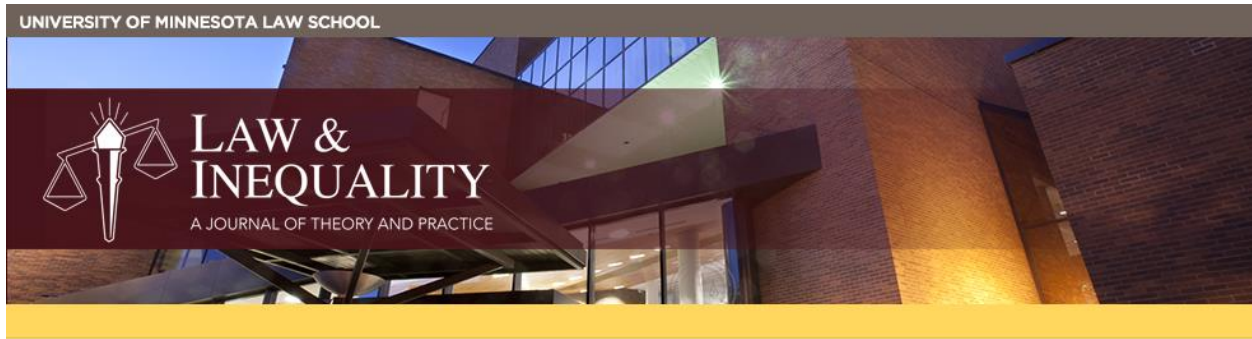


2020 Summit for Civil Rights



The *Journal of Law & Inequality (JLI)* will co-host the virtual [2020 Summit for Civil Rights](#) with the [Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity](#) and Georgetown Law's [Workers' Rights Institute](#) on July 30 and 31, 2020. The [prominent list of speakers](#) include Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, University of Minnesota Law School's Professor Myron Orfield, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, Professors Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, Sheryll Cashin, Theodore M. Shaw, John A. Powell, John C. Brittain, and Eric Foner, Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Author Richard Rothstein, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, leaders at NAACP, AFL-CIO, Rockefeller Foundation, Spencer Foundation, Century Foundation and Ford Foundation, numerous other elected officials, union leaders, activists and community organizers.

We have witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of anger, outrage and solidarity across the nation in these past months, sparked by the killing of Mr. George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer on May 25, 2020. This movement for change is coming at a time of a global health crisis, political turmoil, and a massive economic catastrophe deepening existing inequalities while accelerating economic trends already devastating workers and communities.

JLI is proud to have co-hosted the first [Summit for Civil Rights](#) back in 2017 and is excited to revisit and explore issues affecting Black Americans and other minority groups during this crucial time for the country. For the past three years, the *Summit for Civil Rights* has convened multi-racial and intergenerational gatherings of some of the nation's top civil rights leaders in the field of organizing, labor, faith, academia, law and government to respond to the powerful and dangerous intersection of enduring racial disparities, widening economic inequality, and rising political polarization throughout our society. The third *Summit* will not veer from these timely topics that have only intensified with the pandemic and been courageously amplified by the protesters.

The *Summit* will start at 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 30 and end at 4:00 PM, Friday, July 31. It will be broken down into four distinct but interrelated discussions over the course of the two days (see topics below). While much attention is rightly directed to immediate demands for sweeping police reform and abolition, the *Summit* will attempt to examine some of the deeper, historical structures of racial apartheid in American's institutions and their meaning, especially at this juncture, for working people of all backgrounds and the implications for political action, multi-racial power, and a meaningful and transformative policy agenda. *JLI* will publish papers from the *Summit* as part of Volume 39's Issue 1.

While the Summit will be an interactive video conference this year, it will have limited capacity, so please [register](#) today.

Panel Topics

1. **THE STATE OF MULTI-RACIAL AMERICA AND BLACK POWER**
 - a. **The national election**
 - i. The Black electorate and the rise and fall of populist insurgencies of both the left and right
 - ii. From Black lives to Black Power
2. **THE TWO AMERICA'S—THE STATE OF AMERICAN APARTHEID**
 - a. The consequences of our inaction and our acquiescence to a racially divided society
 - i. 52 years since Kerner Commission
 - ii. 57 years since March on Washington
 - iii. Pandemic as microscope and telescope
3. **WHO'S PROFITING?**
 - a. Racial segregation as a lucrative and anti-worker business model
 - i. How America's enduring "Color Line" drives economic inequality and racial oppression
4. **WHAT IS TO BE DONE? HOW CAN WE HELP?**
 - a. Is America ready for a 2nd Reconstruction? A 3rd "Founding"?
 - b. What would a *Civil Rights Restoration Act* Look Like in 2020?
 - i. An agenda for Economic Opportunity, Racial Justice, Freedom, and Inclusion

Detailed Schedule & Speakers

DAY I: Thursday, July 30

1-1:30 PM EST **Opening Statements**

Welcome - Spiritual Reflection - Purpose and Objectives - Opening Keynote

Opening Statement from Co-Chairs: Yolanda Melville, Ted Shaw

Welcome: Mark Pearce

Opening Prayer: Bishop Reginald T. Jackson

Purpose and Objectives: John Brittain

2:15 PM – 3:30 PM **First Panel Discussion**

THE STATE OF MULTI-RACIAL AMERICA AND BLACK POWER

From Black Lives to Black Power

Featured Speaker: Keith Ellison

Panelists: Rev. James Woodall, Bill Fletcher, Jr., Myron Orfield

Moderator: Yolanda Melville

4:15-5:30 PM **Second Panel Discussion**

THE TWO AMERICA'S - THE STATE OF AMERICAN APARTHEID

The consequences of our inaction and our acquiescence to a racially divided society

Featured Speaker: Beverly Daniel Tatum

Panelists: Richard Rothstein, Tiffani Torres, Sheryll Cashin, Stella Flores

Moderator: Stefan Lallinger

6:15-7:30 PM **Evening Award Ceremony**

Shirley Chisholm and Jim Clyburn Leadership Awards

Moderator: Yolanda Melville

DAY II: Friday, July 31

10:00 – 10:15 AM EST Opening

Opening Remarks: Dean Treanor, Georgetown University Law Center

10:15 – 11:30 AM First Panel Discussion

WHO’S PROFITING?

Racial segregation as a lucrative business model

Featured Speaker: Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

Panelists: Prentiss Dantzler, Myron Orfield, Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: TBD

12:15 – 1:30 PM Second Panel Discussion

IS AMERICA READY FOR A 2ND RECONSTRUCTION? A 3RD “FOUNDING”

What would a Civil Rights Restoration Act look Like in 2020?

Featured Speaker: Eric Foner

Panelists: Barbara Ransby, Algernon Austin, Rev. Willie Francois

Moderator: Michelle Burris

2:00 - 3:15 PM Closing Session

WHAT IS TO BE DONE? HOW CAN WE HELP?

A New Agenda for Economic Opportunity, Racial Justice, Freedom, and Inclusion

Featured Speaker: Richard Trumka

Panelists: Na’ilah Suad Nasir, Darren Walker, Rajiv Shah

Moderator: john a. powell

3:15 – 4:00 PM Closing Remarks