



WINNING THE RACE

Advancing Social Justice in Communities and Institutions

MARCH 28 - 29, 2016

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Monday, March 28

REGISTRATION

8:00AM - 6:00PM \\ BPAC

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00AM - 9:00AM \\ Lobby, BPAC

PLENARY SESSION

9:00AM - 10:30AM \\ Delta & Pineland Theatre, BPAC
Tim Wise

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

10:45AM - 12:00PM

STUDENT BREAKOUT SESSION \\ Delta & Pineland Theatre, BPAC
Tim Wise

POSTER COMPETITION AND JUDGING \\ BPAC

REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF A DELTA NATIVE, AMZIE MOORE
Recital Hall, BPAC
Amzie Moore II

BOOK SIGNING

12:00PM - 12:30PM \\ BPAC Lobby
Tim Wise

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

12:00PM - 1:00PM \\ Amzie Moore House

MAYOR LUNCHEON

12:30PM-2:00PM \\ Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni House (closed session)

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

2:00PM - 3:15PM

TRACK 1: SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS & LAW
Derrick Johnson
Jacob Conference Center, James M Ewing Hall

TRACK 2: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
Charles Lee
Jobe Auditorium, E.R. Jobe Hall

TRACK 3: EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY
Patrick Alexander, Stephanie Rolph, Otis Pickett, Jenni Owen
Baoini Conference Center, James M. Broom Hall

TRACK 4A: CULTURE AND COMMUNITY
Jennifer Stollman
Room 115, James M. Broom Hall

TRACK 4B: CULTURE AND COMMUNITY
Ralph Eubanks
Recital Hall, BPAC

OPENING RECEPTION

5:00PM - 6:00PM \\ Lobby, BPAC

OPENING SESSION

6:00PM - 8:00PM \\ Delta & Pineland Theatre, BPAC

Tuesday, March 29

REGISTRATION

8:00AM - 2:00PM \\ BPAC

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00AM - 9:00AM \\ Lobby, BPAC

BOOK SIGNING

9:00AM - 9:20AM \\ Lobby, BPAC
Ari Berman

PLENARY SESSION

9:25AM - 10:40AM \\ Delta & Pineland Theatre
Ari Berman

BREAKOUT SESSION 3

10:50AM - 12:05PM

TRACK 1: SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND LAW
Jaribu Hill
Jacob Conference Center, James M. Ewing Hall

TRACK 2: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
Sam Washington, Carl D. Newman, Julie Speakes,
Rans Black, James Henley Jr.
Jobe Auditorium, E.R. Jobe Hall

TRACK 3: EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY
Shelby Polk, Vicki Bingham, Emily Newman, Debra Allen, Addie Herrod
Baoini Conference Center, James M. Broom Hall

TRACK 4: CULTURE AND COMMUNITY
Neddie Winters
Recital Hall, BPAC

BREAKOUT SESSION 4

1:40PM - 2:55PM

TRACK 1: SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS AND LAW
Charles Westmoreland and Byron D'Andra Orey
Jacob Conference Center, James M. Ewing Hall

TRACK 2: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
Travis Calvin
Delta Music Institute, Whitfield Hall

TRACK 3: EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY
Panel Discussion: Delta State Student Leaders
Baoini Conference Center, James M. Broom Hall

TRACK 4: CULTURE AND COMMUNITY
David Rae Morris
Recital Hall, BPAC

CLOSING SESSION

3:15PM - 4:30PM \\ Jobe Auditorium, E.R. Jobe Hall



Greetings!

Welcome to Delta State University and to our third annual “Winning the Race” conference!

This year’s theme is “Advancing Social Justice in Communities and Institutions.” The dynamic conference program promises to be as enlightening and inspirational as our previous years’ experiences.

Our outstanding faculty and presenters will guide interactive discussions on social justice that touch on civil rights and the law, economic opportunities, education, community, and culture. We will welcome keynote, Tim Wise, and engage in a unique Delta Mayors’ Roundtable moderated by Congressman Bennie Thompson.



I am grateful for your participation in this signature conference on our campus, and I invite you to be fully engaged as we address issues that are critical to all of us in the Delta and in Mississippi.

