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History of the Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Endowed Chair in Public Policy was established by government and business leader Gwendolyn S. King and her husband, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Colbert I. King. Established in 2008 with the Kings' \$1 million donation to Howard University, the chair is intended to encourage highly accomplished individuals to come to Howard and share their experiences with students. The Kings, both Howard alumni, inaugurated the chair to reflect their years in public service and media.

Holders of the Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Chair

2008 - 2011: Richard D. Parsons

2012 - 2013: Elaine R. Jones

2013 - 2014: James L. Hudson

2014 - 2016: Congressman Elijah E. Cummings

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Gwendolyn S. & Colbert I. King





Gwendolyn S. King

(B.A. '62)



Gwendolyn S. King is an American businesswoman who was born in East Orange, New Jersey. She graduated from Howard University in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in French and Education, and from 1972 to 1974 did graduate work at George Washington University. King was a French, English and reading teacher from 1962 to 1971. She joined the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in 1971 as a management intern, and by the time she left that organization in 1976, she achieved the position of Senior health desk officer. From 1976 to 1978, she was director, division of consumer complaints, for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1978, she became senior legislative assistant to Sen. John Heinz of Pennsylvania. From 1979 to 1986, she worked as director of then-Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburgh's Washington, D.C., office. From 1986 to 1988, she served in the White House as deputy assistant to President Reagan, and director for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. In 1988, she joined Gogol & Associates, Inc., as its executive vice president, a position she held until 1989 when she was appointed commissioner of the Social Security Administration. She resigned as Commissioner in 1992 to take a senior vice president position with the Philadelphia Electric Company. She then served as the director of the Monsanto Company, Marsh & McLennan Companies and Lockheed Martin Corporation. She currently serves as a member of the board of directors for both Lockheed Martin Corporation and Monsanto Company. She is married to Colbert I. King, and they have three children: Robert, Stephen and Allison.

Colbert I. King

(B.A. '61)



Colbert I. “Colby” King is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The Washington Post who specializes in urban and national affairs. He was born in Washington, D.C., and is a newspaper columnist. King earned his Bachelor of Arts in government from Howard University in 1961. Before joining the Post’s editorial board in 1990, he worked for the State Department, serving at the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, Germany; in the U.S. Senate, where he helped draft home-rule legislation for the District of Columbia; and at the World Bank, where he was U.S. executive director. He was appointed deputy editorial page editor of the Post in 2000, and served in that capacity until 2007. King was a regular panelist on the public affairs program “Inside Washington” on ABC-TV and a regular commentator on WTOP Radio, where he was awarded the 2005 Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association’s award for outstanding editorial commentary. In 2003, he won the Pulitzer Prize in commentary “for his against-the-grain columns that speak to people in power with ferocity and wisdom.” He is married to Gwendolyn S. King, and they have three children: Robert, Stephen and Allison.

Holder of the King Chairs







Richard D. Parsons

2008-2011

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Richard D. “Dick” Parsons Esq., J.D., has been interim chief executive of Los Angeles Clippers, Inc., since May 2014. He is a founder of R&R Venture Partners. He has served as a senior advisor of Providence Equity Partners LLC since his appointment in September 2009. He is also the co-chief operating officer of TWE at American Television and Communications Corporation and AOL Time Warner.

He has also served on a panel of economic advisors who counseled President Barack Obama. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Hawaii and received a J.D. degree from Union University’s Albany Law School in New York. He served as the CEO of Dime Bank, CEO and chairman of Time Warner and chairman of Citigroup and developed a reputation for managing crises. He is married to Laura Ann Bush, and they have three adult children: Gregory, Leslie and Rebecca.

Format of Lecture Series: Richard Parsons entitled his series “Conversations on Leadership.” During these sessions, students and university affiliates had the opportunity to learn the theories of leadership, the skills and traits associated with great leaders and to develop a frame of reference for analyzing and evaluating the effectiveness of various leaders’ actions in different contexts.



Richard D. Parsons

(King Chair 2008-2011)

Theme: King Chair Holder Richard Parsons' theme was "Conversations on Leadership." The eight-week lecture series featured some of the nation's top CEOs and executives who explored what it means to be a leader. The series took place from Feb. 9-April 13.



Richard D. Parsons

Chairman, Citibank

Date: Feb. 9, 2011

Topic: Conversations on Leadership

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Ted Chin

*Former Chairman and Chief Strategic Officer,
Ted Chin & Company, Inc.*

Date: Feb. 6, 2011

Topic: Conversations on Leadership

Ted Chin was a vice president at Publicis, a French advertising and communications company, before founding his own company in 1974. Ted Chin & Co.'s clients were domestic and international companies, including Fortune 500 firms. After selling his company in 2007, he became senior advisor to several former client companies. More recently, he became an advisor to Teton Advisors, an affiliate of the investment firm Gabelli & Co.



Ursula Burns

Chairman, Xerox

Date: February 23, 2011

Topic: Conversations on Leadership

Ursula Burns joined Xerox Corporation in 1980 as a mechanical engineering summer intern and later assumed roles in product development and planning. From 1992 through 2000, she led several business teams. In 2000, she was named senior vice president of corporate strategic services, heading up manufacturing and supply chain operations. She then took on the broader role of leading Xerox's global research as well as product development, marketing and delivery departments. In April 2007, she was named President of Xerox Co., expanding her leadership to also include the company's IT organization, corporate strategy, human resources, corporate marketing and global accounts. She was named chief executive officer in July 2009 and assumed her role of chairman of the company on May 20, 2010. She has also served as a board member of the Rochester Business Alliance, American Express, Boston Scientific Corporation and the University of Rochester. She was appointed by President Barack Obama to help lead the White House national program on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and was named vice chair of the President's Export Council.



Valerie B. Jarrett

Senior Advisor and Assistant to President Barack Obama for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, White House

Date: March 3, 2011

Topic: Conversations on Leadership

Valerie Jarrett served as co-chair of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team and senior advisor to President Obama's presidential campaign. Prior to joining the Obama administration, she was president and chief executive officer of the Habitat Company, a real estate development firm. She served for eight years in Chicago government as deputy corporation counsel for finance and development, deputy chief of staff for Mayor Richard M. Daley and commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development. Before her city government service, she practiced law with two private firms.



Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Esq. (J.D. '60, LL.D. '72)

Senior Managing Director, Lazard Freres & Co., LLC

Date: March 9, 2011

Topic: Conversations on Leadership

Vernon Jordan is a member of the Howard University Board of Trustees and an annual participant in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Speakers Series in Cramton Auditorium. Prior to joining Lazard Freres & Co., LLC, he was a senior executive partner with the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, where he remains senior counsel. Jordan has served as president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League, Inc.; executive director of the United Negro College Fund, Inc.; and director of the Voter Education Project (VEP) of the Southern Regional Council. His corporate and other directorships include American Express Company, Ashbury Automotive Group, Inc., Lazard Ltd; Xerox Corporation and International Advisory Board of Barrick Gold.



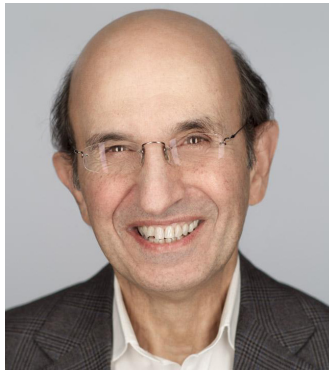
Kenneth Chenault

Chairman, American Express

Date: March 23, 2011

Topic: Conversations on Leadership

Kenneth Chenault is one of the first African Americans to become chief executive officer of a Fortune 500 firm. He rose through the ranks of American Express, a \$19 billion company, at a time when employee diversity was a negligible concern. He was appointed chief operating officer in 1997 and CEO in 2001. Before American Express, he was a management consultant with Bain & Co. and an attorney with Rogers & Wells. He serves on the boards of several other corporate and nonprofit organizations, including IBM, the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health and the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.



Joel Klein

Former Chancellor, New York City Schools

Date: March 30, 2011

Topic: Conversations on Leadership

As former chancellor of New York City schools, Joel Klein was responsible for 1,600 schools with 1.1 million students, 136,000 employees and a \$21 billion operating budget. He was formerly Chairman and CEO of Bertelsmann, Inc., and chief U.S. liaison officer to Bertelsmann AG, an international media company. He has been assistant attorney general in charge of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, acting assistant attorney general and the Antitrust Division's principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, as well as deputy counsel to President Bill Clinton. He has served as the chairman of the board of the Green Door, a pioneer community-based treatment program for mentally ill residents of the District of Columbia, and as treasurer of the World Federation for Mental Health. He has also served on the board of several non-profit organizations, including the National Symphony Orchestra Association



