20am

### **Riverview A**

Out of the Shadows: Black Women 'Allowed' to Assert Authority and Power in the United States of America Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, PhD Cecile M. Scoon, Esq. Former President President League of Women Voters, United States League of Women Voters of FL Miami University Freedom Summer of '64 Award Recipient, March 2020

### Session 1-B

### **Paramount Room**

Facilitating Engaged Citizenship through the Finding Freedom Summer Traveling Panel Exhibit Zack Tucker, Miami University (OH) Stephanie Danker, Miami University (OH)

Building Coalitions Through a Different Lens Karel Sloane-Boekbinder Kineen Mafa Jasmine Davis

### Session 1-C Youth Workshop #1

### **University Room**

From Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter: How We Can Build Revolutionary Youth-Adult Partnership Dr. LaMarr Shields, The Cambio Group Sameera Shields, The Cambio Group Sanaa Shields, The Cambio Group Dr. Frances Staten, Grambling State University

### Session 2-A

### Louisiana Room

Testimonials from Black Elders on The Effects of the Civil Rights Movement on Their Mental Health: A Panel Discussion of Research Findings Thomas Durant, Ph.D., LSU Emeritus Professor of Sociology Alma Thornton, Ph.D., Professor of Education, Jackson State University Jeton McClinton, Ph.D., Professor of Education, Jackson State University Joseph Stevenson, Ph.D. Professor, University of the Virgin Islands Frances Staten, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Grambling State University

Traces of Elaine Tomlin: The only Black Female SCLC Staff Photographer in the 1960s and How Her Images Help Us Reinterpret the Long Black Freedom Movement Alysia Steele, Associate Professor of Journalism Instruction The University of Mississippi

*The Three Assassinations of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* Dr. Fredrick Douglass Dixon Director, Black Studies Center, University of Wyoming

### Session 2-B

### **Paramount Room**

A Sociological Discussion of the film, *Deacons for Defense*, and Personal Interviews of Individuals Who Knew Them Dr. Frances Staten Louisiana ETA Chapter of PI Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science

From Strikes, Marches, and Pickets to Title VII Precedents: Revisiting 'Bloody' Bogalusa's Black Freedom Struggle, 1964 - 1970 D. Caleb Smith, PhD Candidate, Department of History, Tulane University

Slave State Screening and Discussion Marissa K. Bosley, J.D. Southern University Law Center

Suspending Suspended Students: An analysis of inequities in juvenile court school settings

Florence Avognon

Juvenile Court School Educator, Educational Specialist, Literacy Specialist, Ethnic Studies Educator, and California Teacher of the Year (2012)

### Session 2-C Youth Workshop #2

**University Room** 

Make Life Work "Find Solutions not Excuses" Chantel Aquart- Founder Amazing Life Consulting LLC

12:10pm – 1:50pm	Luncheon & Presentations	<b>Riverview A</b>
	Special Awards Presentation	Catrena N. Carter
	The Baton Rouge Bus Boycott	Eugene Collins, President, Baton
		Rouge NAACP, Prof. Alfreda
		Tillman Bester, SULC

### 2:00pm 3:30pm Sessions 3 A&B.

### Session 3-C Youth Workshop #3

Unsung Contributors to Civil Rights and Human Rights – A Global Perspective Frances Staten (Lead Facilitator) Children and Youth Participants in the Black Employment Apprentice Program (BEAP)

Children and Youth Participants in the National Association for the Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP)

3:30pm 5:00pm Se	essions 4 A&B
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Baton Rouge Bus Boycott Tour Selected Sites

### Session 4-C..... Youth Workshop #4

*Flip 4 Life "A Real Solution...Saving Lives"* Dave Daniels Founder / CEO Flip 4 Life is a program powered by Nationwide Community Resources (Orlando, FL)

**6:00pm** – **Community Forum.....** The Valdry Center for Philanthropy at Southern University

*The Untold Story of Emmitt Louis Till*, Film Screening & Panel Discussion Featuring filmmaker Keith Beauchamp, Cynthia Dietle and Dale Killinger

The Presentation will include:

- 15-20 Minute Introduction w/ Keith, Dale and Cynthia;
- 70 Minutes screening of "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till;
- 3 Minute "Till" the Movie Trailer; and
- Q & A with Keith, Dale and Cynthia.