Very best regards,

William N. LaForge
President, Delta State University

Welcome Attendees,

You have joined Delta State University for an important event. I am greatly honored and pleased to serve as chair of the External Advisory Committee to support the leadership of my cherished friend and Delta State University's president, William N. LaForge. I applaud the far-sighted and dedicated faculty and staff who worked together to frame and implement a conference to build a fairer and more inclusive society. Together, they are helping lay the foundation for a brighter future.

It is hard to get people to put aside their old insular biases and feelings and their reluctance to embrace new attitudes and new ways of thinking. The old mindsets and the old suspicions can only be put aside by forward thinking leadership, and the influence of this university has been a huge factor in that process. This is an essential role that this institution must continue to play. It is out of the intellectual leadership on this campus that there must come the constructive ideas which will guide the region. There are two overriding causes that seem to me to rise above everything else. They are public education and racial reconciliation. It is here that this university has an inescapable duty to lead. Delta State has taken this challenge, and this conference is an example of that leadership.

Our society is rapidly becoming more diverse, more complicated racially, more subject to misunderstanding and mistrust. Unless we come together to work at eliminating or at least reducing the remaining areas of racial tension and misunderstanding, this region and this country are not going to be as good for our children and grandchildren to live in as they desire. Given the fabulous natural wealth and advanced social and educational institutions that we have, that would be a tragedy indeed if we let divisions over race diminish the quality of our lives as it has too often in the past.

All of us are products of our life experiences and the times and conditions in which we were raised. We must now work at developing a sense of trust. Recognizing that we are all in this together—that we must move past the old division of race and recognize our common interests and our common humanity. This will happen only as enough of us strive to make it happen. That is why I am pleased to be part of this initiative that is being undertaken on this campus.

Moving forward in a productive manner will take more collaboration and partnering than we have ever had before. It will mean building the capacity for local development. It will mean building the human relationships necessary to have a true sense of community where people work together instead of pulling in opposite directions. The energized and creative leadership now at Delta State University can be a force that will change this region forever. Together, you can accomplish for this region an opportunity for the people of the Delta to prosper wherever they choose to live, whether it be here in the warm familiar surroundings of their home region, or whether it be anywhere else. This is a task worthy of the noble heritage of Delta State University and one you are fulfilling.


Thank you for allowing me to be part of such an essential and significant effort.



William F. Winter
Former Governor, State of Mississippi







The Winning the Race Conference was developed with three overarching goals: engage in conversations with campus and community constituencies that will build an appreciation for diversity differences and a spirit of community through shared ideas; promote a broad discourse on race relations by building conversations to bring together diverse communities in the Delta through sharing of ideas and building cooperation; and to rekindle a hope that Delta communities will move toward greater equality and forward and open thinking while reducing racial disparities and tensions.

BREAKOUT SESSION TRACKS

TRACK 1. SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS & LAW

This track has sessions that are designed to address a diverse set of issues related to civil rights, racial equity and racial healing. There is a focus on addressing racial differences in the implementation of law in the criminal justice system and associated societal consequences.

TRACK 2. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

This track addresses matters relating to equity and economic opportunities with an emphasis on how societal organizations advance or restrict socioeconomic opportunities and mobility among diverse groups. Sessions will emphasize the important roles that diversity and inclusion play in creating economic opportunity on local and global scales.

TRACK 3. EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

This track addresses diversity in the college curriculum and diversity in student leadership. The segment includes conversations on how to teach race and race relations in the classroom at both conceptual and practical levels as well as from historical perspectives. It facilitates dialogue on positive race relations as well as on meaningful actions to foster understanding that builds strong relationships for connected communities. Global perspectives are incorporated in all sessions.

TRACK 4. CULTURE & COMMUNITY

This track addresses the institutionalization of best practices for inclusion, cultural awareness and respect for differences, while charting avenues for sustained action in diverse communities. Sessions will help to create change through a spirit of cooperation by motivating participants to enhance their appreciation for experiences and perspectives shaped by culture, to create positive change in their communities, and to spread awareness by cooperating and forming alliances with diverse groups.



