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# Setting Our Agenda for Justice



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We Celebrate the 2012 Rustin Centennial March 17, 2012  
[www.rustin.org](http://www.rustin.org)

The Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast

Monday January 16, 2012

10:00 am

St. Mark United Methodist Church

781 Peachtree St.

Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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## Welcome

### **Darlene Hudson: Co-Founder**



Greetings and welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bayard Rustin & Audre Lorde Breakfast during ML King weekend commemorations. For the last eleven years we have gathered to honor the legacies of Rev King, Rustin and Lorde who led the fight for social justice and change, and to recommit ourselves to continuing their work. We also remember our own Rev. James Orange, Lawrence Warren, Allen Thornell, Philip Rush, Pandora Singleton and so many others who are no longer with us but who worked tirelessly to fight injustice against LGBT people, poor people, people with HIV/AIDS, and other marginalized groups. Call out their

names!

In Atlanta, the Rustin/Lorde Breakfast provides an opportunity for the Black LGBT community to take the lead in bringing all groups together to remember the contributions of lesbian poet activist Audre Lorde and civil rights activist and aide to Dr King, Bayard Rustin.

This year's theme for the event, Setting the Agenda, sets the tone for action with the understanding that it is our collective responsibility to define our priorities and ensure we are represented. Part of that work is the ongoing community 'conversation' that involves not only appreciating our history but drawing lessons from it. We are reminded that we also have to take responsibility to nurture the next generation of activists.

I want to thank all the community organizers for planning this event which takes a level of commitment behind the scenes that many may not fully appreciate. A sincere thanks to the sponsors that continue to support us year after year – we could not do this without your generosity. Personally, it is my hope that the Breakfast will serve to rekindle the type of energy that is required to win more victories that benefit LGBT people, such as the overturning of DADT, and elections of Simone Bell, Joan Gardner, and Alex Wan. I would like to end by reminding us that we have to keep our eyes on the prize and stay involved. "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal 6:9). Hey Leader!

One Love,  
R. Darlene Hudson

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## Welcome

### **Craig Washington: Co-Founder**



Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Social Justice Breakfast. 2012 marks 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bayard Rustin's birthday on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Rustin's vision, labor, and most importantly his compassion helped lay the foundation for the liberation work we carry on today. We who believe in freedom cannot rest nor can we forget our brilliant, flamboyant, magnificent brother. To duly honor him we must do more than commemorate. We must ask ourselves how do we exemplify the values he demonstrated, learn from the lessons he lived to inform our own lives and today's struggles. When we locate our moral center, when we each utilize our unique gifts, acting in concert, in love and truth, we can find our direction and the courage to move forward.

We chose this year's theme Setting Our Agenda for Justice as the next step from last year's focus on "Resilience". It is time that we who are transgender, queer, in the life, intersex,—the woman, the brown skinned, the physically challenged, the undocumented, the beloved community in Atlanta, set a common path toward concrete goals. We cannot remove the shackles of AIDS stigma or homophobia, nor defend our rights to jobs, housing and reproductive choice, unless we face the racial, gender and economic injustices that constrain us all.

One of the ways we prepare to show up at the edge of each other's battles is to break bread together at the kitchen table as did our black and brown feminist foremothers Audre Lorde and Barbara Smith. As always, we invite you to learn as you teach, seek and give guidance, commit your time in a new way, and to show love and be loved by somebody, as you enjoy all the good food and warm company. We thank you for being here!

Joy,  
Craig Washington

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## Origin of the Rustin Lorde Breakfast

The Rustin Lorde Breakfast was founded in 2002 by Craig Washington then executive director at the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Center and Darlene Hudson who was a Board member. Darlene and Craig were members of the Martin Luther King Jr March planning committee and knew that the March was very welcoming to lgbt attendees. Given this receptivity to lgbtq people and the Center's proximity to the line-up site, they decided that a breakfast event would resonate well with many. They felt that attendees would appreciate the opportunity to share a warm meal and learn more about the roles of women and lgbt people in the Civil Rights movement. They named the community breakfast after the most well known gay activist associated with the civil rights movement, Bayard Rustin, principal organizer of the 1963 March on Washington and a mentor/advisor to Martin Luther King Jr. In 2008, at the suggestion of Mary Anne Adams, Audre Lorde's name was added to symbolize the indispensable roles of women in social justice movements. The event would not have been possible were it not for the support of key founding sponsors Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Center, AIDS Survival Project, AIDS Treatment Initiatives, Congregation Bet Haverim, EM Designs Group, Human Rights Campaign, In The Life Atlanta, Positive Impact, Radial Café, Southern Voice, Unity Fellowship and ZAMI.