Lonnie G. Bunch

*Historian, Author, Curator and Educator,
Smithsonian National Museum*

Date: April 6, 2011

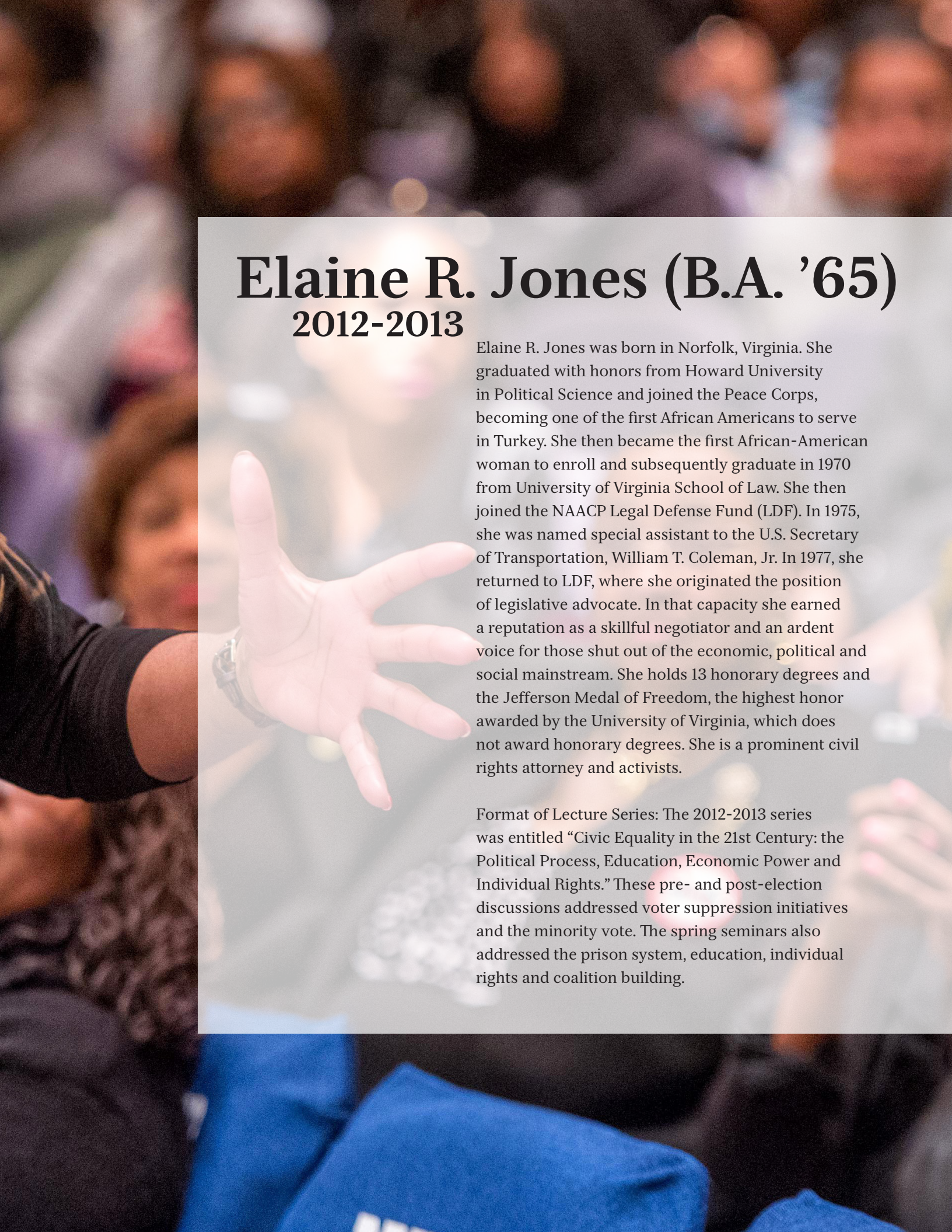
Topic: Conversations on Leadership

Lonnie Bunch is the founding director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. He was previously president of the Chicago Historical Society, where he led the museum through a reorganization and capital campaign. He has spent nearly 30 years in the museum field, and is one of the nation's leading figures in the cultural/historical community. He has held several positions at the Smithsonian. As the National Museum of American History's associate director for curatorial affairs, he oversaw the curatorial and collections management staff of nearly 200, in addition to leading the curatorial team that developed the major permanent exhibition "American Presidency: A Glorious Burden." He was an education specialist at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, where he developed multi-cultural instructional programs and researched and wrote the history of African Americans in aviation.









Elaine R. Jones (B.A. '65)

2012-2013

Elaine R. Jones was born in Norfolk, Virginia. She graduated with honors from Howard University in Political Science and joined the Peace Corps, becoming one of the first African Americans to serve in Turkey. She then became the first African-American woman to enroll and subsequently graduate in 1970 from University of Virginia School of Law. She then joined the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF). In 1975, she was named special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, William T. Coleman, Jr. In 1977, she returned to LDF, where she originated the position of legislative advocate. In that capacity she earned a reputation as a skillful negotiator and an ardent voice for those shut out of the economic, political and social mainstream. She holds 13 honorary degrees and the Jefferson Medal of Freedom, the highest honor awarded by the University of Virginia, which does not award honorary degrees. She is a prominent civil rights attorney and activists.

Format of Lecture Series: The 2012-2013 series was entitled "Civic Equality in the 21st Century: the Political Process, Education, Economic Power and Individual Rights." These pre- and post-election discussions addressed voter suppression initiatives and the minority vote. The spring seminars also addressed the prison system, education, individual rights and coalition building.

Elaine R. Jones (B.A. '65)

(King Chair 2012-2013)

Theme: The 2012-2013 series was titled “Civic Equality in the 21st Century: the Political Process, Education, Economic Power and Individual Rights.”



Barbara R. Arnwine

President and Executive Director of The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Date: Oct. 24, 2012

Topic: State Restrictions on the Right to Vote and the Struggles to Ensure an Inclusive Electorate.

Since 1989, Barbara Arnwine has been internationally renowned for civil, human and women's rights activism. She continues to champion civil rights issues nationally and internationally in the area of housing, fair lending, community development, employment, voting education and environmental justice. In addition, she is also involved in critical matters such as immigrant rights, judicial diversity and sentencing and healthcare disparities. Her awards include the National Bar Association's Gertrude E. Rush Award in 2011 and the Washington, D.C., Freedom Sisters Award in 2009. In 2011, she received the prestigious Gruber International Justice Prize, and in 2008 she was selected as a Rockwood Institute Leadership Fellow.



Marian Wright Edelman

Founder & President, Children's Defense Fund

Date: Nov. 14, 2012

Topic: Civic Equality in the 21st Century: the Political Process, Education, Economic Power and Individual Rights

Under Marian Wright Edelman's leadership, the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) has become the nation's strongest voice for children and families. The Children's Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind mission is: "To ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities." A graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, she began her career in the mid-'60s, when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

began organizing before his death. She founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund. For two years, she served as the director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University, and in 1973, began CDF. She was on the board of trustees of Spelman College, serving as chair from 1976 to 1987, and was the first woman elected by Yale alumni to the Yale University Corporation, on which she served from 1971 to 1977. She has received more than 100 honorary degrees and many awards, including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Rev. Janet Wol

National Program Coordinator & Director of Nonviolent Organizing, Children's Defense Fund

Date: Nov. 14, 2012

Topic: Civic Equality in the 21st Century: the Political Process, Education, Economic Power and Individual Rights

Rev. Janet Wolf is the director of the Children's Defense Fund Haley Farm and Nonviolent Organizing. She previously served as faculty chair and professor at American Baptist College in Nashville, a historically Black college and home to many national civil rights leaders. Rev. Wolf served as pastor of rural and urban United Methodist Church congregations for 12 years. As director of public policy and community outreach with Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy, she worked with a national interfaith coalition on harm reduction, alternatives to incarceration and restorative justice. She is the author of "To See and To Be Seen," a chapter in "I Was in Prison: United Methodist Perspectives on Prison Ministry." For 12 years, she also served as a community organizer around poverty rights. She graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School.



Jalaya Liles Dunn

Director of Youth Leadership & Development, Children's Defense Fund

Date: April 17, 2013

Topic: Don't Go it Alone: Engaging and Organizing Communities for Social Change.

Jalaya Dunn is the director of the Youth Leadership and Development for the Children's Defense Fund (CDF). As the director of the Youth Leadership and Development program, she is responsible for helping to train and prepare the next generation of leaders and child advocates. Her work experience has been in education and community development, where she designs programs and curriculums for children, youth and adults. She is a graduate of Spelman College and also has a master's degree from the University of North Carolina. She has served as a CDF Freedom School student and college intern, an Ella Baker Trainer and a CDF staff member in Bennettsville, S.C., her hometown.

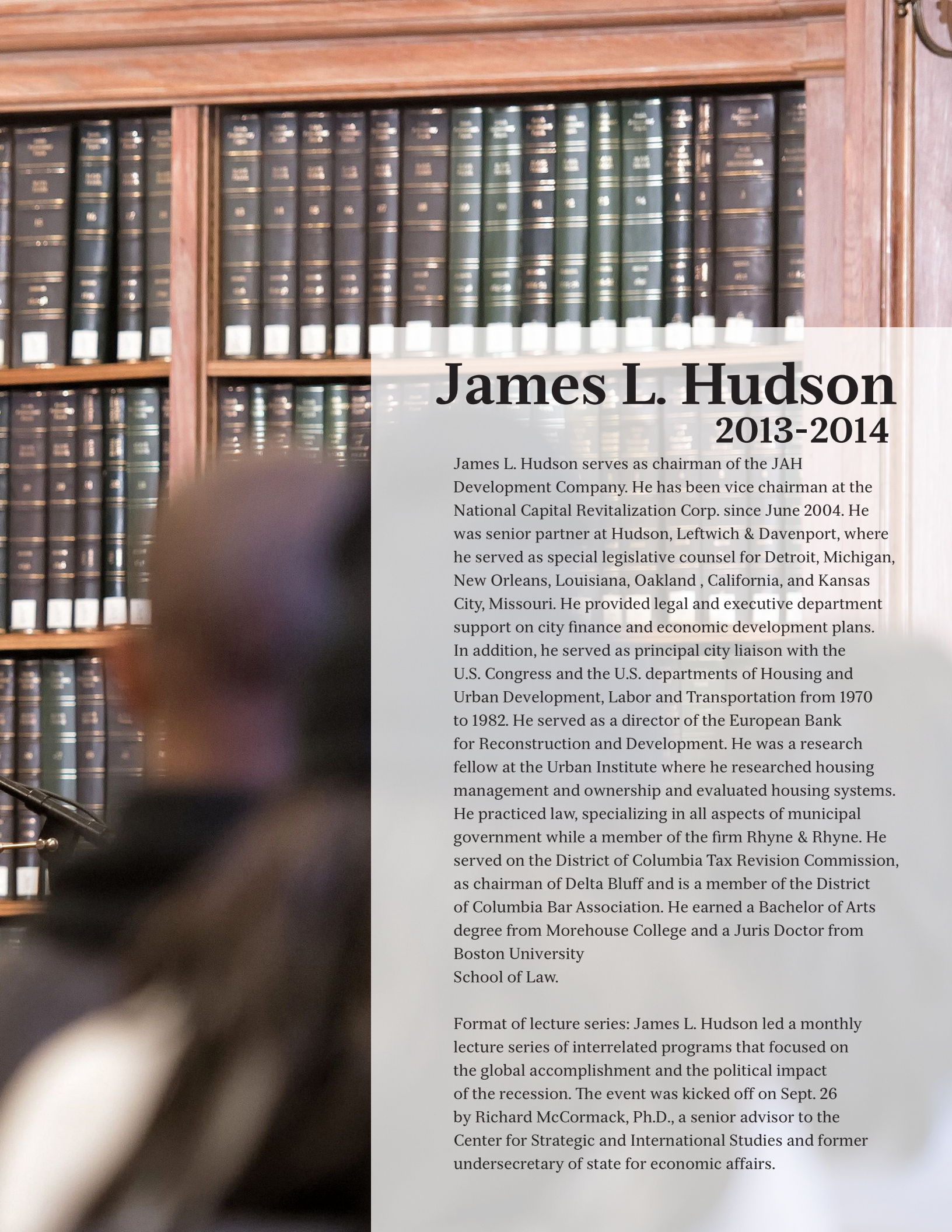
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James L. Hudson

2013-2014

James L. Hudson serves as chairman of the JAH Development Company. He has been vice chairman at the National Capital Revitalization Corp. since June 2004. He was senior partner at Hudson, Leftwich & Davenport, where he served as special legislative counsel for Detroit, Michigan, New Orleans, Louisiana, Oakland, California, and Kansas City, Missouri. He provided legal and executive department support on city finance and economic development plans. In addition, he served as principal city liaison with the U.S. Congress and the U.S. departments of Housing and Urban Development, Labor and Transportation from 1970 to 1982. He served as a director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He was a research fellow at the Urban Institute where he researched housing management and ownership and evaluated housing systems. He practiced law, specializing in all aspects of municipal government while a member of the firm Rhyne & Rhyne. He served on the District of Columbia Tax Revision Commission, as chairman of Delta Bluff and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College and a Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law.

