

Reparative Justice and Reconciliation

Minute on Reparative Justice and Reconciliation:

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Forums by Atlanta Friends Meeting Ad Hoc Reparations & Right Relations / Reparative Justice group with representatives from Ministry & Worship, Friends of Color, Quakers for Racial Equality, and the Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting, in conjunction with Friends School of Atlanta.

FORUM (February 28, 2021) Reparations and Right Relations, Part 1

A direct response to the claims for reparations that were first made by African Americans during the Revolutionary War, the forum will provide an historical foundation and specifically address Reparations, Manumission, and Reconciliation.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

[Dr. K. Melchor Quick Hall](#), is a transdisciplinary scholar-activist who serves on the Doctoral Faculty-School of Leadership Studies at the Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, CA.

[Dr. Joseph Reidy](#), Professor Emeritus of Howard University, now retired faculty member, Reidy was the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Associate Dean of the Graduate School from 1998 through 2001. — scroll down

[Dr. Althea Natalga Sumpter](#), Atlanta Friends Meeting member, Independent Scholar and ethnologist, preserves cultural history, with an expertise in southern stories and post-civil war restoration history.

MODERATOR: Herb Edwards, a member of Atlanta Friends Meeting and member of the Board of Trustees of Friends School of Atlanta

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FORUM (May 23, 2021) Reparations and Right Relations, Part 2

will continue to offer a historical foundation, expose participants to policy development on reparations by using examples from both inside and outside of the United States.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

[Yvette Modestin](#), Afro-Panamanian activist, is the founder of the Encuentro Diaspora Afro. She has participated in conversations about reparations at Carr Center for Human Rights Policy and participated in international reparations discussions. Yvette is also a commissioner on the [National African American Reparations Commission](#).

[Grace Shimizu](#), is Director of the [Campaign For Justice: Redress NOW For Japanese Latin Americans!](#) and works to secure US government accountability and reparations for human rights violations perpetrated under the US Latin American extraordinary rendition program during World War II.

[Woullard Lett](#), is Co-chair of [N'COBRA](#) Education Commission and the New England Regional Lead for Unitarian Universalist Association. He has worked with faith communities around issues of racial justice.

MODERATOR: Melchor Hall, participated as a panelist in the first Forum on Reparations and Right Relations

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FORUM (Feb. 27, 2022) Racial Equity in Housing and Local Efforts for Reparative Justice

Discussion on discriminatory racial impacts of housing policies and practices such as redlining and what advocates are doing locally for reparative justice.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

[Odetta MacLeish-White](#), Director of Georgia Initiatives Progress for Community Progress, America's nonprofit leader for turning "Vacant Spaces into Vibrant Places." Her career in affordable housing and community development taught her that it was possible to make beautiful housing accessible and affordable to everyone.

[Dr. Akinyele Umoja](#), Professor of African-American Studies at Georgia State University, he is an author, an activist and founding member of the New Afrikan People's Organization and the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement.

[Mawuli Davis](#), African-Centered Civil Rights Attorney, Human Rights Organizer, and author, he has been involved in building coalitions, organizing protests, and conducting training to support the Black Liberation Movement. He has been intentional about developing youth empowerment programs. Attorney Davis serves on the board of the Southern Center for Human Rights.

MODERATOR: Dr. Sara Patenaude, affordable housing researcher, member of Atlanta Friends Meeting, and clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Friends School of Atlanta

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Forum (April 24, 2022) Racial Disparities in Education and the Wealth Gap

GUEST SPEAKERS:

[Attorney Lezli Baskerville](#) is a constitutional justice lawyer, and an author in equal educational and employment opportunity. She is currently CEO of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

[Dr. Leslie T. Fenwick](#) is Dean in Residence at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) and Dean Emerita of the Howard University School of Education where she is a tenured professor of education policy. Known as a “fearless voice” for education equity, she is author of the recently released book, *Jim Crow’s Pink Slip: The Untold Story of Black Principal and Teacher Leadership*. The Harvard Education Press.

[Dr. Rosalind Fuse-Hall](#) has nearly 30 years of experience in higher education. In 2017, she became the Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs and Commission Support for the Southern Association of College & Schools Commissions on Colleges (SACSCOC) in Atlanta, GA.

MODERATOR: Herb Edwards, a member of Atlanta Friends Meeting and member of the Board of Trustees of Friends School of Atlanta

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RESOURCES

FORUM: Reparations and Right Relations, Part 1

[Click here for links to articles](#)

FORUM: Reparations and Right Relations, Part 2

PDF of slide presentation for 5/23/21 by Herb Edwards (updated 7/21)

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[An Historical Timeline of Reparations Payments Made From 1783 through 2022](#) by the United States Government, States, Cities, Religious Institutions, Universities, Corporations, and Communities by University of Massachusetts Amherst libraries.

Resource on racial violence: [Racial Violence in the United States Since 1526](#), BlackPast.org, retrieved 5/27/21

FORUM: Racial Equity in Housing and Local Efforts for Reparative Justice

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“**Segregated by Design**,” short video on discriminatory policies from *Race the Power of an Illusion*, 2018. [Click here for video](#)

Decatur Anti-Racism Speaker Series Robin Rue Simmons, speaking on Evanston, Ill program of reparations related to housing and how communities can work together to develop such programs. [Click here for video](#)

“Quakers and Reparations for Slavery and Jim Crow” by Jeff Hitchcock, Friends Journal, June, 2008: [Click here for article](#)