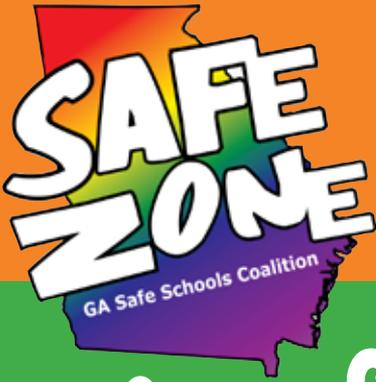
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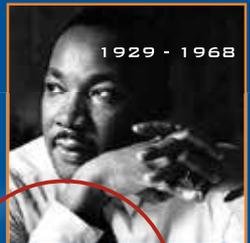
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The **Bayard Rustin Centennial 2012 Projects** are a year-long series of events in all 50 states of the U.S. to acknowledge, honor, and celebrate Bayard Rustin in this his centennial year. Screenings of the award-winning film “Brother Outsider-The Life of Bayard Rustin” will be a central component in each state. This will help lay the ground work for next year’s 50th anniversary of the historic 1963 March on Washington in 2013 that was coordinated by Bayard Rustin. This two-year commemoration will recall and celebrate Rustin’s visionary, but often unrecognized, leadership in the civil rights movement and 60-year movement career that he dared to live as a Black openly gay man.

For more information about the Brother Outsider film and educational tools, go to [www.rustin.org](http://www.rustin.org)

For more information about the Bayard Rustin Centennial 2012, contact Mandy Carter or Walter Naegle, Executor Estate of Bayard Rustin [rustin@rcn.com](mailto:rustin@rcn.com)

For more information about the National Black Justice Coalition, go to [www.nbjc.org](http://www.nbjc.org)

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## OVERVIEW OF THE 11TH ANNUAL BAYARD RUSTIN/AUDRE LORDE BREAKFAST

Monday, January 16, 2012 10am-1pm  
St. Mark United Methodist Church

### Opening Grace

Rev. Maressa Pendormon, Unity Fellowship Church of Atlanta

### Founders' Welcome

Darlene Hudson and Craig Washington

### Host Introduction

Taliba

### The Rustin Centennial

Paulina Hernandez, Southerners On New Ground  
and Lucas Johnson, Fellowship of Reconciliation

### Setting The Agenda

A Fishbowl Discussion

Adolph St Arromand • Cara Page • Holliday Simmons  
Lamont Sims • Paris Hatcher

### Moving Forward

Group Discussions

### Appreciation and Acknowledgments

Closing and Preparing for the Martin Luther King Jr March & Rally

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## Project South celebrates the legacy of Bayard Rustin & Audre Lorde in 2012

In the spirit of coming together to explore movement intersections, Project South & SONG invite you to a **Queer Peoples Movement Assembly**, January 28<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore (*at the Creating Change conference*).

The Queer People's Movement Assembly will build on our shared histories and set forth new commitments for building liberation on all fronts of struggle. Join us!

Contact [Stephanie@projectsouth.org](mailto:Stephanie@projectsouth.org) for more info.



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Sundays @ 11am  
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A LITANY FOR SURVIVAL by Audre Lorde

For those of us who live at the shoreline  
standing upon the constant edges of decision  
crucial and alone

for those of us who cannot indulge  
the passing dreams of choice  
who love in doorways coming and going  
in the hours between dawns  
looking inward and outward  
at once before and after  
seeking a now that can breed  
futures

like bread in our children's mouths  
so their dreams will not reflect  
the death of ours:  
For those of us  
who were imprinted with fear  
like a faint line in the center of our foreheads  
learning to be afraid with our mother's milk  
for by this weapon  
this illusion of some safety to be found  
the heavy-footed hoped to silence us

For all of us  
this instant and this triumph  
We were never meant to survive.  
And when the sun rises we are afraid  
it might not remain  
when the sun sets we are afraid  
it might not rise in the morning  
when our stomachs are full we are afraid  
of indigestion  
when our stomachs are empty we are afraid  
we may never eat again  
when we are loved we are afraid  
love will vanish  
when we are alone we are afraid  
love will never return  
and when we speak we are afraid  
our words will not be heard  
nor welcomed  
but when we are silent  
we are still afraid  
So it is better to speak  
remembering  
we were never meant to survive.



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