Format of lecture series: James L. Hudson led a monthly lecture series of interrelated programs that focused on the global accomplishment and the political impact of the recession. The event was kicked off on Sept. 26 by Richard McCormack, Ph.D., a senior advisor to the Center for Strategic and International Studies and former undersecretary of state for economic affairs.

James L. Hudson

(King Chair 2012-2013)

Theme: James L. Hudson held a monthly lecture series September through April on interrelated programs that focused on the global accomplishment and political impact of the recession.



Richard McCormack

Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Date: Sept. 26, 2013

Topic: Monetary and Fiscal Policy in the Economic Crisis: The View From the United States

Richard McCormack, a former executive vice chairman of Bank of America, first joined the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in May 2004 as a senior advisor. He was recruited by Merrill Lynch two years later after testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, warning about the potential dangers inherent in credit derivatives, the developing U.S. housing bubble, massive trade deficits and other vulnerabilities in the U.S. and global economies. Three years later, Ambassador McCormack was promoted to executive vice chairman of Bank of America, which merged with Merrill Lynch. He received his Ph.D. magna cum laude from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland and his B.A. from Georgetown University.



Dr. Erik Berglof

Chief Economist and Special Adviser, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Date: Oct. 10, 2013

Topic: The Continuing Impact of the 2007 Financial Crisis in Europe and the Eurozone

Erik Berglof is the chief economist and special adviser to the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). He is a widely published and internationally respected specialist in the field of transition economics, as well as financial contracting, corporate governance, financial development and European Union (EU) reform. As an expert on policy-related issues in transition economies, he has regularly provided advice to national governments and international institutions, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and

Development (OECD). He was the founder and President of the Centre for Economic and Financial Research (CEFIR) in Moscow. Currently, he is senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., board member and research fellow of the European Corporate Governance Institute, board member of the New Economic School in Moscow, board member of the Institute for New Economic Thinking in New York and trustee of the Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation. In 2013 he was awarded the Leontief Medal “for contributions to economic reform.”



Peter M. Rouse

Counselor to President Barack H. Obama, White House

Date: Nov. 14, 2013

Topic: Presidential Decision Making

Peter Rouse is an American political consultant who served as interim White House chief of staff to President Barack Obama. He has spent years on Capitol Hill and became known as the ‘101st senator’ during his tenure as chief of staff to Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle. When Sen. Daschle lost his seat in 2004, Rouse was persuaded to stay in Congress as chief of staff to then-freshman Sen. Barack Obama. He followed President Obama to the White House as a senior advisor in 2008, and became interim chief of staff there for several months, following the departure of Rahm Emanuel in October 2010, and subsequent appointment of William M. Daley the following January. He remained with the White House until late 2013 as counselor to the president.



Dr. Piotr Karasinski, Ph.D.

Senior Advisor, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Date: Dec. 2, 2013

Topic: From Physics to Finance

Dr. Piotr Karasinski is a pioneering quantitative analyst, best known for the Black–Karasinski short rate model, which he co-developed with the late Fischer Black. His contributions to quantitative finance include models for interest rates, equity and hybrid products and random volatility. He is currently senior advisor at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He is on the editorial board of the journal Quantitative Finance. Previously, he held a number of positions at leading firms in New York and London, including: managing director at HSBC, director and head derivatives research at Citibank, managing director at Chemical Bank, director at Deutsche Bank and vice president at Goldman Sachs. He studied physics at Warsaw University and earned his Ph.D. at Yale University.



The Honorable Ian Solomon

Vice President, Global Engagement Date: Jan. 16, 2014

Topic: Keeping Up with the Future: The Innovation Imperative for Global Institutions

Ian Solomon joined the University of Chicago in June 2013 as the vice president for global engagement. In this role, he supports a growing number of international programs and partnerships, overseas centers and campuses, research collaborations and global education opportunities. He came to Chicago from the World Bank Group, where he served as U.S. executive director from 2010 to 2013. Prior to that, he worked as senior advisor to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, and also served as legislative counsel to Sen. Barack Obama. He was previously associate dean at Yale Law School, where he also earned his J.D. He is originally from New York City, and earned his A.B. magna cum laude from Harvard University. He has traveled extensively in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America, and has also lived in South Africa. He is the recipient of numerous awards and designations, and in 2012 was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.



Wanda Felton

Vice President, Export-Import Bank of U.S.

Date: April 17, 2014

Topic: America Export Competitiveness: Why it Matters

Wanda Felton serves as a first vice president and vice chairman at Export-Import Bank of the United States. She has served as managing director at Helix Associates Ltd. (a division of Jefferies Inc.) since November 2006. She works closely with North Americanbased general partners and investors in the placing of Helix's products. She focuses on developing Helix's North American activities from Jefferies' headquarters. She has more than 13 years of experience in private equity fundraising in the U.S. offices of Credit Suisse and Hamilton Lane, among others. She founded Map Capital Advisors, an advisor to private equity firms, and was formerly a director based in New York for the fund placement team of Credit Suisse. She was also a managing director at Hamilton Lane, an alternative investment consultant. Previously, she was a vice president of investor relations at Alex. Brown & Sons Inc., and began her career as an associate at Citicorp. She received an MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.



Ambassador William E. Kennard

Former U.S. Ambassador, European Union

Date: April 24, 2014

Topic: A New Vision for a New Transatlantic Partnership

William E. “Bill” Kennard, J.D., has been a senior advisor to Grain Capital since October 2013. He focuses on investment opportunities in the telecommunications sector, including global opportunities. Since November 2013, he has been a co-Founder and chairman of Velocitas Partners LLC. He served as the U.S. ambassador to the European Union from November 2009 to August 2013. He made reinvigorating the U.S. - EU economic relationship and eliminating regulatory barriers his top priorities and worked actively to promote transatlantic trade and investment and to eliminate regulatory barriers to commerce. He is a former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. He has received honorary degrees from Howard University, Gallaudet University and Long Island University. Ambassador Kennard graduated with a B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, from Stanford University and received his law degree and J.D. from Yale Law School.



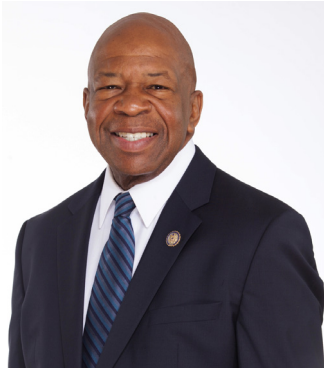
Congressman Elijah E. Cummings (B.A. '73) 2014-2016

Congressman Elijah E. Cummings was born, raised and still lives in Baltimore, Maryland. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from Howard University and a law degree from University of Maryland School of Law. He has received 11 honorary doctoral degrees from universities across the nation. He has dedicated his life to service, uplift and empower the people he is sworn to represent. His career in public service began in the Maryland House of Delegates where he served for 14 years and became the first African American to be named speaker pro-tem. Since 1996, Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Cummings often says, "Our children are the living messages that we send to a future we will never see." In that vein, he is committed to ensuring that the next generation has access to quality healthcare and education, clean air and water and a strong economy defined by fiscal responsibility.

Format of lecture series: Congressman Elijah E. Cummings was named as the fourth holder of the Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Endowed Chair in Public Policy. On Nov. 24, 2014, Cummings presented "The Empowering Road of Faith and Education," an autobiographical account of his journey. As part of the event, he was also joined in discussion and Q&A session led by Rock Newman, host of "The Rock Newman Show" on WHUT-TV. On April 16, 2015, he moderated two panels on "Protest to Policy" with members of Congress and individuals who are engaged with the topic regularly as activists or academics.

Congressman Elijah E. Cummings

(King Chair 2014-2016)



Lecture I: The Empowering Road of Faith and Education

Date: Nov. 24, 2014

Event: Congressman Cummings' first event as King chair was an autobiographical account of his journey. He sat down with host Rock Newman of "The Rock Newman Show", featured on WHUT-TV, and discussed the topic of "Empowering Road of Faith and Education." Cummings noted, "You don't have a right not to be the best that you can be, because so many people have paid the price." Cummings encouraged all participants to "seize the moment" and to "go out there and get blessed, so that you can be a blessing."

Lecture II: From Protest to Policy: Bipartisan Criminal Justice Reform

Date: April 16, 2015

Panel I: Members of Congress



Sen. Rand Paul, M.D. (R-Kentucky) - Sen. Rand Paul, M.D., is one of the nation's leading advocates for liberty. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 2010, Sen. Paul has proven to be an outspoken champion for constitutional liberties and fiscal responsibility. As a fierce advocate against government overreach, Sen. Paul has fought to return government to its limited, constitutional scope. The senator owned his own ophthalmology practice and performed eye surgery for 18 years. As a hard-working and dedicated physician—not a career politician—he came to Washington to shake things up and to make a difference. Paul has a "desire to diagnose problems and provide practical solutions whether it be in Bowling Green, Kentucky, or Washington D.C."



Sen. Cory Booker (D-New Jersey) - Sen. Cory Booker is connected to the people he serves and the challenges they face every day. Since being elected to the U.S. Senate in October 2013, Sen. Booker has been innovative, persistent and put partisanship aside, bringing people together to get things done for New Jersey. Booker has focused on creating new jobs, improving economic opportunity for all New Jerseyans, speeding the pace of Hurricane Sandy recovery and addressing the economic squeeze facing middle class families.



Delegate Stacey Plaskett (D-Virgin Islands) - Delegate Stacey Plaskett represents the at-large district of the U.S. Virgin Islands in the U. S. House of Representatives. She is an African-Caribbean attorney who has practiced law in New York, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She is best known for her understanding of economic development and public-private partnerships for growing the economy of developing areas. She is an active community advocate and political leader in the Virgin Islands.



Congressman Raúl R. Labrador (R-Idaho) - Representative Raúl Rafael Labrador was born in Carolina, Puerto Rico. He graduated from Brigham Young University and earned his law degree from the University of Washington. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010, upsetting favored candidates in the primary and general elections. In Congress, Labrador has stood for Idaho's values and for America's future. He has fought for tax reform, fiscal responsibility, regulatory restraint, increased domestic energy production, transparency in government and the protection of civil and religious liberties.

