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**POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
STUDIES**



2015 DECEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Voting. Detroit. Workforce.

December 6-8, 2015 | Washington, D.C.

AGENDA

Sunday, December 6, 2015

All sessions will be held at GW Law Faculty Conference Center, 5th Floor, 716 20th St., NW (between H&G), except where noted

12-12:50 p.m.

Lunch & Introductions by Elected Officials

VOTING

1-1:50 p.m.

Session I: Protecting Voters and Best Practices for State, County, and Local Officials

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Deputy Assistant Attorney General Justin Levitt, Brennan Center DC Director and Counsel Nicole Austin-Hillery, Democracy Fund Responsive Politics Program Director Adam Ambrogi

2-2:50 p.m.

Session II: Setting the Stage – The Challenges Faced by Voters of Color

Asian Americans Advancing Justice President Mee Moua, Open Society Foundations Senior Policy Analyst Julie Fernandes

3-3:50 p.m.

Session III: The Data – The Preferences of Voters of Color and Barriers to Participation

Joint Center Director of Survey Research Ismail White PhD, Pew Director of Hispanic Research Mark Hugo Lopez PhD, George Mason Political Scientist Michael McDonald PhD

4-4:50 p.m.

Session IV: Priorities to Empower Voters of Color

NALEO Executive Director Arturo Vargas, Fair Elections Legal Network President Robert Brandon, Demos Vice President of Policy and Legal Strategies Brenda Wright

5-5:30 p.m.

Breakout Session to Develop Voting Priorities

Elected Officials break into 3 groups, develop priorities for Voting Briefing Papers

5:30-6 p.m.

Report Back to Plenary on Priorities & Final Elected Official Ranking of Topics for Future Voting Briefing Papers

6-7:30 p.m.

Opening Reception (Sponsored by Citi)

Showing of short film *Harlem on My Plate*, with introduction by Schomburg Center Director Khalil Gibran Muhammad PhD

Monday, December 7, 2015

All sessions will be held at GW Law Faculty Conference Center, 5th Floor, 716 20th St., NW (between H&G), except where noted

9-9:30 a.m.

Breakfast

9:15-10 a.m.

Breakout Session: Building the Joint Center to Serve Elected Officials of Color

10-10:30 a.m.

Report Back to Plenary on Priorities and Elected Officials Ranking of Services Elected Officials of Color Need from Joint Center

LESSONS OF DETROIT

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Session I: Facing Financial Challenges (Bankruptcy)

Brookings VP and Metropolitan Policy Program Director Bruce Katz, Former Detroit Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr, Kresge Foundation Managing Director for Community Development and Detroit Programs Laura Trudeau, AFSCME Director of Research and Collective Bargaining Steve Kreisberg

12-1 p.m.

Session II: Neighborhoods

Skillman Foundation President Tonya Allen, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy President George W. "Mac" McCarthy, Wayne State University Detroit Revitalization Fellows Director Graig Donnelly, Detroit City Councilmember Raquel Castañeda-López

1-1:30 p.m.

Lunch (Sponsored by JPMorgan Chase)

1:30-2:20 p.m.

Session III: Economic Development

JPMorgan Chase Global Philanthropy Vice President Daryl Shore, Invest Detroit VP Derek Edwards, Walker-Miller Energy Services LLC President Carla Walker-Miller

2:30-3:20 p.m.

Session IV: Public/Private Partnerships

Detroit Deputy Mayor Isaiah McKinnon PhD, Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor to the Vice President Don Graves, Citi Managing Director Guy T. Logan

3:20-3:45 p.m.

Breakout Session: Develop Lessons of Detroit Priorities

Elected officials break into 3 groups and develop priorities for "Lessons of Detroit" briefing papers

3:45-4:10 p.m.

Report Back to Plenary on Priorities & Final Elected Official Ranking of Topics for Future "Lessons of Detroit" Briefing Papers

4:15 p.m.

