

Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast



Audre Lorde 1934 - 1992

Bayard Rustin 1916 - 1987



**Justice**  
**FREEDOM**  
**DESIRE**  
**A HOMECOMING**

A green silhouette of a person standing with their right arm raised in a fist, positioned behind the text.

Bayard Audre Martin

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
634 West Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30308

January 20, 2014  
10:00am  
doors open at 9:30am



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## OUR STORY

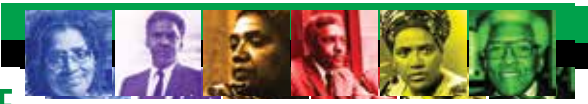
When Albert and I first met, we talked about HIV. Even though we are in a committed relationship and both HIV negative, it is important to us that we continue to have open conversations. We take care of each other, and getting tested is part of that.



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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 LGBTQ 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.



# Welcome to your Homecoming

*Craig Washington*



It gives me joy to welcome you to our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Bayard Rustin-Audre Lorde Breakfast—Justice, Freedom, Desire: A Homecoming. We gather once a year to honor these two legendary activists whose courage, tenacity and sheer genius inspire us to “dare to be powerful” as Audre Lorde declared. Let us consider their models that we may reach firmer common ground on which to build community committed to progressive change.

Before the Breakfast was founded in 2002, freedom fighters like Bishop S. Faybelle Mahee and Tony Daniels organized a Bayard Rustin rally on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We needed to assert our place as Black LGBTQ people in the historic and continuing human liberation movements. The Breakfast evolved from that response to our need for location ensuring that we would no longer be erased from Southern Black and queer histories. Our sister Paulina Helm-Hernandez remarked that this event is a gift from Black LGBTQ community to Atlanta and the world. This gift is extended so that you and I may embrace our differences. We know that as marginalized peoples we are often dislocated from family, displaced from our homes, denied shelter, and considered unworthy of a place of our own. We need unity, not uniformity, to achieve justice. We cannot dislodge our cultivated self hatred and distrust unless we build coalitions beyond identity. We cannot be truly free until we recognize the blessing of desire, our primal drive toward joy and fulfillment.

This year we receive the Bayard Rustin-Audre Lorde Breakfast as our Homecoming, the family reunion for we who believe in freedom and will not rest. Look before you at the diverse cultures and generations represented in this hallowed space. We extend a special greeting to our visitors from India, Nepal and Pakistan and all others from abroad. We are a splended people. Today you are invited to tell others why you returned or why you came for the first time. Let us use this moment to teach each other the importance of our traditions and our values. We are glad you are here. Welcome Home!





## Greetings and Happy New Year

*Darlene Hudson*



It's with great pleasure that I welcome all of you to the 13th annual Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde community breakfast. My hope is that through fellowship and dialog we leave this Breakfast with a clearer vision, new resources and empowered to continue the work that both Rustin and Lorde made their life's passion - fighting for the rights and dignity of marginalized groups, such as lgbt people, the poor, women, and people of color. Rustin and Lorde also understood the importance of building alliances with all freedom-loving people.

With our theme for this year's Breakfast – Justice, Freedom, Desire: A Homecoming – our focus is on the needs of LGBTQ youth to have the struggle for freedom and justice translated into concrete outcomes such as, jobs, housing, and access to affordable healthcare including, mental health care. We encourage those of you who play leadership roles in your communities to reach out to our young people as mentors, seek their input on issues, connect them to jobs and other opportunities you may know about, and encourage them to volunteer as a way to contribute to their communities. While we all need jobs that pay to live, we should not minimize the role played by volunteers in moving this country forward. Most of the people who showed up over the years to organize, march, debate, write, and clean up after the marches for civil rights and lgbt rights did so on their own time – and all of us benefited.

Through grassroots efforts over the years in many communities throughout this country, including this Breakfast, we have made sure that Rustin's and Lorde's work has not been forgotten. Personally I believe all of these efforts contributed in some way to Bayard Rustin being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama in 2013, our nation's highest civilian honor.