Panel II: Academics and Activists



Keri Blakinger-Activist and Journalist, Ithaca Times - Keri Blakinger is a felon, journalist and activist. In 2010, she was arrested on drug charges while enrolled as a student at Cornell University. After being sentenced to two and a half years of incarceration, she was released in 2012. She graduated from Cornell in 2014. She was hired as a staff member by the Ithaca Times that same year and has since been published in The Washington Post and Quartz. Her work as a regular contributor for Substance.com has been published by Salon, Business Insider and Alternet. Her writing focuses on prisons, activism and addiction in addition to local news. She now runs a writing program in the local county jail, is an active member of the Ithaca Prisoner Justice Network and speaks locally about prison reform.



Vikrant P. Reddy-Senior Research Fellow, Charles Koch Institute - Vikrant P. Reddy is a senior research fellow at the Charles Koch Institute. He previously served as a senior policy analyst in the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, where he helped to found the national Right On Crime Initiative in 2010. Reddy has also worked as a research assistant at the Cato Institute, as a law clerk to the Honorable Gina M. Benavides of the Texas Thirteenth Court of Appeals, and as an attorney in private practice. He earned a bachelor's degree in Plan II Honors, economics and history from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Reddy is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and serves an appointee to the Texas State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.



Lisa Crooms, Esq. (B.A., '84) - Associate Dean and Professor, Howard University School of Law - Professor Lisa Crooms serves as the associate dean of academic affairs at Howard University School of Law. She also teaches Constitutional Law, Gender and the Law, International Human Rights Law and Supreme Court Jurisprudence. She is an expert on constitutional, gender, and international human rights law. She is a Fulbright Scholar, having researched the relationship between gender, violence and law in the construction of Jamaican post-independence national identity. In her most significant article, "The Future of the United States commission on Civil Rights," she argues for the expansion of the commission to include human rights. Crooms also testified before the Congressional Black Caucus on race in America as part of a distinguished panel.



Elsie Scott, Ph.D. - Director, Ronald Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center - Dr. Elsie Scott is the Founding Director of the Ronald E. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center. She has made the Center a resource for leadership development, public policy research and analysis about African-Americans' contributions to U.S. national and foreign policy and the role of African Americans in U.S. presidential and congressional politics. Between 2006 and 2012, she served as President and Chief Executive of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Previously, she served as the organization's Vice President for Research and Programs. She organized the foundation's annual legislative conferences, which attract more than 10,000 attendees each year. In addition, she successfully launched several foundation initiatives that sought to strengthen the influence of African Americans in public policy development.



Anthony Driver - 2014-2015 Director of Political & External Affairs, Howard University Student Association
Anthony Driver is a senior at Howard University, majoring in political science and minoring in history. He hails from the South side of Chicago, where he hopes to return and begin a life of public service post-graduation. At just 21 years old, he has a plethora of experience in the fields of politics and community organizing. In the summer of 2014, he was selected as the first intern for the Chicago Mayor's Office of Public Engagement. There, he was tasked with working directly with constituents and ensuring that the wants and needs of all Chicagoans were heard at the highest level of municipal government. At the local level, he has worked as an educational policy expert for the largest charter school network in Illinois, allowing him to help fix inequities between public and charter schools. Whether dealing with constituents in his hometown of Chicago or serving students from across the country, he maintains that his one and only goal is to better himself and the condition of his people.

Lecture I: A Conversation with Baltimore State's Attorney

Date: November 23, 2015



Marilyn J. Mosby, ESQ

State's Attorney for the Baltimore City

Mosby served as assistant state's attorney for Baltimore City from 2005 to 2012. She became a litigator for Liberty Mutual Insurance in 2012. Mosby was sworn in to office on January 8, 2015. Soon after her first term in office had begun, Mosby announced restructuring of her office that was inspired by ideas from prosecutors' offices in New York, Los Angeles, California, and Atlanta, Georgia. Deputy State's Attorney Janice Bledsoe was named to oversee the new division of "criminal intelligence. Mosby reestablished community liaison positions, which her predecessor had eliminated, to inform residents of developments in cases relevant to their neighborhood. Mosby also created the Policy and Legislative Affairs Unit, headed by Lisa Smith that would advocate for legislation to help keep residents safe and prosecute cases efficiently.

Lecture II: Getting Yours and Giving Back: The Road to Entrepreneurial Success

Date: April 6, 2016



Alfred Liggins

Chief Executive Officer, Radio One, Inc.

Alfred C. Liggins III founded Radio One Inc., and has been its President and Treasurer since 1989 and chief executive officer since 1997. Liggins served as president of TV One at Radio One Inc. He is responsible for the overall management and operating performance of Interactive One, including new business ventures, identifying acquisitions, managing an integrated business plan and attracting key talent. Liggins served as acting chief operating officer of Radio One Inc. since June 30, 2006. He joined Radio One in 1985 as an account manager at WOL-AM. Since 1987, he served as general sales manager and since 1988 general manager of Radio One's Washington D.C. operations. He served as a Sales Executive of Light Records since 1984. Liggins serves as chairman and director of TV One LLC. He serves as vice chairman of the Apollo Theater Foundation, Inc. He serves as director of the Apollo Theater Foundation, Inc. He has been a director of Radio One Inc. since 1989. He served as director of Ibiquity Digital Corporation. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business /Executive MBA Program from Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania in May 1995. Liggins Attended at University of California in Los Angeles and University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C.

Gloria Mayfield Banks, Ph.D. (BA '78)

Speaker, Author, and Elite Executive National Sales Director



A native of Detroit, Gloria Mayfield Banks began her professional career as a sales representative for IBM, later joining Stratus Technologies as a manufacturing marketing manager. A graduate of Howard University and Harvard Business School, she went on to become assistant director for admissions at HBS, where she traveled nationally and internationally to recruit students. Banks began to sell Mary Kay products. Within a year she set the company sales record; within a few more years, her business had grown to over \$24 million in retail sales with a sales group of over 6,000 consultants. Over her career with Mary Kay, Inc., Banks has broken company sales records, including largest personal team, largest, unit, and largest national unit, while earning several cars, numerous trips, and jewelry. Her achievements ranked her No. 3 in the United States and No. 1 among African American sales leaders.



Laurence C. Morse, Ph.D (BA '73)

*Co-Founder/Managing Partner, Fairview Capital,
Howard University Board of Trustees*

Laurence C. Morse, Ph.D. is co-Founder and managing partner at Fairview Capital Partners Inc. Morse served as principal of TSG Capital Group. He has been a director of Webster Financial Corp. since January 2004. He serves as a director of Webster Bank, N.A. He has been a Trustee of Harris Associates Investment Trust - Oakmark International Small Cap Fund since October 15, 2013. He serves as a trustee of Institute Of International Education, Inc. He serves as a director of Webster Business Credit Corporation. Morse is a member of the board of trustees of Harris Associates Investment Trust, a member of the Board of Trustees of Princeton University, and is a director of Princeton University Investment Company. He was chairman of the National Association of Investment Companies. Morse's entire career has been spent in the investment management field, including as the co-founder and managing partner of an investment management firm, which provides the board with extensive knowledge of the capital markets and accounting issues. His experience has made him adept at performing rigorous risk assessments of managers and management teams, and assessing new technologies, products and services, business strategies, markets and industries. Morse received a bachelor's degree in economics summa cum laude from Howard University and an master's degree and doctorate in economics from Princeton University.





The Honorable Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale

Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale is a managing director in Kroll's Investigations and Disputes practice, based in the Washington, D.C. office. Lamb-Hale has more than two decades of executive-level experience and a unique viewpoint on global commercial and compliance matters from her extensive service in both the public and private sectors. In addition to serving as an assistant secretary and deputy general counsel at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where she led numerous international trade missions, Lamb-Hale has built a distinguished career as a strategic advisor and practicing attorney with top-tier international U.S. advisory and law firms.

Lamb-Hale joined Kroll from the Albright Stonebridge Group, a premier global strategic advisory and commercial diplomacy firm, where she was Senior Vice President since 2013. Nicole focused on helping clients navigate the interplay between their global business objectives and the commercial, legislative, regulatory, and political environments of foreign markets.

Prior to this role, Nicole served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration. Unanimously confirmed for this position by the U.S. Senate, Nicole focused on developing U.S. trade policy and negotiating with senior foreign government officials on legislative and

regulatory issues impacting market access; working with companies to achieve their commercial goals in international markets; and leading U.S. business delegations on international trade missions to nations that included Brazil, Chile, China, India, and Saudi Arabia. In this role, she also led the Commerce Department's participation on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). She joined the Commerce Department in 2009, serving as deputy general counsel in the Office of the General Counsel.

Prior to her government service, Lamb-Hale was a highly regarded attorney who served in senior-level client service and management roles with two international law firms. From 2006–2009, she was the managing partner of Foley & Lardner's Detroit office, where she regularly provided legal advice to executive management and boards of directors of corporate clients in significant business transactions, including complex financial restructurings. In her leadership role for the Detroit office, she was also responsible for business generation as well as recruiting and professional development initiatives. She began her law career in 1991 with the law firm of Dykema Gossett PLLC, where she ultimately served as chair of the Bankruptcy Practice Group, specializing in bankruptcy law, creditors' rights, business reorganizations, and public finance transactions.

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Format of Lecture Series: The Honorable Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale was named the fifth holder of the Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Endowed Chair in Public Policy Lecture Series for the 2016 – 2017 academic year. Lamb-Hale's lecture series was entitled "Pathways to Commercial Diplomacy" and was designed to introduce the Howard University community to the vast array of opportunities in international trade and diplomacy.

Lecture I : The Making of a Commercial Diplomat October 12, 2016



The Honorable Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale
*Former Assistant Secretary of Commerce
and Managing Director at Kroll*

The Honorable Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale's first event as holder of the King Chair was an autobiographical account of her professional journey. She was featured as the inaugural guest on WHUT's "@ Howard" television show and discussed her personal pathway to commercial diplomacy. This event was moderated by WHUT personality, Minnie Larry and filmed in front of a live studio audience comprised of students, staff and faculty.

Lecture II: Financial Tools in Commercial Diplomacy November 17, 2016



Enoh T. Ebong
*Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer
U.S. Trade and Development Agency*

Enoh T. Ebong serves as deputy director and chief operating officer of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, an agency of the U.S. government that helps U.S. businesses create jobs through the export of their goods and services for priority development projects in emerging economies. USTDA links U.S. companies to global export opportunities by providing early project planning assistance that matches U.S. technological expertise with overseas infrastructure development needs – creating lasting business partnerships between the United States and emerging market economies.

Ms. Ebong oversees the operations of the agency and manages staff responsible for developing and executing USTDA's program activities. Since joining USTDA as an attorney-advisor in 2004, Ebong has served in several capacities, including acting regional director for sub-Saharan Africa,

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deputy general counsel and general counsel. As the chief legal officer of the Agency, Ms. Ebong provided authoritative legal advice and direction on all USTDA program and operations activities; represented USTDA in connection with matters affecting the agency and provided legal advice and guidance to the director on broad issues related to the mission, overall conduct, strategic direction and effectiveness of the agency.