MONDAY MARCH 28

REGISTRATION

8:00AM - 6:00PM \\ BPAC

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00AM - 9:00AM \\ LOBBY, BPAC

PLENARY SESSION

9:00AM - 10:30AM \\ DELTA & PINELAND THEATRE, BPAC

WELCOME Garry Jennings. *Professor of Political Science & Director of the Center for Social Justice and Civic Engagement*

REMARKS Temika Simmons. *Assistant Professor of Psychology & Psychology Program Coordinator*

PRESENTER Tim Wise. *Activist and Author*



Wise is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and educators in the United States. He is the author of seven books, *Under the Affluence: Shaming the Poor, Praising the Rich and Sacrificing the Future of America*; *Dear White America: Letter to a New Minority* (City Lights Books); *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*; *Affirmative Action: Racial Preference in Black and White*; *Speaking Treason Fluently: Anti-Racist Reflections From an Angry White Male*; *Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama*; and *Colorblind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity*. Wise has provided anti-racism training to teachers nationwide, including assisting corporate, government, entertainment, military and law enforcement officials on methods for dismantling racism in their institutions.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

10:45AM - 12:00PM

STUDENT BREAKOUT SESSION \\ DELTA & PINELAND THEATRE, BPAC

PRESENTER Tim Wise. *Activist and Author*

POSTER COMPETITION AND JUDGING \\ BPAC

REMARKS Lekeitha Morris. *Chair and Assistant Professor of Speech and Hearing Services, Delta State University*

REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF A DELTA NATIVE \\ BPAC RECITAL HALL

MODERATOR Will Hooker, *Bolivar County Administrator*



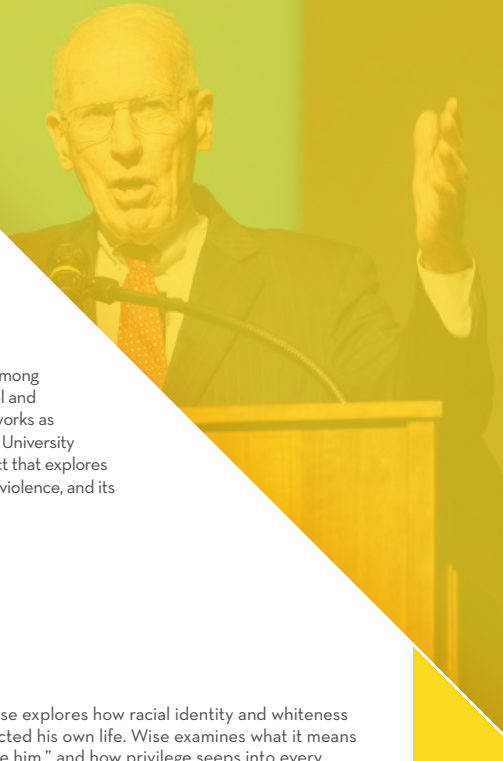
Hooker is a native of Bolivar County and currently resides in Shelby MS. He is a graduate of East Side High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and an Executive Master of Business degree from Delta State University. He is a 1998 graduate of Leadership Bolivar County and a 2010 graduate of Leadership Mississippi, with both programs geared to identify emerging leaders at the local and state levels. He embraces the county's motto of "Working Together for a Better Bolivar County" through building bridges and relationships across local, state and federal levels – all the while improving the quality of life for citizens of Bolivar County.

PRESENTER

Amzie Moore, II. Academic Advisor and Adjunct Professor, Chicago State Univ.

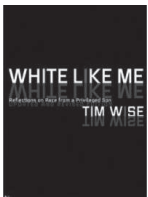


Moore is a professional academic advisor and an adjunct professor of Social Work, African American Studies, and Sociology at Chicago State University. He received his bachelor's degree from Hampton University, his master's degree from the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration, and is currently a doctoral student at Loyola University Chicago's School of Social Work. His academic areas of interest are social policy, labor markets, human capital, urban education, urban poverty, and poverty and inequality. As a working subject for his dissertation, Amzie is interested in understanding barriers to human capital accumulation among the urban poor youth, as well as the relationship between psychological capital and human capital accumulation among urban poor youth. Also, Amzie currently works as a research assistant and site director for the Risk and Resilience Lab of Loyola University Chicago. At the Risk and Resilience Lab, Amzie is working on a research project that explores the effectiveness of cross-age mentoring on urban youth, who are exposed to violence, and its impact on reducing negative outcomes associated with such exposure.