We should all feel good about the work we're doing yet recognizing there is always more to be done. Let's take this time to break bread, reflect, and fellowship and then continue the struggle. As Rustin reminds us, "The proof that one truly believes is in the action."  
Hey Leader!

One Love,  
RDH  
Roshelle Darlene Hudson, MSW  
Co Founder, Rustin- Lorde Community planning group  
& A Southern Community Activist



# Our Thanks

The 2014 Bayard Rustin-Audre Lorde Breakfast Planning Committee expresses our utmost thanks and highest appreciation to all of the volunteers who freely donated their time and effort to present this event. Every year we are blessed by the commitment and generosity of volunteers like you. The Breakfast would not be possible were it not for your support. Thank you for all that you do!!!

The 2014 Bayard Rustin-Audre Lorde Breakfast Planning Committee would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to All Saints' Episcopal Church for hosting this event. We appreciate your support in providing a wonderful venue for the Breakfast. Special thanks to Pat Kiley, Assistant to the Rector for going above and beyond to anticipate and meet our needs as planners. You have been a joy to work with.

The 2014 Bayard Rustin-Audre Lorde Breakfast Planning Committee would like to express our humblest appreciation to our longtime friends at Southerners On New Ground (SONG). Your timely support as our fiscal sponsor has helped ensure the continuance of the Breakfast itself. We send loving thanks to our Sister Outsider and comrade Paulina Helm-Hernandez for her steadfast efforts in making the Breakfast successful and for her amazing liberation work throughout the South and every space she occupies.





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SONG is honored to be part of the political legacy of Audre Lorde, Bayard Rustin and Dr. Martin Luther King's vision of Beloved Community.

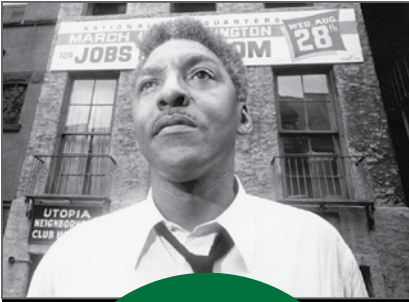
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*"We need, in every community, a group of angelic trouble makers"*  
- Bayard Rustin



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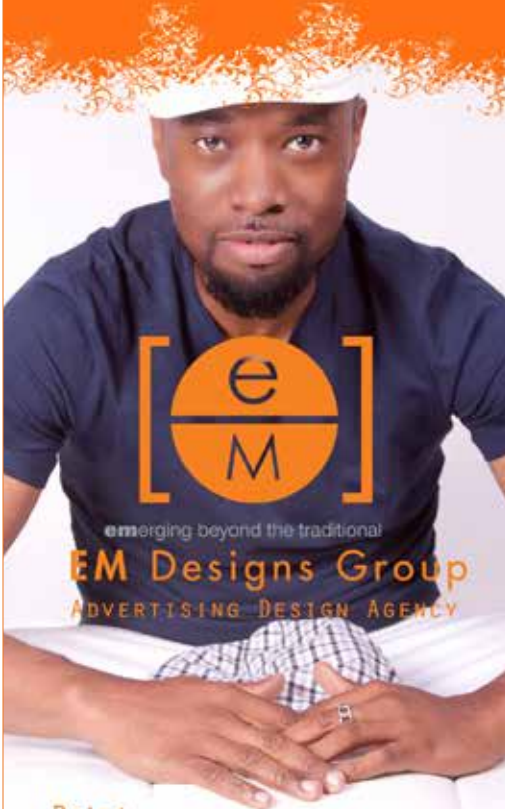
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- Audre Lorde*