Prior to joining USTDA, Ms. Ebong practiced law at the Boston office of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. in the area of business and finance. Her practice included the representation of public and private companies, with an emphasis on financing transactions for both start-ups and established businesses; mergers and acquisitions; and corporate governance issues.

Ebong received her undergraduate degree from the University of Edinburgh, and her Master of Arts in Communication from the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.



The Honorable Wanda Felton

Vice Chair & First Vice President

The Export-Import Bank of the United States

Wanda Felton is vice chair at the Export Import Bank. She is a presidential appointee and has been confirmed twice by the United States Senate. Felton has voted on more than \$30 billion of global financings during her tenure. She travels extensively to promote American exports and has helped U.S. companies develop pragmatic financing solutions to win sales overseas. Felton is on the team of economic deputies that advises the National Security Staff on trade and investment and other initiatives, such as the President's Export Council, the President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, and Power Africa. Felton joined EXIM Bank after a 25-year career in finance at Jefferies, Credit Suisse, and Hamilton Lane Advisors. She earned her B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania and MBA at Harvard Business School.

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Iman Kennerly

Director, SME Finance

Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Iman Tariq Kennerly, a native of Newark, NJ, is a director with the Overseas Private Investment Corporation's Small and Medium Enterprise Finance Department.

Mr. Kennerly has underwritten project finance and risk mitigation solutions for foreign direct investment in over 35 countries, with a recent focus on South Asia, the MENA region, Central America, and the Caribbean. His experience spans a wide range of sectors such as commercial real estate, energy, housing, education, agriculture, hotels, retail, and financial services. Iman was the lead underwriter for the first bank-financed mixed use real estate project in East Jerusalem. He has also underwritten projects in frontier markets like Afghanistan, Burma, and South Sudan.

As an OPIC director, Kennerly manages due diligence and underwriting teams comprised of international lawyers, consultants, and policy analysts; he is the principal driver of financial analysis and responsible for assessing the commercial viability of investments; he also serves as the principal negotiator in securing balanced investment agreements.

In addition to underwriting transactions, Kennerly routinely advises OPIC's president, American ambassadors, and foreign officials, about foreign direct investment in areas within his expertise. He has also trained scores of U.S. foreign service officers and U.S. commercial officers on international investment and OPIC programs.

Before joining OPIC Finance, Kennerly served as a senior investment officer for OPIC's political risk insurance business. His responsibilities included small business underwriting and business development, with a focus on Africa, Latin America, and Asia. He earned the department's highest performance award in back-to-back years prior to transitioning to OPIC finance.

Earlier in his career, Kennerly rose from an analyst to an associate with Lehman Brothers Structured Finance. At Lehman he was responsible for structuring, rating, and marketing non-subprime collateralized debt obligation securities (CDOs) backed by corporate bonds and loans. Kennerly's clients in the CDO market were top-tier asset managers such as MetLife and Ares Management.

Kennerly left Lehman Brothers in 2003 to earn an MBA in International Finance from New York University's Stern School of Business. He also holds a BBA in International Business from Howard University, for which he earned Magna Cum Laude honors.

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Kennerly is an active advocate and mentor for students and young professionals who are interested in international development finance careers, including those affiliated with NYU DC, Howard University, OPIC, and other organizations. When he is not conducting international business or mentoring, Kennerly is usually volunteering as a certified ice hockey coach with Fort Dupont Arena's Kids on Ice Program.

Lecture III: A World Bank Perspective January 30, 2017



The Honorable Matthew McGuire *U.S. Executive Director of the World Bank*

The Honorable Matthew McGuire is the United States executive director of the World Bank Group. He was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate, on June 15, 2015. As the U.S. executive director, he represents the United States as the largest shareholder on the executive boards of the World Bank Group institutions. Previously, Dr. McGuire served as director of the Office of the Business Liaison at the U.S. Department of Commerce. In this capacity, he managed the secretary's relationships with business leaders globally, and he worked closely with policy making entities across the Obama Administration, including the National Economic Council, the National Security Council, and the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness.

Prior to coming to Washington, DC, Dr. McGuire worked as a senior executive in the financial services industry, helping to build three dynamic and entrepreneurial firms in Chicago, IL. He has also run non-profit programs in the U.S. and abroad, focusing in particular on the fields of workforce development and affordable housing development. McGuire has been involved with various civic endeavors throughout his career, acting as a board member with number of not-for-profit organizations, including Public/Private Ventures, Chicago Public Media, and PeacePlayers International. He earned his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Harvard University and a B.A. from Brown University, as well as a Certificate of Religious Studies from the University of London.

He is married and has two daughters.

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Lecture IV: Trade Policy: The Rules of the Road in Commercial Diplomacy February 15, 2017



Maureen R. Smith

*Director, Office of Supply Chain, Professional and Business Services
U.S. Department of Commerce*

Maureen R. Smith has more than 50 years' experience in the field of international trade and economics—as a negotiator, lobbyist and strategist—as well as a teacher and lecturer.

Smith has spent most of her career in the U.S. Department of Commerce; where she helped negotiate some landmark international agreements, including the first trade post World War II agreements with member states of the Soviet Union and China. She later served as deputy assistant Secretary for Japan during a period of intense negotiations between the two countries and served as the principal negotiator on several agreements, including the Semiconductor agreement and other agreements relating to access to the Japanese telecommunications market, the construction market and satellites.

More recently, Smith served as the principal deputy assistant Secretary for the industry and analysis unit in the International Trade Administration, overseeing a staff of more than 200 analysts providing industry intelligence and analytical support to U.S. negotiators on the Trans Pacific Partnership and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

Smith is the recipient of the prestigious Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive, the highest honor accorded to career senior executives, and the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, the second-highest honor, as well as several Departmental Gold and Silver Medals. She also teaches International Trade Law and Policy at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.



Scott Paul

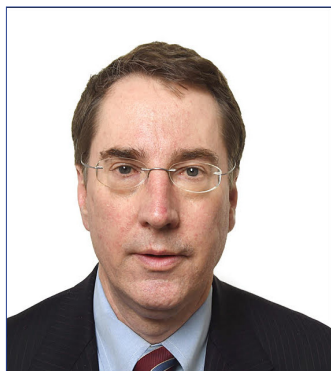
*President
Alliance for American Manufacturing*

Scott N. Paul is president of the Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM), a partnership established in 2007 by some of America's leading manufacturers and the United Steelworkers union. Paul and AAM have worked to make American manufacturing and "Made in America" top-of-mind concerns for voters and our national leaders through effective advocacy and data-driven research.

Paul has hosted more than 80 "Keep It Made in America" events, including a presidential candidates' forum on manufacturing, and has testified before seven

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committees of the House and Senate. He frequently appears on television news shows, and regularly blogs at Huffington Post. Scott is also a co-author of the 2013 book “ReMaking America”.



Douglass M. Bell

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade and Investment Policy
U.S. Department of the Treasury*

Bell is the deputy assistant secretary for Trade and Investment Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. In this position he has responsibility for trade matters, including financial services (banking and securities) and investment, and oversees Treasury's role in negotiations on U.S. free trade agreements and bilateral investment treaties. Formerly, Bell was the counselor and the assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Trade Policy and Economics in the office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). In that position he had responsibility for trade policy coordination across the USG, economic analysis on trade matters, and the strategy portfolio for USTR. Prior to rejoining USTR, Bell was the director for trade and investment with the National Security Council (NSC). His responsibilities included the full range of multilateral, regional and bilateral trade and investment issues.

Bell received a MS in Management from the Sloan School at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a B.A. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

Lecture V: The Intersection of Business and Diplomacy – Views from the Private Sector April 12, 2017



Emmanuelle Haye

*Student Moderator
International Business Major
School of Business, Class of 2020*

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David C. Manke

*Vice President, International Government Relations
United Technologies Corporation*

David C. Manke is responsible for developing provincial, regional government relationships abroad while raising UTC's profile and communicating the company's strategic business interests.

Prior stepping into his current position with UTC, he managed Pratt & Whitney's business and advocacy activities with key domestic and international government and industry groups, including NASA, the Department of Defense, the Aerospace Industries Association and the National Association of Manufacturers.

As part of his nearly 20-year career at UTC, Manke has been involved in the corporation's international operations since 1994. He served as UTC's vice president of international affairs before moving to Singapore in 1997 to become president of United Technologies International, Asia-Pacific. He has also served as director of business development and deputy counsel for Carrier, executive assistant to UTC's chairman and CEO George David and staff attorney for UTC's legal department.

Manke received a B.S. in biology from Yale University in 1976 and a law degree from the University of Connecticut in 1983.



Ann-Marie N. Padgett

*International Advocacy Supervisor
Caterpillar Inc.*

Ann-Marie Padgett joined Caterpillar Inc. November 2010 as the global government affairs manager for the Asia-Pacific and in January 2016 became the international advocacy supervisor in the Washington, D.C. office. She is responsible for collaborating with Caterpillar business units with significant sales opportunity in Asia-particularly China, India and ASEAN to understand and prioritize issues involving either the transactional obstacles or the market development opportunities.

Before joining Caterpillar Inc., Padgett served as the global public policy manager for the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM), the U.S.-based international trade group representing the business interests of companies which manufactures and markets equipment and services used worldwide for the general construction, agricultural, road building, mining, energy, forestry and utilities industries.

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Padgett received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Chinese from Middlebury College and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Hawaii, Manoa. She is also a graduate of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Hopkins-Nanjing Center.

Padgett and her husband have two children, Sienna and Seth.



Bruce M. Quinn

*Vice President, Global Government Affairs
Rockwell Automation*

Bruce Quinn is vice president for global government affairs for Rockwell Automation. As the senior executive for Rockwell Automation in the U.S. capital, Bruce is responsible for government affairs, communication and strategic business development at the state, federal, and global levels.

Prior to his current assignment, Quinn was vice president for strategic development, Asia-Pacific (2007-2010), and chief representative for China (2005-2007). As the company's senior corporate officer in Asia Pacific, Quinn was responsible for strategic programs and initiatives, government relations, market and competitor analysis, external communication and university programs. Prior to joining Rockwell Automation, Quinn served nearly 20 years in various commercial, trade, and national security capacities with the U.S. government in Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Quinn served as an elected governor on the board of directors of the American Chamber of Commerce in China, 2005-2006. He speaks Mandarin Chinese and Spanish, has a bachelor's degree in business and graduate degrees in education and business administration.