BOOK SIGNING

12:00PM - 12:30PM || BPAC LOBBY



White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son by Tim Wise explores how racial identity and whiteness influence the lives of white Americans, by examining how they have impacted his own life. Wise examines what it means to be white in a nation created for the benefit of those who are "white like him," and how privilege seeps into every institutional arrangement, from education to employment to the justice system. Importantly, he also discusses the ways that white privilege can ultimately harm its recipients in the long run and make progressive social change less likely.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

12:00PM - 1:00PM || AMZIE MOORE HOUSE

On behalf of the Bolivar County Board of Supervisors, the public is invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Amzie Moore Museum & Interpretive Center located at 614 Chrisman Street.

MAYOR LUNCHEON

12:30PM - 2:00PM || HUGH ELLIS WALKER ALUMNI HOUSE (closed session)

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

2:00PM - 3:15PM

TRACK 1. SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS & LAW || JACOB CONFERENCE CENTER, JAMES M EWING HALL

PRESENTER

Derrick Johnson. President, Mississippi State Conference of NAACP



Johnson serves as State President for the Mississippi State Conference NAACP and Executive Director of One Voice, Inc. He holds a Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas and a Bachelor of Arts from Tougaloo College in Jackson, MS. Johnson successfully managed the Convention Center bond referendum campaign to construct a \$65 million convention center in the city of Jackson. He founded One Voice, Inc., a non-profit social justice organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for African Americans and other disenfranchised communities by increasing civic engagement in the formation of public policy through leadership development, research support, training, and technical assistance.

TRACK 2. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES || JOBE AUDITORIUM, E.R. JOBE HALL

PRESENTER

Charles O. Lee. Director of Consumer Protection, Mississippi Center for Justice



Lee serves as the Director of Consumer Protection for the Mississippi Center for Justice in the Jackson office. He attended Rust College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1995 and received his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1998 from the University of Mississippi School of Law. Prior to joining the Center, Lee practiced law on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and in the State of Georgia focusing his practice on insurance defense, commercial litigation and personal injury litigation. He has held leadership positions in a wide variety of organizations.

TRACK 3. EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY \\ BAOINI CONFERENCE CENTER, JAMES M. BROOM HALL

PANELISTS

Patrick Alexander. *Assistant Professor of English and African American Studies, University of Mississippi*

Stephanie Rolph. *Assistant Professor of History, Millsaps College*

Otis Pickett. *Assistant Professor of History and Director of Social Studies Education Programs, Mississippi College*

Jenni Owen. *Instructional Associate, Prison to College Pipeline*

TRACK 4A: CULTURE AND COMMUNITY \\ ROOM 115, JAMES M. BROOM HALL

PRESENTER

Jennifer Stollman. *Academic Director, William Winter Institute*



Stollman is the Academic Director at the Winter Institute. Jennifer is responsible for campus professional development, anti-oppression training, curricular and co-curricular development, crisis management, and is a consultant for detecting and eliminating institutional and interpersonal bias. She works with campuses across the region including the University of Mississippi, Delta State University, University of Southern Mississippi, and Tulane University. Jennifer spent 18 years in graduate and undergraduate classrooms as a professor of history and gender and women's studies. She specializes in issues related to the construction, projections, and deployment of individual and collective identities. Jennifer is committed to equity work taking place across campuses.

TRACK 4B: CULTURE AND COMMUNITY \\ RECITAL HALL, BPAC

PRESENTER

Ralph Eubanks. *Visiting Scholar, Millsaps College*



Eubanks is the author of *Ever Is a Long Time: A Journey Into Mississippi's Dark Past* (Basic Books), which Washington Post book critic Jonathan Yardley named as one of the best nonfiction books of 2003. He has contributed articles to the Washington Post Outlook and Style sections, the Chicago Tribune, Preservation, and National Public Radio. A graduate of the University of Mississippi (B.A.) and the University of Michigan (M.A., English Language and Literature), he is a recipient of a 2007 Guggenheim Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and has been a fellow at the New America Foundation. Currently he is the Eudora Welty Visiting Scholar in Southern Studies at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi.