Reception and Presentation of Louis Martin Great American Award to Former Joint Center President Eddie Williams

5:45 p.m.

Picture of Elected Officials on Stairs Outside of West Wing

6-7:30 p.m.

White House Briefing

Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Jerry Abramson, White House Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Elias Alcantara, Deputy Assistant to the President of the Office of Urban Affairs, Justice & Opportunity Roy Austin, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary Broderick Johnson, Special Assistant to the President for My Brother's Keeper Michael D. Smith, White House Director of African-American Outreach Stephanie Young

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

All sessions will be held at GW Law Faculty Conference Center, 5th Floor, 716 20th St., NW (between H&G), except where noted

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast

WORKFORCE

8-8:40 a.m.

Session I: The Facts and Background

Pew Researcher John Horrigan PhD, API Researcher Carlos Rodriguez PhD

8:50-9:30 a.m.

Session II: Attracting Coding Bootcamps to Communities of Color

Sabio Coding Bootcamp Co-Founder Liliana Aide Monge, Start Up Institute Co-Founder Shaun Johnson

9:45-10:35 a.m.

Session III: Solutions

AFL-CIO Legislative and Policy Analyst for Workforce Issues Daniel Marschall, JPMorgan Chase New Skills at Work Program Manager Michelle Henry, SkillSmart Vice President Jason Green

10:45-11:30 a.m.

Session IV: Support for States, Counties, and Municipalities

U.S. Department of Labor Deputy Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training Administration Eric Seleznow

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Breakout Session: Develop Workforce Priorities

Elected officials break into 3 groups; develop priorities for Workforce Briefing Papers

12-12:30 p.m.

Report Back to Plenary and Ranking of Workforce Briefing Papers

12:30 p.m.

Shuttle Transport to U.S. Capitol Complex

1-3 p.m.

Lunch with Congressional Leadership (Co-Hosted with INSIGHT America)

LOCATION: Rayburn B-369

1:30 p.m.

U.S. House Republican Conference Chairman Cathy McMorris Rodgers

2 p.m.

U.S. House Assistant Democratic Leader James Clyburn

2:30-3 p.m.

Final Feedback from Elected Officials and Adjournment

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

The December 2015 participants come from 19 states that account for more than 71 percent of people of color in the United States (more than 85 million people).

New Hanover County, North Carolina Commission Chairman Jonathan Barfield, Jr.

Wayne County, Michigan Commission Vice Chair Alisha Bell

National Congress of American Indians President & Swinomish Tribal Chair Brian Cladoosby

Nevada Senate Minority Leader Aaron Ford

Gary, Indiana Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson

Hawaii House Minority Floor Leader Beth Fukumoto Chang

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Tampa, Florida City Councilman Guido Maniscalco

San Antonio, Texas City Council Intergovernmental Relations Chair Cris Medina

Paterson, New Jersey Council Vice-President Domingo Alex Mendez

Atlanta, Georgia City Council President Ceasar Mitchell

New York State Assembly Assistant Speaker & National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators Co-founder Felix W. Ortiz

New Mexico House Business & Employment Committee Chair Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert

Douglas County, Nebraska Commission Vice Chair Chris Rodgers

Connecticut Assembly Deputy Majority Leader Jason Rojas

Richland County, South Carolina Council Chairman Torrey Rush

New Jersey Assembly Majority Conference Leader Shavonda Sumter

Hollister, California Mayor Ignacio Velazquez

New York City Council Deputy Leader Jumaane Williams

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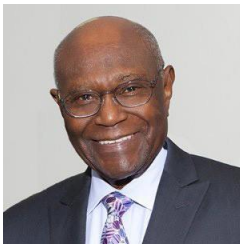
Louis E. Martin Great American Award

The Great American Award is named in honor of Louis E. Martin, a principal founder of the Joint Center and the first chairman of its Board of Governors.