Michael Steele

2025

Michael Steele has built a distinguished career at the intersection of public service, politics, media, and civic engagement. A graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the Georgetown University Law Center, Steele began his career as a corporate securities attorney before entering public life. In 2003, he became the first African American elected to statewide office in Maryland, serving as the state's seventh lieutenant governor. In 2009, he again made history when he was elected chairman of the Republican National Committee, becoming the first African American to lead a major national political party.

Throughout his career, Steele has been recognized for his commitment to bipartisan dialogue, civic participation, and strengthening democratic institutions. Beyond elected office, he has become one of America's most recognizable political analysts and commentators, appearing regularly on national television and hosting programs examining the state of American politics and public policy. His work consistently encourages thoughtful engagement across ideological differences while promoting informed civic participation.

As the 2025 holder of the Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Endowed Chair in Public Policy, Steele brought together voices representing diverse political philosophies and professional experiences to foster meaningful dialogue about democracy, governance, and public leadership. His discussions challenged audiences to consider not simply political outcomes, but the institutions, values, and civic responsibilities that sustain democratic government.

Michael Steele

(King Chair 2025)

Format of Lecture Series: Michael Steele's lecture series explored the state of American democracy during one of the nation's most consequential political moments. Through conversations with former government officials, journalists, political strategists, and national commentators representing multiple perspectives, the series examined executive leadership, constitutional governance, democratic institutions, media, political polarization, and civic responsibility. Rather than debating partisan victories or defeats, the discussions emphasized respectful dialogue and encouraged students to critically examine the future of American democracy through informed civic engagement.

Lecture I : The First 100 Days: Method or Madness March 26, 2025



Michael Steele

Former Lt. Governor of the state of Maryland and Former Chair of the Republican National Committee

Michael Steele opened his King Endowed Chair series by examining one of the most scrutinized periods of any presidential administration—the first 100 days in office. The conversation explored executive decision-making, governing philosophy, national security, communications strategy, and the pace at which a new administration attempts to implement its priorities. Drawing upon the firsthand experiences of former White House officials who served during the Trump administration, the discussion provided students and members of the Howard University community with unique insight into the complexities of presidential leadership, policymaking, and public service. The evening encouraged thoughtful discussion about accountability, constitutional government, and the role experienced public servants play during periods of political transition.



Sarah Matthews

Former Deputy Press Secretary to President Donald Trump

Sarah Matthews served as deputy press secretary in the Trump White House, where she worked directly with senior communications officials on media strategy, messaging, and presidential communications. During her tenure, she helped coordinate communications surrounding major domestic and international policy initiatives while serving as one of the administration's

public spokespersons. Following the events of Jan. 6, 2021, Matthews publicly resigned from her position and has since spoken extensively about democratic institutions, responsible public service, and the importance of preserving public trust in government. Her perspective offers a unique firsthand account of White House communications during one of the most consequential periods in modern American politics.



Olivia Troye

Partner, The Madison Group

Former Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor to Vice President Mike Pence

Olivia Troye is a nationally recognized national security expert whose career has included senior leadership positions across multiple presidential administrations. While serving as homeland security and counterterrorism advisor to Vice President Mike Pence, she advised on domestic security, emergency preparedness, intelligence coordination, and counterterrorism policy. Prior to joining the private sector as a partner with The Madison Group, Troye worked extensively on national security issues affecting both domestic and international policy. Her expertise has made her a respected voice on government preparedness, constitutional leadership, and protecting democratic institutions during times of national crisis

Lecture II: 2025 and the Future of Democracy

April 2, 2025

Theme: The second installment of Michael Steele's lecture series expanded the conversation beyond presidential leadership to examine the broader condition of American democracy. Bringing together nationally recognized journalists, political strategists, and former elected officials representing differing ideological perspectives, the discussion explored the challenges confronting democratic institutions, political discourse, civic participation, elections, and the role of the media in an increasingly polarized society. Panelists reflected on how citizens, public officials, journalists, and community leaders each contribute to preserving democratic norms while encouraging students to engage thoughtfully in public life. The program exemplified the King Endowed Chair's commitment to creating space for civil dialogue on the most pressing issues facing the nation.



Cornell Belcher
Writer and Political Strategist

Cornell Belcher is one of the nation's leading Democratic political strategists and public opinion researchers. Throughout his career, he has advised presidential, congressional, gubernatorial, and mayoral campaigns while helping shape national conversations surrounding voter behavior, public policy, and civic participation. Belcher served as pollster for President Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign and has become widely recognized for his expertise on demographic change, political coalitions, and the evolving American electorate. Through his writing, public commentary, and political analysis, he continues to examine the intersection of race, politics, and democracy in the United States.



Jonathan Capehart
Journalist and Television Host

Jonathan Capehart is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, television host, and opinion writer whose career has spanned newspapers, television, and digital media. As an opinion columnist for The Washington Post and host of national television programs, Capehart has become one of the country's leading voices on politics, public policy, and current affairs. His thoughtful interviews and commentary frequently explore issues involving democracy, race, civil rights, leadership, and American political culture. Throughout his career, Capehart has remained committed to informing public discourse through journalism grounded in rigorous reporting and thoughtful analysis.



Joe Walsh
Radio Host and Former United States Representative

Joe Walsh is a former member of the United States House of Representatives who later transitioned into political commentary and broadcasting. Throughout his career, Walsh has remained actively engaged in national conversations surrounding constitutional government, political reform, and civic engagement. As a radio host and commentator, he has frequently discussed the importance of democratic institutions, political accountability, and encouraging constructive dialogue across ideological differences. His participation in the King Endowed Chair discussion reflected the series' commitment to presenting diverse viewpoints while fostering respectful conversations about the future of American democracy.





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Trustee Emerita Marie C. Johns (DHL'13) 2025-2026

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Marie C. Johns is a nationally recognized business executive, entrepreneur, and civic leader whose distinguished career has spanned the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. She is a trustee emerita of the university.

Johns served as deputy administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), where she helped oversee programs supporting millions of American entrepreneurs and small businesses. Prior to her federal service, she spent more than three decades with Verizon and its predecessor companies, culminating in her role as president of Verizon Washington, D.C. She has also served as chair of the District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce and chair of the Federal City Council.

A dedicated advocate for education, public policy, and economic empowerment, Johns has devoted her career to advancing opportunities for underserved communities and strengthening institutions that promote civic engagement and leadership.

Format of Lecture Series: Under Marie Johns' leadership, the King Endowed Chair has evolved into a dynamic forum for examining the most pressing issues facing society through the lens of public policy, leadership, and social impact. The series convenes national leaders, policymakers, scholars, business executives, and students for thoughtful conversations on education, economic empowerment, public health, environmental justice, media, and civic engagement. Through interdisciplinary dialogue and active student participation, the series continues the legacy of Gwendolyn and Colbert King by fostering informed leadership and inspiring the next generation of changemakers.

Marie C. Johns (DHL'13)

(King Chair 2025-2026)



Marie C. Johns (DHL'13)

Howard University Trustee Emerita, the founder and chief executive officer of PPC-Leftwich

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Marie C. Johns is a nationally recognized business executive, entrepreneur, and civic leader whose career has spanned the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. A trustee emerita of Howard University, she previously served as deputy administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration and as President of Verizon Washington, D.C. Under her leadership, the King Endowed Chair has become a premier forum for exploring today's most pressing public policy issues, convening national leaders, scholars, students, and policymakers to advance dialogue on leadership, education, economic opportunity, and civic engagement while inspiring the next generation of changemakers.



Senator Angela D. Alsobrooks (D-Md.)

U.S. Senator

Date: Sep. 19, 2025

Topic: Setting the Frame for Elevating Our Voices

Senator Angela D. Alsobrooks is the junior United States Senator from Maryland and a lifelong public servant dedicated to expanding opportunity for working families and communities across the state. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 2024, she made history as Maryland's first Black U.S. senator. Prior to her Senate service, she served as Prince George's County executive, becoming the first woman and first Black woman elected to that position in Maryland history. A former state's attorney, Alsobrooks has built a career focused on public safety, economic growth, educational opportunity, and strengthening pathways to success for future generations.



Cathy Hughes (DHL '05)

Founder & Chairperson, Urban One

Date: Oct. 23, 2025

Topic: Creators, Communicators and Changemakers: Defining the Next Era of the Creative Economy

Cathy Hughes is a pioneering entrepreneur and the founder and chairperson of Urban One—the largest African American-owned and operated broadcast company in the nation. Her groundbreaking leadership, which began right here at Howard University during her tenure at WHUR-FM, transformed the media industry by centering the Black experience and amplifying Black voices. As the namesake of Howard University's Cathy Hughes School of Communications, she continues to inspire generations of storytellers and communicators.



Lakeyta M. Bonnette, Ph.D.

*Professor & Chair, Department of Political Science,
Howard University*

Date: Oct. 23, 2025

Topic: Creators, Communicators and Changemakers: Defining the Next Era of the Creative Economy

Dr. Lakeyta Bonnette is a political scientist and author whose research examines the relationship between hip-hop, political attitudes, and social justice. Her acclaimed book, "Pulse of the People: Rap Music and Black Political Attitudes", explores how cultural expression informs political engagement. A passionate mentor and first-generation college graduate, Bonnette is deeply committed to preparing students for graduate study and civic leadership.



Kimberly Moffitt (Ph.D. '00)

*Dean of the Cathy Hughes School of Communications,
Howard University*

Date: Oct. 23, 2025

Topic: Creators, Communicators and Changemakers: Defining the Next Era of the Creative Economy

Dr. Kimberly Moffitt, a proud Howard University alumna who earned her Ph.D. here, is an accomplished scholar and academic leader whose research focuses on media representations of race, gender, and culture. As dean of the Cathy Hughes School of Communications, she has strengthened the school's national profile, emphasizing innovation, inclusivity, and public engagement. Her work bridges scholarship and practice, shaping future leaders in media and communication.



Raquel Monroe, Ph.D.

*Dean of the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts,
Howard University*

Date: Oct. 23, 2025

Topic: Creators, Communicators and Changemakers: Defining the Next Era of the Creative Economy

Dr. Raquel Monroe is a renowned choreographer, scholar, and arts leader. Her work explores performance as activism and the role of the arts in advancing social justice. As dean of the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts, she builds on Howard's storied artistic legacy, guiding students to use creativity as a vehicle for change.



Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., Ph.D. (D.Min. '81)

President & CEO, National Newspaper Publishers Association

Date: Nov. 12, 2025

Topic: From Awareness to Action: Building Resilient Communities Through Environmental Justice

Reverend Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. is president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing the Black Press of America. A renowned civil rights leader, educator, theologian, chemist, and author, he has spent more than five decades advocating for racial justice and equity. Chavis previously served as executive director and CEO of the NAACP and was National Director of the historic Million Man March. A Howard University alumnus, he remains a leading voice on civil rights, public policy, and community empowerment through his scholarship, media commentary, and public service.