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OPENING RECEPTION

5:00PM - 6:00PM \\ LOBBY, BPAC

OPENING SESSION

6:00PM - 8:00PM \\ DELTA & PINELAND THEATRE, BPAC

GREETINGS

Mikel Sykes. *President, Delta State Student Government Association*

WELCOME

Governor William Winter. *William Winter Institute*

REMARKS

William N. LaForge. *President, Delta State University*

MODERATOR

Congressman Bennie Thompson. *U.S. Representative for the 2nd District of Mississippi*

MISSISSIPPI DELTA MAYORS ROUNDTABLE

Alligator: Tommie Brown

Greenwood: Carolyn McAdams

Morgan City: Martha Mullen

Anguilla: Merlin Richardson

Gunnison: Frances Ward

Mound Bayou: Darryl Johnson

Arcola: Cora Burnside

Hollandale: Melvin Willis

Pace: Levon Jackson

Benoit: Calvin Ward

Indianola: Steve Rosenthal

Renova: Harvey Green

Beulah: Carl Lewis

Moorhead: George Holland

Rosedale: Carey Estes

Boyle: James Donald Cooper

Inverness: David Smith

Ruleville: Shirley Edwards

Clarksdale: Bill Luckett

Isola: Bobbie Miller

Schlater: Jason Colquett

Cleveland: Billy Nowell

Itta Bena: Thelma Collins

Shaw: Lamar Franks

Coahoma: Robert Rockett

Jonestown: Patrick Campbell

Shelby: Dan Harris

Doddsville: David Ruffin

Leland: Kenny Thomas

Sidon: Johnnie Neal

Drew: Jeffrey Kilpatrick

Lula: Patricia Furdge

Sunflower: Wendy Stewart

Duncan: Charles Harvey

Lyon: John Sawyer

Winstonville: Henry Perkins

Friars Point: Catherine Miller

Merigold: Andrew Westerfield

Greenville: Errick D. Simmons

Metcalfe: Corey Holmes



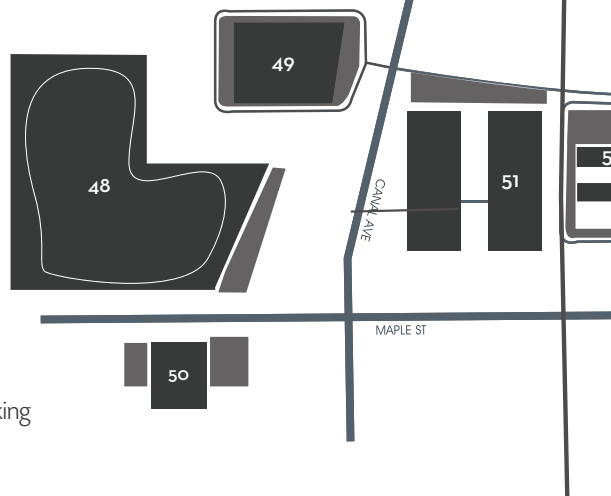
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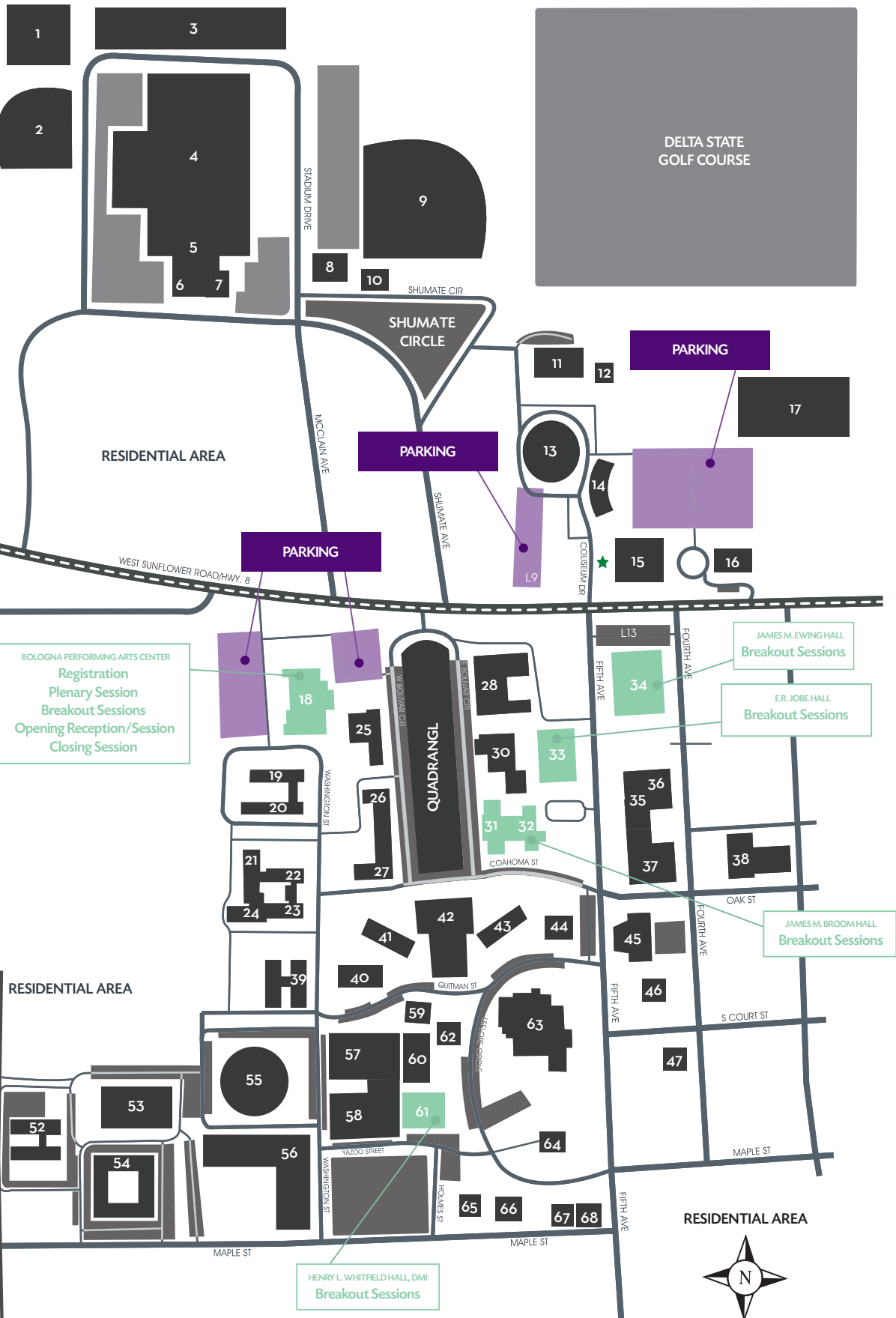
CAMPUS FACILITIES

