

Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast

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Bayard Rustin 1916 - 1987



Audre Lorde 1934 - 1992

January 19

2015

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## 2015 Rustin Lorde Breakfast Co-Chairs Welcome-Darlene Hudson



### *Greetings and Happy New Year!*

I am overjoyed to welcome you to the 14th year of this special community-wide event recognizing the contributions of Bayard Rustin and Audre Lorde to social change. We break bread once again on this day in fellowship, and to focus on the social activism we must recommit to in 2015. We especially want to energize the next generation of social change agents. Rustin said, “ the proof that one truly believes is in action”.

While we've had many set-backs in the last year, especially when thinking about the loss of lives due to violence, whether by criminals or some criminal acting police, and the terrible defeat of many progressive candidates at the polls in November - we must remember to celebrate our victories and remain forward looking. On a political level, one of those victories was the reelection of Rep Simone Bell, the first African American out lesbian local representative from Georgia, who was also named House Minority Chief Deputy Whip in the GA House Democratic Caucus. On a national level, while full immigration reform still needs to be done, we can celebrate a partial victory for thousands of undocumented individuals and families who were granted temporary legal status in this country by the Obama administration.

We also are heartened by the thousands of activists of all races and backgrounds demonstrating across the country under the banner “Black Lives Matter” to protest murders of unarmed black and brown people, especially at the hands of the police. This is exactly the kind of activism and coalition-building it took to win voting rights protections for African Americans - as the film “Selma” so beautifully shows us - as well as just about any significant social change. Audre Lorde reminded us “difference is that raw and powerful connection from which our personal power is forged”. How true Lorde's and Rustin's words ring today. The highest honor we can give them is to continue their work. We've got a lot to do - but yes we still can!

Again, welcome to your Homecoming! Together we can dream, desire, and act to achieve freedom and justice.

### **Roshelle Darlene Hudson, MSW**

Co Founder, Rustin- Lorde Community Breakfast  
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We thank you for being a part of the 14th annual Rustin Lorde Breakfast! You may be one of our regulars who attends year after year. You may be here for the first time having heard about it through friends or Facebook. Whether this is your first or fourteenth Breakfast, we are deeply grateful for your presence. Please consider this as your extended family reunion, a Homecoming for our beloved community. Originally named the Bayard Rustin Breakfast, we started this event as a fellowship space for LGBTQ people and our allies in observing the Martin Luther King Jr birthday celebration. In doing so we follow a local tradition of Black LGBTQ activists such as Tony Daniels, Bishop SF Makalani-Mahee, and Duncan Teague who held Bayard Rustin rallies on MLK Day.

For those of us who mount the protests, organize AIDS and transgender vigils, build youth coalitions and Black gay men's dialogues, support women of color who face violence, write editorials, present workshops, link individuals to resources, develop the vision, raise funds to realize the vision, create graphics and art enabling us to see the vision, the human cost is much more than the dollar pay. For those of us whose radical acts consist of walking to that MARTA station, raising a child, choosing between meals and medicine, being a good "judy" to a friend in need, maintaining a marriage, or passing a mirror and deciding to like what we see, the recognition is far less than the achievement. As sister and brother outsiders, we face micro-aggressions from our families and our state policies, or the myths we have internalized about ourselves. Our wounds are deepened by accounts of "black bodies swaying from the poplar trees" in Ferguson, Staten Island and Sanford, FL at the bloody yet vindicated hands of the state, or by our own hand at 17 when it does not get better in Kings Mill, Ohio.

We must never underestimate our need for healing, which transcends our differences. As we discuss our work at hand, let us highlight healing as a strategy as well as a human right. We invite you to share testimony about your replenishment and seek support to unblock your healing paths. Take sustenance from the laughter at your table, an elder's smile or a child's wise words today. The nourishment this Breakfast provides is not limited to your plate. As our dear brother Reverend James Orange would say, welcome leader!!!



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# Justice

## The 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.



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Monday, January 19, 2015

## PART 2 OPENING CEREMONY

### Welcome and Overview

Craig Washington, Co-Founder, AID Atlanta  
Darlene Hudson, Co-Founder  
Ashe Helm Hernandez, Host

### HIV in the Black Community

Dr. Edith Biggers provided by Gilead Sciences, Inc.