Kari Fulton (B.A. '07)

*Environmental and Climate Justice Advocate, Adjunct Lecturer,
Howard University*

Date: Nov. 12, 2025

Topic: From Awareness to Action: Building Resilient Communities Through Environmental Justice

Kari Fulton is an award-winning environmental and climate justice advocate, educator, and policy advisor with more than 15 years of experience advancing equity-centered environmental initiatives. She is founder and editor-in-chief of CheckTheWeather.net, a platform dedicated to amplifying voices and issues related to climate and environmental justice. Fulton also serves as an adjunct lecturer in Howard University's Earth, Environment, and

Equity Department. A Howard University alumna and Georgetown University graduate, she is widely recognized for her leadership in coalition building, policy development, and community engagement at the intersection of climate and social justice.



Rubin Patterson, Ph.D. (Ph.D. '92)

*Historian, Author, Curator and Educator,
Smithsonian National Museum*

Date: Nov. 12, 2025

Topic: From Awareness to Action: Building Resilient Communities Through Environmental Justice

Dr. Rubin Patterson is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard University and a distinguished sociologist whose scholarship explores community development, environmental justice, and social equity. Prior to becoming dean, he chaired Howard's Department of Sociology and Criminology and held academic leadership positions at the University of Toledo. Patterson has served on advisory bodies including the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Children's Health Protection and has authored influential work linking environmental studies to Africana Studies. His research and leadership continue to advance environmental justice and community engagement initiatives nationally.



Akiima Price

*Founder of Friends of Anacostia Park and
Restorative Park Engagement*

Date: Nov. 12, 2025

Topic: From Awareness to Action: Building Resilient Communities Through Environmental Justice

Akiima Price is a nationally respected environmental justice leader with more than 30 years of experience connecting communities to nature through innovative and equitable engagement strategies. Beginning her career as a National Park Service ranger, she has become a leading advocate for restorative park engagement and trauma-informed environmental stewardship. Price co-founded Friends of Anacostia Park and currently serves as a commissioner on the District of Columbia Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency. Her work focuses on empowering underserved communities through environmental education, outdoor experiences, and climate resilience initiatives.



Charles Lee

Visiting Scholar, Howard University School of Law, Pioneer of the Environmental Justice Movement

Date: Nov. 12, 2025

Topic: From Awareness to Action: Building Resilient Communities Through Environmental Justice

Charles Lee is a pioneering leader in the environmental justice movement and a visiting scholar with Howard University School of Law's Environmental and Climate Justice Center. Widely recognized as a founder of the environmental justice movement, he authored the landmark 1987 report *Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States* and helped organize the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit. His decades of advocacy and public service, including leadership roles at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, have shaped national environmental policy and elevated awareness of environmental racism and equity.



Hailey Morris

President, Howard University Water Environment Association

Date: Nov. 12, 2025

Topic: From Awareness to Action: Building Resilient Communities Through Environmental Justice

Hailey Morris is a senior environmental policy major at Howard University and former president of the Howard University Water and Environment Association (HUWEA). She has gained recognition for leading sustainability initiatives on campus, including Howard's Earth Festival, sustainable fashion programming, and international service opportunities. Morris currently serves as an environmental policy intern with the Environmental and Energy Study Institute, supporting congressional education and legislative analysis on climate resilience and clean energy. She is passionate about advancing environmental justice through community-centered policy solutions and sustainable development.



Dawn G. Williams, Ph.D.

Dean of the School of Education, Howard University

Date: Jan. 15, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education: Leadership, Equity and the Future of Learning

Dr. Dawn Williams serves as dean of the School of Education at Howard University. An accomplished scholar and educational leader, her work centers on educational leadership, STEM education, equity, and social justice. Since joining Howard University in 2003, Williams has held numerous leadership roles and has been recognized nationally for her contributions to education research and policy.



Greg Carr, Ph.D.

*Chair of the Department of Afro-American Studies,
Howard University*

Date: Jan. 15, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education: Leadership, Equity and the Future of Learning

Dr. Greg Carr is an associate professor of Africana Studies at Howard University and a member of the faculty of the Howard University School of Law. A nationally recognized scholar of African and African American intellectual history, he previously served as chair of Howard's Department of Afro-American Studies. Carr holds a Ph.D. in African American Studies from Temple University and a J.D. from The Ohio State University. His teaching, research, and public scholarship focus on Pan-Africanism, Black Studies, political thought, and the global African experience.



Ivory A. Toldson, Ph.D.

Professor of Counseling Psychology, Howard University

Date: Jan. 15, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education: Leadership, Equity and the Future of Learning

Dr. Ivory A. Toldson is a professor of counseling psychology at Howard University, editor-in-chief of the Journal of Negro Education, and a leading national voice on educational equity and Black student achievement. He previously served as executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities during the Obama administration. An accomplished researcher and author, Toldson has produced more than 100 scholarly publications and several books focused on education, public policy, and HBCUs.



Janice K. Jackson, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Education and Society Program, Aspen Institute

Date: Jan. 15, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education: Leadership, Equity and the Future of Learning

Dr. Janice K. Jackson is executive director of the Education and Society Program within the Aspen Institute's Center for Rising Generations. A former chief executive officer of the Chicago Public Schools, she is widely recognized for her leadership in advancing educational excellence, equity, and student success. Jackson began her career as a classroom teacher and rose through the ranks of public education leadership, bringing extensive experience in school transformation, policy development, and community engagement.



Kaya Henderson

Executive Vice President of the Center for Rising Generations, Aspen Institute

Date: Jan. 15, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education: Leadership, Equity and the Future of Learning

Kaya Henderson is executive vice president of the Aspen Institute and executive director of its Center for Rising Generations. A nationally respected education leader, she previously served as chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), where she led one of the nation's most notable urban school reform efforts. Henderson is also the founder of Reconstruction, an educational technology company dedicated to delivering culturally affirming K-12 curriculum and learning experiences.



Denise Jones Gregory, Ph.D.

Interim President, Jackson State University

Date: Feb. 11, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education, Part II: Policy, Power and the Future of HBCU's

Dr. Denise Jones Gregory serves as president of Jackson State University and is a distinguished educator, administrator, and advocate for student success. With decades of experience in higher education leadership, she has held numerous academic and administrative positions focused on advancing institutional excellence, student achievement, and community engagement. Throughout her career, Gregory has championed access, equity, and

innovation in higher education. As interim president, she continues to guide Jackson State University's mission of academic excellence while preparing students to lead and serve in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.



Harry L. Williams, Ph.D.

President and CEO, Thurgood Marshall College Fund

Date: Feb. 11, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education, Part II: Policy, Power and the Future of HBCU's

Dr. Harry L. Williams is president and CEO of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf), the nation's largest organization exclusively representing the Black College Community. A nationally recognized higher education leader, he previously served as President of Delaware State University, where he advanced student success, enrollment growth, and institutional innovation. Williams is a passionate advocate for educational equity, workforce development, and expanding opportunities for students attending public HBCUs and predominantly Black institutions. He also serves as an adjunct lecturer at Howard University, sharing his expertise with future leaders in higher education and public service.



Lodriguez Murray

Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs, UNCF

Date: Feb. 11, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education, Part II: Policy, Power and the Future of HBCU's

Lodriguez Murray serves as senior vice president for Public Policy and Government Affairs at UNCF, where he leads federal advocacy efforts and policy initiatives supporting historically Black colleges and universities and underserved students. With extensive experience in government relations, education policy, and legislative affairs, Murray has worked to advance policies that increase educational access, affordability, and workforce opportunities. He is widely recognized as a leading voice on higher education policy and the critical role HBCUs play in developing talent and strengthening communities. His work continues to influence national conversations on educational equity and economic mobility.



Omari H. Swinton, Ph.D.

Chair of the Department of Economics, Howard University

Date: Feb. 11, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education, Part II: Policy, Power and the Future of HBCU's

Dr. Omari H. Swinton is professor and chair of the Department of Economics at Howard University and a nationally respected scholar of labor economics, education policy, and economic equity. His research focuses on workforce outcomes, educational attainment, and the economic experiences of historically underrepresented populations. Swinton is also the author of “Vital and Valuable”, which explores the economic contributions and enduring value of HBCUs and their graduates. Through his scholarship, teaching, and public engagement, he continues to advance understanding of the critical role higher education plays in promoting economic opportunity and social mobility.



Kayla C. Elliott, Ph.D.

Director of Workforce Policy,

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

Date: Feb. 11, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education, Part II: Policy, Power and the Future of HBCU's

Dr. Kayla C. Elliott is director of Workforce Policy at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, where she leads research and policy initiatives focused on workforce development, economic mobility, and equity for Black communities. Her work examines labor market trends, education-to-career pathways, and strategies to create more inclusive economic opportunities. An accomplished researcher and policy expert, Elliott regularly contributes to national discussions on workforce readiness and economic advancement. She also serves as an adjunct lecturer at Howard University, helping students understand the intersection of public policy, labor economics, and social impact.



William Godwin

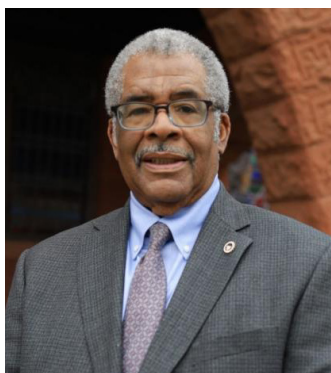
Director of Workforce Policy,

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

Date: Feb. 11, 2026

Topic: Reimagining Public Education, Part II: Policy, Power and the Future of HBCU's

William Godwin is a doctoral student in Howard University's Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies (HELPS) program and a dedicated public servant with extensive experience in local government and community leadership. He previously served as President of the Gary City Council and represented Indiana's First District as a councilman, where he championed economic development, educational opportunity, and civic engagement. Drawing on both academic research and practical leadership experience, Godwin focuses on higher education policy, public service, and strategies to strengthen pathways to opportunity for students and communities.



Reverend Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D. (B.S. '75)

Dean, Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University

Date: Mar. 3, 2026

Topic: The State of Our Mental Health: Healing at the Intersection of Medicine, Community and Faith

The Reverend Dr. Bernard L. Richardson serves as dean of Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel and professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Howard University. A nationally respected theologian, educator, and counselor, Dr. Richardson has dedicated his career to advancing spiritual formation, pastoral leadership, and mental wellness. As dean of Rankin Chapel, he has played a vital role in fostering faith, service, and community engagement among Howard students. Through his teaching, scholarship, and ministry, Dr. Richardson continues to advocate for holistic well-being and the integration of spiritual and emotional health.