1. Soccer Field
2. Softball Field
3. Statesman Park
4. Travis E. Parker Field/Horace McCool Stadium - Football
5. Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center
6. Chadwick-Dickson Intercollegiate Athletic Building
7. J.A. "Bud" Thigpen, Jr. Baseball Annex
8. Bryce Griffis Indoor Practice Facility
9. Dave "Boo" Ferriss Field – Baseball
Dave "Boo" Ferriss Statue
10. Robert L. Crawford Center & Dave "Boo" Ferriss Museum
11. Tennis Courts
12. Darrell Foreman Golf Course
13. Walter Sillers Coliseum
14. Hugh L. White Hall
15. Kent Wyatt Hall
16. Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni-Foundation House
17. GRAMMY Museum Mississippi
18. Bologna Performing Arts Center
and The Hazel and Jimmy Sanders Sculpture Garden
19. Harkins Residence Hall
20. Lawler Residence Hall
21. Hammett Residence Hall
22. Tatum Residence Hall
23. Cain Residence Hall
24. Fugler Residence Hall
25. William H. Zeigel Music Center
26. Thomas L. Bailey Hall
27. Hamilton-White Child Development Center
28. W.M. Kethley Hall
29. Fielding L. Wright Art Center
30. Holcomb-Norwood Hall
31. James W. Broom Hall
32. Kathryn Keener Hall
33. E.R. Jobe Hall
34. James M. Ewing Hall
Delta Center for Culture and Learning
35. Eleanor Boyd Walters Hall
36. Roy and Clara Belle Wiley Planetarium
37. R.L. Caylor/Jessie S. White Hall
38. Robert E. Smith School of Nursing
39. Brumby-Castle Residence Hall
40. O.W. Reily Student Health Center
41. Ward Hall
42. H.L. Nowell Union
Bookstore/Visitor's Center
Food Court
43. Cleveland Residence Hall
44. Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives & Museum
45. Gibson-Gunn Commercial Aviation
46. Wesley Foundation
47. Baptist Student Center
48. Intramural Fields/Walking Trail
49. E.B. Hill Family Apartments
50. Hugh Cam Smith, Sr. Facilities Management
51. Faculty and Staff Apartments
52. Blansett Residence Hall
53. Tennis Courts
54. Court of Governors Residence Hall
55. Young-Mauldin Dinning Hall
56. Foundation Hall
57. Forest Earl Wyatt Center for Health,
Physical Education and Recreation
58. Aquatics Center
59. Odealier J. Morgan Laundry
60. George B. Walker Natatorium
61. Henry L. Whitfield Hall
Delta Music Institute
62. Lena Roberts Sillers Chapel
63. Roberts-LaForge Library
64. President's Home
65. Administrative Housing
66. Cassity Hall
67. Administrative Housing
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MAP LEGEND