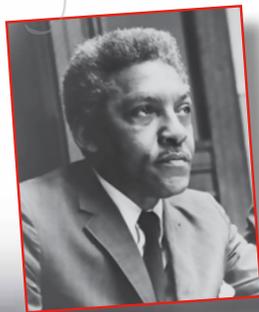
### Fishbowl Dialogue: Liberation Work and Healing

Aurielle Marie #ItsBiggerThanYou  
Duncan Teague, Georgia Equality  
Imani Evans, Little 5 Points Center for Arts & Community  
Mary Hooks, Southerners On New Ground  
Mickyl Bradford, Southern Fried Queer Pride Planning Committee

### Inspiration

Monica Raye Simpson, SisterSong

Community Dialogue  
Sponsor and Organizer Remarks  
Young People's Space Presentation  
Closing and Appreciation



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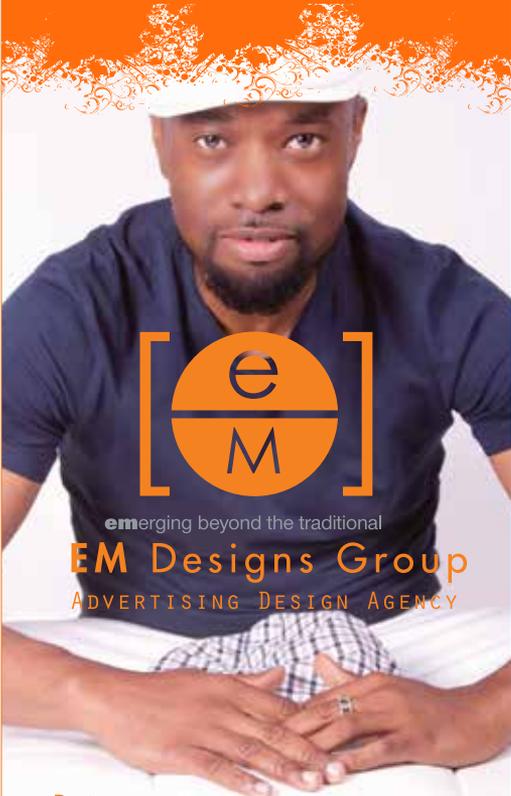
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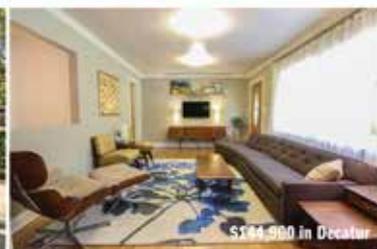
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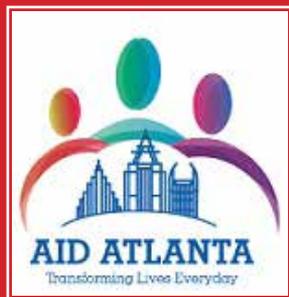
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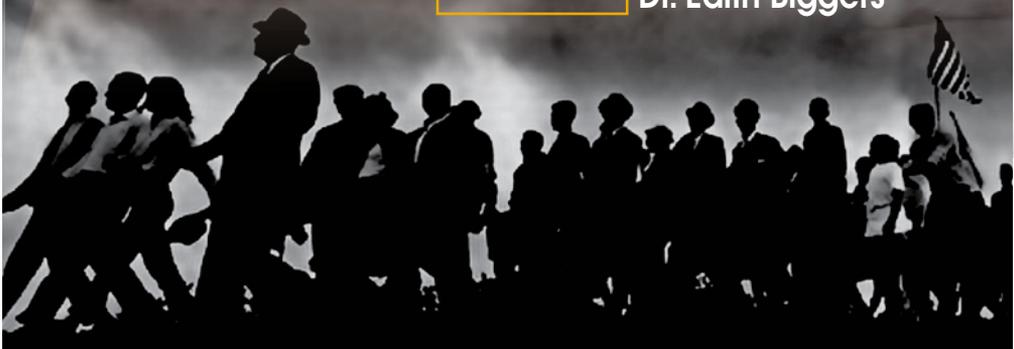
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