### University Room

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7:00am – 8:00am 8:00am – 4:00pm	Setup TablesThe Gallery RegistrationThe Gallery Vendor TablesThe Gallery
7:00am – 8:00am	<b>Offering of Continental Breakfast with Coffee Riverview A</b> <b>Viewing of</b> <i>Therapeutic Effects of Artwork: A Symbolic Transformation</i>
8:10am – 9:00am	Sessions 5-A – 5-C Session 5-ALouisiana Room
	Therapeutic Effects of Artwork: A Symbolic Transformation April Fitzpatrick
	Educating, Transforming, and Building Solidarity through the Mississippi
	<i>Delta</i> Adolfho Romero (Samuel Proctor Oral History Program) Coordinator for MFP
	Dr. Paul Ortiz (SPOHP Director) Deborah Hendrix (SPOHP Filmmaker)
	Lauren King Student MFP Participant
	Ronan Hart MFP Student Participant
	Session 5-BParamount Room
	Grassroots Voices of Louisiana: Fighting for the Ballot, Fighting Against Prison Bars
	Ashley K. Shelton, Founder, President and CEO of the Power Coalition for Equity and Justice
	Norris Henderson, Founder and Executive Director of VOTE
	D. Caleb Smith, Ph.D. Candidate Department of History Tulane University
	Providing for, not Imprisoning, Society: How State Funding for Social Services Impacts Incarceration Rates and Racial Disparities Josh Lodish, Davidson College
	Session 5-C Youth Workshop #5University Room
	Training for Freedom I Jessica Barker (Lead Facilitator), Executive Director, AL Association for the Arts Jacqueline Johnson, Miami University Dr. Frances Staten, Grambling State University SULC

9:10am – 10:00am	Sessions 6-A – 6-C Session 6-ALouisiana Room
	Whiteness, Not White Supremacy: Lesson Learned from the Whitening Process of Ottoman Greek Immigrants Yiorgo Topalidis, University of Florida
	<i>Recognizing, Understanding, and Defining Systemic and Individual White Supremacy</i> April S. Love, Esq.,
	Research Consultant for Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security
	The Power of Public Memory: Lynching Memorials and the Deconstruction and Reconstruction of Public Memory in Duluth Minnesota and Chattanooga, Tennessee Jeff Hirschy, University of Southern Mississippi
	Session 6-BParamount Room
	Rise and Advocate: Fusing Voting and Giving Power to the People Dr. Carolyn Jefferson Jenkins and Jacqueline Johnson 
	Session 6-C Youth Workshop #6University Room
	<i>Therapeutic Artwork for Youth: A Symbolic Transformation</i> April Fitzpatrick
	Dr. Frances Staten, Grambling State University SULC
10:10 - 11:50am	Sessions 7-A – 7-C Sessions A & B
	Historical Harms & Restorative Justice: The Civil Rights & Restorative Justice Project Presentation featuring Professor Margaret Burnham The Valdry Center for Philanthropy at Southern University
	Session 7-C Youth Workshop #7University Room
	Training for Freedom II Jacqueline Johnson (Lead Facilitator), Miami University Dr. Frances Staten, Grambling State University Jessica Barker, Executive Director, AL Association for the Arts SULC (?)
12:00pm - 1:50pm	Youth Empowerment Luncheon Riverview A Hilton Riverview Room

12:00pm - 1:50pm	Denver Smith & Leonard Brown Lunch Presentation featuring Donney Rose Location: Smith-Brown Memorial Union, Southern University and A. & M. College
2:00pm - 2:50pm	Smith & Brown Memorial Tour
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Youth Empowerment Presentations / Conference Round-up Youth Performances Closing Remarks
6:00pm	Clark v. Edwards Display Unveiling & Conference Reception Southern University Law Center Atrium, 2 Roosevelt Steptoe Dr., Baton Rouge, LA