Sandra E. Crewe, Ph.D. (Ph.D. '97)

Dean Emerita, School of Social Work, Howard University

Date: Mar. 3, 2026

Topic: The State of Our Mental Health: Healing at the Intersection of Medicine, Community and Faith

Dr. Sandra Edmonds Crewe is dean emerita of the Howard University School of Social Work and a nationally recognized scholar, educator, and advocate for aging, mental health, and social

justice. During her tenure as dean, she strengthened the school's reputation for excellence in research, community engagement, and professional education. Her scholarship focuses on gerontology, caregiving, family dynamics, and health disparities, particularly within African American communities. Through decades of leadership and service, Crewe has helped shape generations of social work professionals committed to advancing equity and human well-being.



Carlotta G. Miles, M.D., (M.D. '64)

Director of Workforce Policy,

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

Date: Mar. 3, 2026

Topic: The State of Our Mental Health: Healing at the Intersection of Medicine, Community and Faith

Dr. Carlotta G. Miles is an adult, child, and adolescent psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, and faculty member in the Howard University College of Medicine. With extensive experience in clinical practice, education, and mental health advocacy, she has dedicated her career to improving behavioral health outcomes across the lifespan. Miles specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric disorders affecting children, adolescents, and adults, while also advancing public understanding of mental wellness. Her work emphasizes culturally responsive care and the importance of addressing mental health disparities in underserved communities.



Andrea A. Hayes-Dixon, M.D. FACS, FAAP

Dean, College of Medicine, Howard University

Date: Mar. 3, 2026

Topic: The State of Our Mental Health: Healing at the Intersection of Medicine, Community and Faith

Dr. Andrea A. Hayes-Dixon serves as dean of the Howard University College of Medicine and is an internationally recognized pediatric surgeon and surgical oncologist. A pioneer in the treatment of rare pediatric cancers, she is widely respected for her clinical expertise, groundbreaking research, and commitment to medical education. As dean, Hayes-Dixon is leading efforts to strengthen academic excellence, expand research opportunities, and prepare the next generation of physicians and healthcare leaders. Her distinguished career reflects a deep commitment to advancing health equity and improving outcomes for underserved populations.



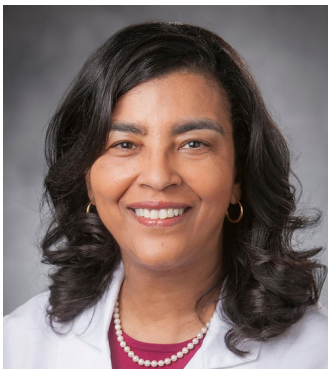
Marcus Hummings, Psy.D.

Executive Director, University Counseling Service, Howard University

Date: Mar. 3, 2026

Topic: The State of Our Mental Health: Healing at the Intersection of Medicine, Community and Faith

Dr. Marcus Hummings serves as interim executive director of Howard University's University Counseling Service, where he provides leadership for student mental health and wellness initiatives. A licensed psychologist and experienced higher education administrator, Hummings has devoted his career to supporting student success through accessible, culturally responsive counseling services. His work focuses on mental health advocacy, crisis intervention, and the promotion of holistic well-being within college communities. Through his leadership, he continues to advance programs that foster resilience, emotional wellness, and academic achievement among Howard University students.



Lynn McKinley-Grant, MA M.D., FAAD

Associate Professor of Dermatology, College of Medicine, Howard University

Date: Mar. 3, 2026

Topic: The State of Our Mental Health: Healing at the Intersection of Medicine, Community and Faith

Dr. Lynn McKinley-Grant, M.D., M.A., FAAD, is an associate professor of dermatology at Howard University College of Medicine and former vice chair for diversity and community engagement at Duke University School of Medicine. A board-certified dermatologist and internist, she earned her medical degree from Harvard Medical School and completed advanced training at Boston Medical Center, New York University, and the National Cancer Institute at NIH. An internationally recognized leader in skin of color dermatology, McKinley-Grant integrates the arts and humanities into medical education to improve observation, empathy, cultural competency, and equitable healthcare outcomes.



Anthony D. Wilbon, Ph.D., PMP (MBA '90)

Dean, School of Business, Howard University

Date: Mar. 26, 2026

Topic: Closing the Wealth Gap: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Power in Black Communities

Dr. Anthony D. Wilbon serves as dean of the Howard University School of Business, where he provides strategic leadership for academic programs, faculty development, and industry partnerships. His expertise spans strategic technology management, project management, operations, and innovation, with a focus on leveraging technology and entrepreneurship to drive organizational performance. Prior to joining Howard, Wilbon held positions with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Booz Allen Hamilton. A certified project management professional (PMP), he is committed to advancing business education, innovation, and global competitiveness among the next generation of business leaders.



Latanya White, Ph.D.

Associate Director, Howard University & PNC National Center for Entrepreneurship

Date: Mar. 26, 2026

Topic: Closing the Wealth Gap: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Power in Black Communities

Dr. LaTanya White serves as associate director of the Howard University and PNC National Center for Entrepreneurship, where she supports the development of entrepreneurs through education, programming, and strategic partnerships. Her work focuses on entrepreneurship development, small business growth, and expanding access to resources for emerging founders, particularly within underserved communities. Through her leadership, White helps cultivate innovation ecosystems that connect students, business leaders, and industry stakeholders to opportunities that foster economic growth and sustainable business success.



Rob Singh, Ph.D.

Dr. Abraham Pishevar Endowed Chair and Associate Professor, School of Business, Howard University

Date: Mar. 26, 2026

Topic: Closing the Wealth Gap: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Power in Black Communities

Dr. Rob Singh is the Dr. Abraham Pishevar Endowed Chair and associate professor in the Howard University School of Business, specializing in entrepreneurship and management. His research focuses on innovation, opportunity recognition, and the development of entrepreneurial ecosystems. Prior to joining Howard University, Singh served as a senior faculty member at Morgan State University, where he contributed to the advancement of entrepreneurship education and Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation initiatives. Through his teaching, research, and mentorship, he continues to prepare students to become innovative leaders and successful entrepreneurs.

Ron Busby Sr.

President & CEO, U.S. Black Chambers, Inc.

Date: Mar. 26, 2026

Topic: Closing the Wealth Gap: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Power in Black Communities



Ron Busby Sr. is president and CEO of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. (USBC), representing a network of more than 300,000 Black-owned businesses and 162 Black Chambers worldwide. A nationally recognized advocate for Black entrepreneurship and economic empowerment, he has dedicated his career to expanding access to capital, promoting policy equity, and strengthening business development opportunities. Prior to leading USBC, Busby successfully grew his first company, USA Superclean, from \$150,000 in annual revenue to more than \$15 million. His leadership continues to advance economic growth and wealth creation within Black communities across the United States and globally.



Nicole Harris

First-Year MBA Candidate at Howard University and Founder of Merge PR & Sales Agency

Date: Mar. 26, 2026

Topic: Closing the Wealth Gap: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Power in Black Communities

Nicole Harris is a first-year MBA candidate at Howard University concentrating on supply chain management. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, she holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and brings experience in

project management and legal administration. A graduate of the Goldman Sachs Small Business Program and the Black Venture Capital Consortium, she also holds scrum master and project management certifications from Google. Harris serves as a School of Business representative, volunteers as a business coach at Potomac High School, and recently completed a real estate private equity internship with Project Destined. She is the founder of Merge PR & Sales Agency, a Washington, D.C.-based firm supporting emerging fashion brands through strategic public relations and experiential marketing.



Oyekunle “Oye” Olowu

First-year honors business management major at Howard University and founder of WAIN

Date: Mar. 26, 2026

Topic: Closing the Wealth Gap: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Power in Black Communities

Oyekunle “Oye” Olowu is a first-year Honors Business Management major at Howard University with a concentration in entrepreneurship. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he is passionate about building ventures at the intersection of data, technology, and storytelling to better understand and shape modern culture. A Management Leadership for Tomorrow Scholar and Thrive Scholar, Olowu is developing expertise in finance, consulting, and marketing while pursuing high-impact leadership opportunities. He is the founder of WAIN, a platform designed to help users optimize their LinkedIn presence and build meaningful professional connections. He also explores creative expression through photography and innovation initiatives, including Howard University’s BisonHacks Hackathon.



Heaven Rowell

Sophomore Business Management Major at Howard University

Date: Mar. 26, 2026

Topic: Closing the Wealth Gap: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Power in Black Communities

Heaven Rowell is a sophomore business management major with a concentration in entrepreneurship at Howard University and a native of Boston, Massachusetts. She currently serves as a resident assistant and will join CBRE as a sales and brokerage Intern during the summer of 2026, where she will gain experience in commercial real estate. Passionate about entrepreneurship, real estate, and community impact, Rowell is committed to developing innovative solutions that create economic opportunity and empower underserved communities. Through her academic, leadership, and professional experiences, she continues to build a strong foundation for a career centered on business innovation and social impact.



Denise Rolark Barnes, J.D. (B.A. '76, J.D. '79)

Publisher, The Washington Informer

Date: Apr. 16, 2026

Topic: Leadership and Legacy: A conversation with Mayor Muriel Bowser

Denise Rolark Barnes is publisher and second-generation owner of The Washington Informer, one of the nation's leading Black-owned newspapers. She continues the legacy established by her father, Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, who founded the publication in 1964. A respected journalist, entrepreneur, and civic leader, Barnes has dedicated her career to amplifying the voices, achievements, and concerns of African Americans in Washington, D.C., and beyond. Through her leadership, The Washington Informer has remained a trusted source of news, advocacy, and community engagement for more than six decades.



Muriel Bowser (DHL'26)

Mayor of the District of Columbia

Date: Apr. 16, 2026

Topic: Leadership and Legacy: A conversation with Mayor Muriel Bowser

Muriel Bowser is the seventh elected Mayor of Washington, D.C., and the first woman to be elected to three consecutive mayoral terms in the city's history. Since taking office in 2015, she has championed economic growth, public safety, education, affordable housing, and infrastructure development while advocating for D.C.'s autonomy and statehood. Prior to serving as mayor, Bowser represented Ward 4 on the Council of the District of Columbia. Her leadership has helped shape the District's growth and national prominence over the past decade.



Anita Plummer, Ph.D. (M.A. '08, Ph.D. '12)

Executive Director, Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership

Date: Mar. 26, 2026

Topic: Closing the Wealth Gap: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Power in Black Communities

Dr. Anita M. Plummer is an associate professor of African Studies at Howard University and executive director of the Center for Women, Gender, and Global Leadership. An accomplished scholar of African political economy, public diplomacy, transnationalism, and Sino-African relations, her research examines the evolving role of Africa within global political and economic systems. Plummer is also a leader in interdisciplinary research initiatives that explore international development, gender equity, and global leadership. Through her teaching, scholarship, and public engagement, she advances critical conversations on Africa's role in shaping the future of global affairs.

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