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TUESDAY MARCH 29

REGISTRATION

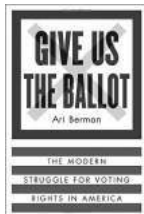
8:00AM - 2:00PM \\ BPAC

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00AM - 9:00AM \\ LOBBY, BPAC

BOOK SIGNING

9:00AM - 9:20AM \\ LOBBY, BPAC



Give Us the Ballot: The modern struggle for voting rights in America by Ari Berman provides new insight into one of the most vital political and civil rights issues of our time. Berman brings the struggle over voting rights to life through meticulous archival research, in-depth interviews with key figures in the debate and incisive on-the-ground reporting.

PLENARY SESSION

9:25AM - 10:40AM \\ DELTA & PINELAND THEATRE

WELCOME Temika Simmons. *Assistant Professor of Psychology and Psychology Program Coordinator*

REMARKS Garry Jennings. *Professor of Political Science & Director of the Center for Social Justice and Civic Engagement*

PRESENTER Ari Berman. *Senior Contributing Writer, The Nation Magazine*



Berman is a senior contributing writer for The Nation magazine and a Reporting Fellow at The Nation Institute. He has written extensively about American politics, civil rights and the intersection of money and politics. His stories have also appeared in the New York Times, Rolling Stone, and The Guardian, and he is a frequent political commentator on MSNBC, C-Span and NPR. His new book, Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America, was published in August by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. His first book, Herding Donkeys: The Fight to Rebuild the Democratic Party and Reshape American Politics, was published in October 2010 by FSG. He graduated from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University with a degree in journalism and political science. He lives in New York City.

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BREAKOUT SESSION 3

10:50AM - 12:05PM

TRACK 1. SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND LAW \\ JACOB CONFERENCE CENTER, JAMES M. EWING HALL

PRESENTER Jaribu Hill. *Director, Mississippi Workers' Center*



Hill is the founder and executive director of the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights. She is a human rights attorney and a veteran community organizer. Hill is an international human rights spokesperson and a frequent writer and commentator on human rights themes. She has served as keynote speaker and cultural presenter at numerous international coverings, including the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa and the 1998 Human Rights Defenders' Summit in Paris, France, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. At the Front Line Conference in Nantes, France in June 2007, Hill was the featured cultural artist, where she presented a musical and spoken word tribute to Rosa Parks, for whom the event was dedicated.

TRACK 2. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES \\ JOBE AUDITORIUM, E.R. JOBE HALL

PANELISTS Sam Washington. *Instructor of Commercial Aviation, Delta State University*
Julie Speakes. *Chair and Associate Instructor of Commercial Aviation, Delta State University*
Carl D. Newman. *CEO, Jackson Municipal Airport Authority*
James L. Henley. *Commissioner, Jackson Municipal Airport Authority*
Rans Black. *Manager, Jackson Airport District Office/FAA*

TRACK 3. EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY \\ BAOINI CONFERENCE CENTER, JAMES M. BROOM HALL

PANELISTS Shelby Polk. *Assistant Professor of Nursing and Director of Nurse Practitioners Program, Delta State University*
Vicki Bingham. *Chair and Assistant Professor of Nursing, Delta State University*
Addie Herrod. *Instructor of Nursing, Delta State University*
Emily Newman. *Instructor of Nursing, Delta State University*
Debra Allen. *Instructor of Nursing, Delta State University*

TRACK 4. CULTURE AND COMMUNITY \\ RECITAL HALL, BPAC

PRESENTER Neddie Winters. *President, Mission Mississippi*



Winters is a native Mississippian born and raised in Tunica. He serves as president of Mission Mississippi, a movement to encourage and demonstrate unity in the Body of Christ across racial and denominational lines, so that communities throughout Mississippi can see practical evidence of the gospel message. Neddie is a former pastor with over 20 years of pastoral ministry experience. In addition, he has over 40 years of experience encompassing management, administration, executive leadership, mortgage financing, agricultural and non-agricultural lending as well as training and promotional development activities. He is a consultant, leadership development trainer and coach, conference speaker and workshop leader. He serves as chaplain for the Alcorn State University National Alumni Association. He also serves on many different boards (Hope Credit Union and The Chalmers Center) and community organizations (100 Black Men of Jackson and the Alcorn Alumni Chapter both locally and nationally).

