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UPCOMING EVENTS HAVE YOU STARTED PLANNING?

- SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER** // Hispanic Heritage Month
- NOVEMBER** // Native American Heritage Month
- JANUARY 21ST** // MLK Jr. Day
- FEBRUARY** // Black History Month
- MARCH** // Women’s History Month
- MAY** // Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month
- JUNE** // LGBT Pride Month



FEATURED PROGRAMS



Campuses and workplaces have always mirrored our larger society, facing the same issues, challenges and divisions. In this thought-provoking presentation, unconscious bias and diversity expert [Howard Ross](#) and his colleague, [Dr. Johnnetta Cole](#), President Emerita of Spelman and Bennett Colleges, examine the evolution of the racial and diversity conversation in America.

What does it take to create real and lasting change? How have diversity and inclusion efforts advanced social justice and equality? With sights set on a future that will be increasingly diverse and global, these two diversity and inclusion veterans from very different personal backgrounds guide us through the challenges to come. At a time when the level of racial tension and polarization is so high, these two longtime colleagues present a hopeful example of how people can bridge across race, gender and religion to create true ally-ship and organizational environments of inclusion, trust and collaboration.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

DACA & IMMIGRATION

The Great Debate



As President Obama's personal aide, [Ferial Govashiri](#), who had emigrated from Iran as a child refugee, spent ten years as the gatekeeper to the Oval Office. Veteran newsman [Ray Suarez](#) looks at the issues from all angles, examining their impact and the role of the press. [Blessing Offor](#), a standout blind musician from *The Voice*, immigrated to the U.S. from Nigeria in hopes of building a better future. [Diane Guerrero](#) is an accomplished actress who watched her family be deported when she was only 14. Award-winning ABC News correspondent [Jim Avila](#) shares his deep knowledge of immigration issues and the role of the media in shaping public opinion and policies. Pulitzer-winning journalist [Sonia Nazario](#) wrote the bestseller *Enrique's Journey*, the chronicle of a Honduran boy's odyssey to reunite with his mother in the U.S. Journalist [John Quiñones](#), a seventh-generation Texan and one of our country's most prominent Mexican-Americans, calls for our nation to build bridges, not walls. [Maria Hinojosa](#), a trailblazer in news and investigative journalism, anchors NPR's Peabody-winning *Latino USA*. [Erika Andiola](#), an undocumented woman with an undocumented family, is passionate in her fight for immigrant and human rights as political director of *Our Revolution*. [Paola Mendoza](#), critically-acclaimed film director and author, continues to shine the spotlight on the effects of immigration on women and children.

Together, these speakers approach immigration and DACA from multiple perspectives, providing invaluable insight into our national debate.

FEATURED PROGRAMS



Can we debate the most polarizing topics of our day without shouting, attacks or insults? Conservative Republican [Alice Stewart](#) and progressive Democrat [Bakari Sellers](#) show us how it's done. From immigration and taxes to guns and abortion, Stewart and Sellers take on the issues of the day with intellect, passion, respect and collegiality. This provocative program—with an equally powerful audience Q&A—celebrates diversity of opinion with a rousing demonstration of what political conversation in our nation can (and should) be.

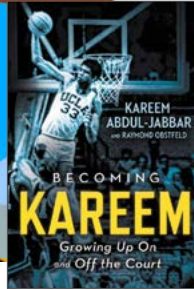
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Black Lives Matter. Racial tensions over police abuse. #MeToo, gender inequities and reproductive freedom. Immigration. America has rarely been so polarized as in the era of President Donald J. Trump. With our extreme political differences shaping our political climate, shouting matches have replaced informed, rational and constructive conversations.

Enter [Conrad Tillard](#) and [Rich Lowry](#), bringing insight and respect to the most contentious topics of our time. Both Tillard, a minister in the tradition of MLK and Malcolm X and Lowry, a *National Review* editor and Fox News analyst in the tradition of William F. Buckley, have earned respect from both ends of the spectrum for their moderate and tolerant views. This exciting—and often entertaining—program brings together two engaging Obama generation thought leaders who throw away the left and right talking points to thoughtfully examine the most important social, political and ethical issues of the day.

AFRICAN-AMERICANS



Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

NBA Legend & NY Times Best-Selling Author

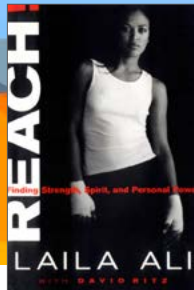
A global icon that changed the game of basketball, [Abdul-Jabbar](#) is a Presidential Medal of Freedom winner and civil rights advocate working to bring more opportunities to underserved communities.



Donzaleigh Abernathy

Daughter of Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Actress & Writer

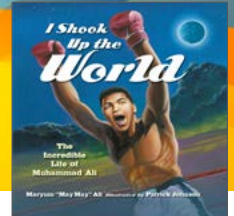
Born into the American Civil Rights movement, [Abernathy](#) shares personal accounts of Martin Luther King Jr. and her father with powerful insights into today's discussions on race and equality.