Mr. Martin was a leader in the black press (he served as the editor of the *Michigan Chronicle* and helped found the National Newspaper Publishers Association). He also served as an advisor to Presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Martin saw no contradiction between pushing for change from the outside and working for change from the inside. In 1960 he helped persuade John F. Kennedy to place a telephone call to Coretta Scott King when Martin Luther King, Jr., was jailed, which was credited with helping Kennedy win a significant number of black votes. Mr. Martin was instrumental in pushing for the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, and in encouraging President Johnson to name Thurgood Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court. Deemed “the godfather of black politics” by the *Washington Post*, Mr. Martin leveraged significant influence without calling attention to himself.

Among friends and colleagues, Louis E. Martin was known for expressing his warmest respects with his favorite compliment: “You are a great American.” Past recipients of the Louis E. Martin Great American Award include Senator Cory Booker (2014), Ambassador Susan Rice (2013), Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed (2012), Congressman John Lewis (2012), Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. (2011), Dr. Dorothy Height (2010), Congressman James Clyburn (2009), Congressman Charles Rangel (2008), President William Jefferson Clinton (2007), Muhammad Ali (2006), Vernon Jordan (2005), and President Jimmy Carter (2004).



2015 Louis E. Martin Great American Award Recipient

Eddie Williams served as President of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies from 1972 to 2004.

In 1972, while working as Vice President of Public Affairs at the University of Chicago, Mr. Williams was recruited to lead the Joint Center. The organization had been founded just two years earlier to support the hundreds of new black elected officials who came into office in the aftermath of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Over the next three decades, Mr. Williams built the Joint Center into the core of black political thought and research. He hosted black elected officials every four years to assemble policy priorities to share with presidential candidates and transition teams. The Joint Center founded or co-founded the National Coalition of Black Voter Participation and several organizations of black elected officials, and built a Roster of over 10,000 Black Elected Officials. Mr. Williams created *Focus Magazine* to tie together black elected officials, political activists, and scholars nationwide.

The Joint Center also became a full-fledged think tank. It commissioned and published regular surveys of black Americans and produced various studies, reports, books, and events. Top scholars like John Hope Franklin, Mary Frances Berry, Kenneth Clark, David Garrow, Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Ron Walters, and William Julius Wilson worked with the Joint Center.

Mr. Williams received several honorary doctorates and other accolades, including the Congressional Black Caucus Adam Clayton Powell Award (1982), the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (also known as the “Genius Grant”) (1988), the Washingtonian of the Year Award (1991), and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Nation Builder Award (1992).

Eddie Williams built an institution that helped a generation of leaders move from activism into governance and that informed and inspired a generation of scholars committed to using ideas to change real lives.

Recent Joint Center Activities

Since June 2015, we have:

- Worked in partnership with The Joyce Foundation and The Urban Institute to organize a series of roundtables on gun violence, policing, mass incarceration, and race in Washington, DC, Richmond, VA, Milwaukee, WI, and Stockton, CA
- Retained two outstanding new team members – Public Policy Fellow Andrés Macías and Digital Media Associate Morgan Butler
- Organized a Roundtable of top state legislative, county, and city leaders of color

Right now, we are focused on:

- Deepening our network of elected officials who serve communities of color in leadership positions (e.g., mayors, city council presidents, county commission chairs, state legislative floor leaders and committee chairs, members of Congress)
- Writing research briefs on various topics for elected officials of color in leadership positions
- Organizing 2016 Roundtables for elected officials of color in leadership positions
- Publishing a report on the status of diversity among top staff in the U.S. Senate
- Updating our Roster of 11,000 U.S. Black Elected Officials (other groups publish Latino & Asian American rosters)
- Updating our platform for public opinion research of people of color
- Finalizing our plans for 2016

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The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, founded in 1970, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public policy organization that produces innovative, high-impact ideas, research, and policy solutions that have a positive impact on communities of color. We do this by building and fueling a network of innovative elected officials and scholars for whom this goal is a priority.



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