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February 15, 2014



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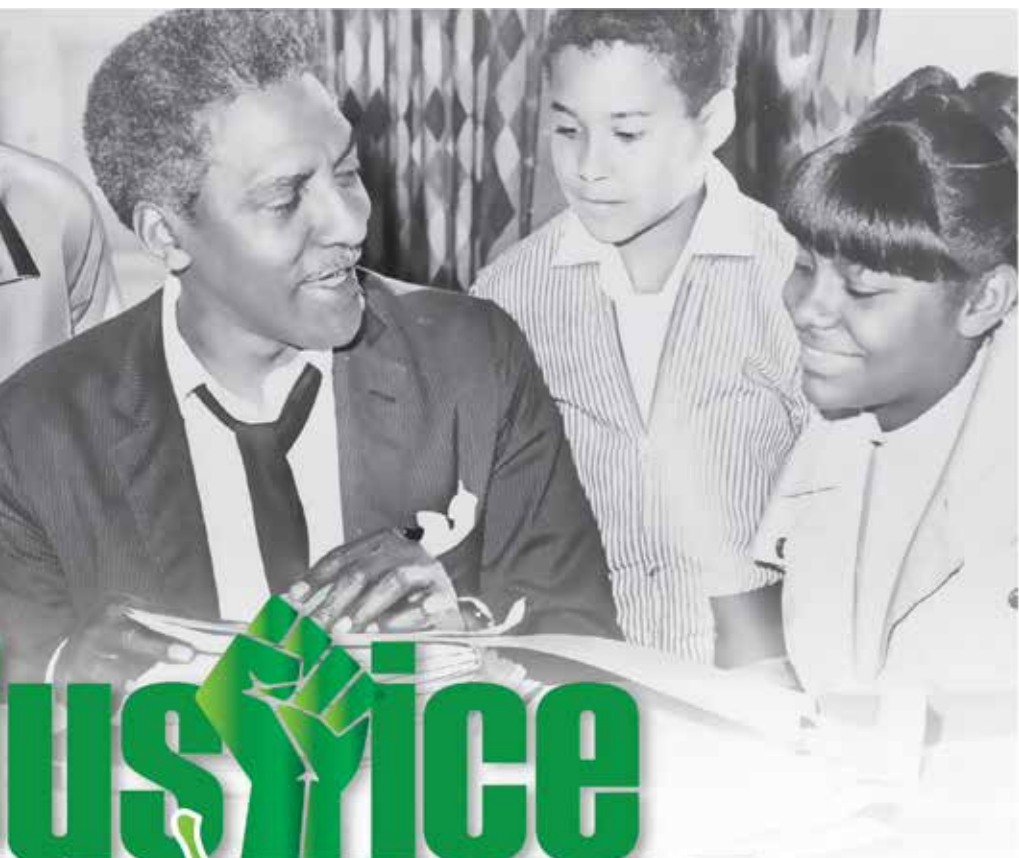
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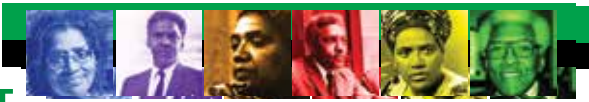




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# Program



## OPENING OUR SPACE

**Welcome & Call to Order:** Co-Founder Darlene Hudson  
**Special Guests:** International Delegation of LGBTQ  
Activists from India, Nepal and Pakistan

### A word from our Sponsors

**Welcome & Reflection:** Co-Founder Craig Washington

**Special Presentation:** National Center for Civil  
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**Community Dialogue & Reflections on:**  
Justice, Freedom, Desire: A Homecoming

**Children's Corner Presentation**

**Closing & Farewell**







# 2014 Rustin/Lorde Breakfast Planners

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R. Darlene Hudson

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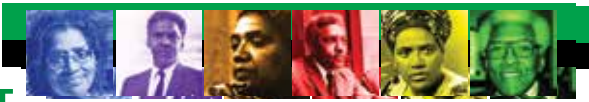
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The 2014 Rustin Lorde Breakfast Planners & Volunteers

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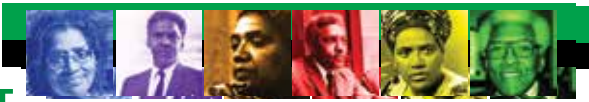
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