Laila Ali

Boxing Champion, Beauty & Lifestyle Brand CEO, Author

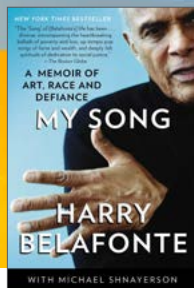
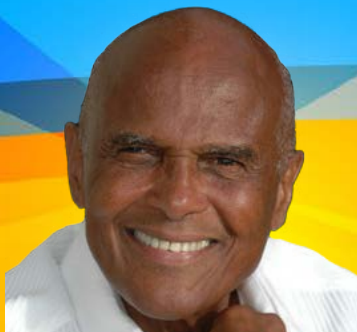
The daughter of boxing icon Muhammad Ali, [Laila](#) is a world-class athlete, television host and passionate health advocate who encourages others to live an active lifestyle.



Maryum Ali

Social Worker, Activist & Author

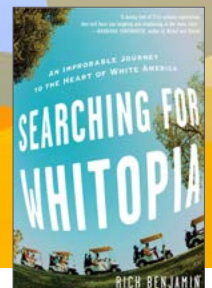
The eldest child of boxing legend Muhammad Ali, [Maryum](#) is a social worker dedicated to delinquency and gang prevention. She is also a spokesperson for the Parkinson's Unity Walk.



Harry Belafonte

Civil Rights Icon, Actor & Entertainer

[Belafonte](#) has been called the consummate entertainer. His distinguished career spans music, film, TV and the stage, and he is a passionate keynote speaker on civil and human rights.



Dr. Rich Benjamin

Author, Essayist & Adventurer

A sharp observer of modern society and politics, [Benjamin](#)'s cultural and political analysis appears regularly in public debate and major media.

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Regina Benjamin

18th U.S. Surgeon General

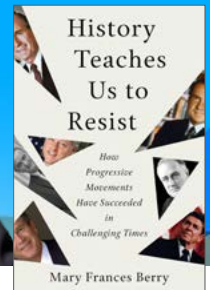
The first female African-American AMA board member, [Benjamin](#) is a healthcare disparity expert who continues to advocate for the health and wellness of all families.



Mary Frances Berry

Former Head of U.S. Civil Rights Commission

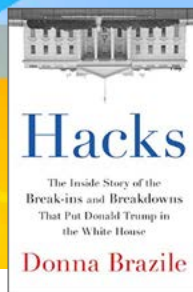
As co-founder of the Free South Africa Movement, [Berry](#) helped to end apartheid. Today, she is one of the most respected activists in the cause of civil rights, gender equality and social justice.



Donna Brazile

Democratic Political Strategist

The first African-American to run a major presidential campaign, [Brazile](#) is a CNN commentator and served as interim chairperson of the DNC.



Roslyn M. Brock

NAACP National Board of Directors Chairman Emeritus

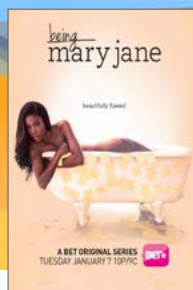
The youngest-ever chair of the NAACP, [Brock](#) works to secure economic justice, equal rights, and access to education and affordable healthcare for all.



Mara Brock-Akil

Television Producer & Writer

A trailblazer for women in TV, [Brock-Akil](#) is the creator of *Girlfriends*, *The Game*, *Being Mary Jane* and her latest show, *Love Is* on OWN. She inspires audiences to find—and use—their voice.



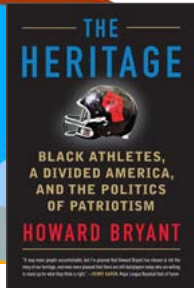
Cornell William Brooks

Former Head of the NAACP

As an activist and former leader of the nation's oldest and largest grassroots-based civil rights organization, [Brooks](#) works to secure political, educational, social, and economic equality for all.



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Howard Bryant

Senior ESPN Writer, NPR Correspondent, Author

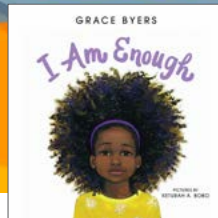
[Bryant](#) is the author of eight books on sports and legendary black athletes. In his latest work, he examines the intersection of race, sports, politics and patriotism in a divided America.



Valeisha Butterfield-Jones

Political Strategist & Head of Black Engagement at Google

A political organizing veteran who worked on Obama's presidential campaign and in the White House, [Butterfield-Jones](#) is an activist and CEO of the Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network.