BREAKOUT SESSION 4

1:40PM - 2:55PM

TRACK 1. SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS AND LAW \\ JACOB CONFERENCE CENTER, JAMES M. EWING HALL

PRESENTERS

Charles Westmoreland. Assistant Professor of History, Delta State University



Westmoreland has been a member of the DSU faculty since 2009. He earned his B.S. in History from Ferrum College (1998), M.A. in History from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte (2000), and Ph.D. in History from the University of Mississippi (2008). His primary teaching and research interests are in modern U.S. history with an emphasis on the American South. He is currently working with the University of Georgia Press on the publication of his book manuscript entitled "Southern Pharisees: Prayer, Public Life, and Politics in the South, 1955-1996." Dr. Westmoreland's book will examine how religion, particularly the practice of prayer, has shaped southern public life and politics by focusing on the Civil Rights Movement and school prayer controversies that engulfed the region since the 1950s and 1960s. Dr. Westmoreland is currently the News and Notices editor for the Journal of Mississippi History and has published book reviews in the Journal of Southern History, Journal of Southern Religion, and H-South. Since 2009, he has taught the following upper-level and graduate courses: Historiography, Religion in America, Sports in American Culture and Society, The New South, The U.S. in the 1960s, The U.S. since 1945, and The History of Jim Crow.

Byron D'Andra Orey. Professor of Political Science and Chair, Jackson State University



Orey's research is in the area of race and politics, focusing heavily on racial attitudes and legislative behavior. In 2011, Dr. Orey was recognized by President Myers as Jackson State University's Teacher of the Year and was nominated for the state-wide honor of Teacher of the Year. He also is the recipient of the 2011 Jewel Limar Prestage Mentorship Award and the 2008 Julia Cooper Teaching Award, both presented by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. In 2009, Dr. Orey won a nation-wide competition with TESS: Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences to examine the impact of such trusted sources as President Obama and former President Clinton on racial attitudes. He has published over twenty scholarly articles and book chapters and is currently working on two Book-Length Manuscripts: 1) Contemporary Racial Attitudes in Black and White; and 2) Strange Legislative Bedfellows: The Intersectionality of Race, Gender and Party in State Legislatures.

TRACK 2. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES \\ DELTA MUSIC INSTITUTE, WHITFIELD HALL

PRESENTER

Travis Calvin. Project Coordinator. W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Young Men of Color, Delta State University



A native of Clarksdale, MS, Calvin earned a bachelor's degree in Music Industry Studies from Delta State University in 2013. He has served in the classroom as a music and music technology instructor through the Delta Blues Museum, Delta Arts Alliance and the DMI Mobile Music Lab. Calvin is also an accomplished guitarist and an experienced audio engineer. He joined the DMI staff in 2013 as the project coordinator or the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Young Men of Color grant titled "Healing with a Groove."

TRACK 3. EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY \\ BAOINI CONFERENCE CENTER, JAMES M. BROOM HALL

PANELISTS

Delta State University Student Leaders

TRACK 4. CULTURE AND COMMUNITY \\ RECITAL HALL, BPAC

PRESENTER

David Rae Morris



Morris was born in Oxford, England and grew up in New York City. He holds a B.A. from Hampshire College in Amherst, MA, along with a M.A. His photographs have been published in *National Geographic*, *Time Magazine*, the *Angolite*, etc. He began working on a film in 2011 when he and Susan Allen Liles produced "Drawing on a Dream" on Ruleville musician Duff Durrrough. His third film, "Yazoo Revisited" examines the integration of the public schools in his father's hometown Yazoo City, Mississippi. It won the "Most Transformative Film" award at the 2015 Crossroads Film Festival in Jackson, and was recently awarded a Special Mention/Award of Merit at the 2016 IndieFEST Film Awards.

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