Grace (Gealey) Byers

Actress on the Hit TV Show, *Empire* & Children's Author

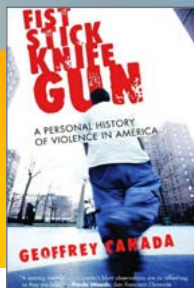
Born in the Caymans and raised by two deaf parents, [Byers](#) lends insights into challenging social and cultural experiences, reminding us all to have compassion and show grace for each other.



Tony Byers

Former Director, Global Diversity & Inclusion, Starbucks

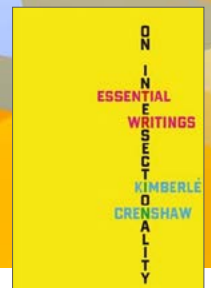
A sought-after change management specialist, [Dr. Byers](#) helps communities and organizations drive engagement and innovation through global diversity and inclusion.



Geoffrey Canada

Inner City Youth & Education Advocate

Founder of the Harlem Children's Zone, [Canada](#) addresses inner city poverty and violence. His model was featured in *Waiting for Superman* and has been replicated across the U.S.

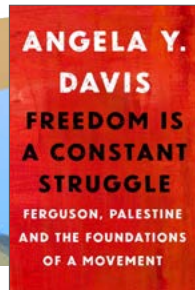


Kim Crenshaw

Civil & Women's Rights Activist

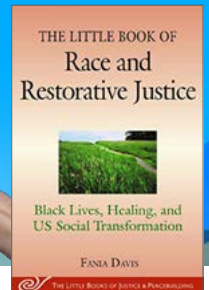
Known for coining the term "intersectionality," [Crenshaw](#) offers a critical examination of how social structures interact with gender and race on multiple levels, resulting in social inequality.

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Angela Davis
Feminist & Writer

Drawing from her experience on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List and the ensuing "Free Angela Davis" campaign, [Davis](#) delivers riveting messages of tolerance.



Fania Davis
Leading National Voice on Restorative Justice

A long-time social justice activist, civil rights trial attorney, writer, professor and scholar, [Davis](#) speaks on the power of restorative justice and search for healing.



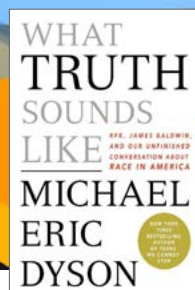
Dr. Sampson Davis
Physician & Inspirational Leader

One of three young men raised in poverty that made a pact to become doctors, *NY Times* best-selling author [Davis](#) told his story in *The Pact* and wrote *Living & Dying in Brick City* and *The Stuff*.



Wade Davis
Former NFL Player, Equality Advocate & Educator

A thought leader, advocate and writer on gender, race and orientation equality and intersectionality, [Davis](#) is the NFL's first LGBT consultant and works with numerous pro teams.



Dr. Michael Eric Dyson
Public Intellectual & Best-Selling Author

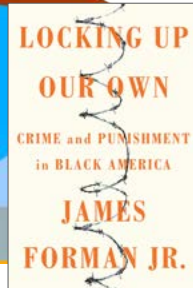
Featured on NPR and MSNBC, [Professor Dyson](#) melds scholarly insight with contemporary culture and examines civil rights and race relations. His thought-provoking talks foster social change.



Dr. Aprille Ericsson
Rocket Scientist, Technologist & STEM Educator

Named one of the top 50 minority women in science and engineering, [Ericsson](#) is the first African-American woman to receive a Ph.D. in engineering from NASA's Goddard Flight Center.

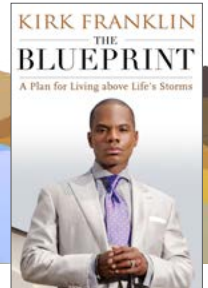
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James Forman Jr.

Professor, Yale Law School & Pulitzer Prize Winner

Author of *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America*, [Forman](#) is a legal scholar, former public defender and charter school founder focused on the future of race and criminal justice.



Kirk Franklin

Businessman, Leading Gospel Singer & Motivator

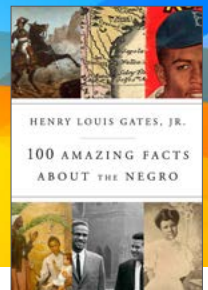
The first gospel artist to go platinum and multi-platinum, [Franklin](#) has transformed the genre. He inspires audiences across generations with his touching story and views on faith and culture.



Sybrina Fulton

Mother of Trayvon Martin

After the death of her son made national headlines, [Fulton](#) channeled her loss to become a gun control law activist and motivational speaker.



Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Emmy-Winning Filmmaker, Cultural Critic & Journalist

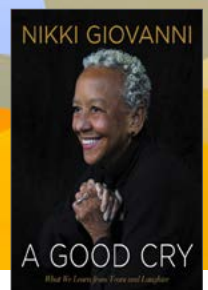
Harvard professor and host of the popular show *Finding Your Roots*, [Gates](#) is one of the country's most influential thought leaders on multicultural and African-American issues.



Sylvester James Gates

Theoretical Physicist Known for Supersymmetry

A pioneer in advancing our understanding of supersymmetry, supergravity, and string theory, [Gates](#) captivates with his ability to explain complex theories in a fun, accessible way.



Nikki Giovanni

Poet, Educator & Best-Selling Author

Named a "living legend" by Oprah Winfrey, [Giovanni](#) is an NAACP and Langston Hughes Award winner. Her keynotes on diversity are highlighted with poetry.

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TED

Haben Girma

First Deafblind Graduate of Harvard Law School

Named a White House Champion of Change by President Obama, [Girma](#) is a consultant and advocate for equal opportunities for people with disabilities.



Louis Gossett Jr.

Academy Award-Winning Actor & Activist

Oscar winner [Gossett](#), best known for roles in *Roots* and *An Officer and a Gentleman*, founded the Eracism Foundation to fight racism, ignorance and social apathy.

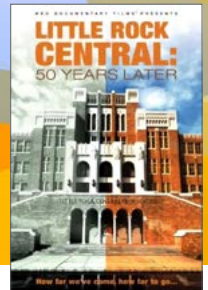


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Christopher Gray

Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Scholly

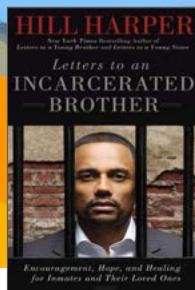
Raised in poverty and determined to help others go to college, [Gray](#) sparked the biggest fight in *Shark Tank* history with Scholly, his breakthrough app that helps students find scholarships.



Ernest Green

Member of the "Little Rock Nine"

One of the nine students that integrated Central High School in 1957, [Green](#) speaks out on the vestiges of past injustices, connecting them to present-day issues of race and education.

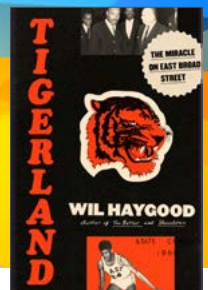


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Hill Harper

Actor, Youth Advocate & NY Times Best-Selling Author

Known for his roles on *CSI: NY* and *Covert Affairs*, [Harper](#) wrote four best-sellers and founded the Manifest Your Destiny Foundation to empower underserved youth through mentorship.



Wil Haygood

Acclaimed Biographer & Pulitzer Finalist

New York Times best-selling author and cultural historian [Haygood](#) tells the story of America through the lens of history, politics, sports, race and the lives of change-making African-Americans.

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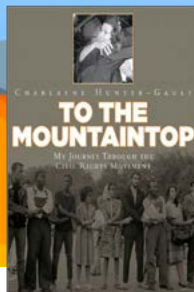
Marc Lamont Hill
Journalist, Scholar & Activist

A professor at Temple University, BET News host and CNN contributor, [Hill](#) speaks on youth, the achievement gap and the intersecting injustices of American racism.



Freeman Hrabowski
President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore

Award-winning educator and diversity expert [Hrabowski](#) transformed UMBC with his enthusiasm for STEM. Partnering with businesses, UMBC fosters skills to ensure employability.



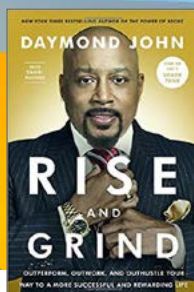
Charlayne Hunter-Gault
Award-Winning Journalist

Civil Rights trailblazer [Hunter-Gault](#) discusses her historic entry into the University of Georgia as its first black female student and the road she took through the Jim Crow South to get there.



Karine Jean-Pierre
Senior Advisor & National Spokesperson at MoveOn.org

Progressive activist [Jean-Pierre](#)'s professional experience has ranged from presidential campaigns and working in the White House to grassroots activism and local politics.



Daymond John
Branding Expert on *Shark Tank* & Founder/CEO of FUBU

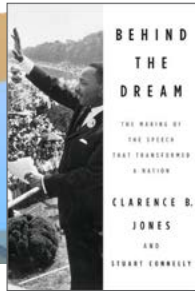
Branding visionary and urban fashion mogul [John](#) inspires with his self-made story. His motivational talks foster diversity and inspire leadership, initiative and creativity in others.



Jeff Johnson
Activist, Journalist & Host of BET's *Mancave*

A communications specialist and former NAACP National Youth Director, [Johnson](#) is as comfortable in front of the camera as he is behind the scenes as an activist and corporate strategist.

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Clarence B. Jones

Advisor & Speechwriter for Martin Luther King Jr.

An influential confidant of Dr. King, [Jones](#) played a pivotal role in drafting the “I Have a Dream” speech. He delivers passionate presentations on the challenges still facing civil rights.



Feminista Jones

Intersectionality Expert, Author & Award-Winning Blogger

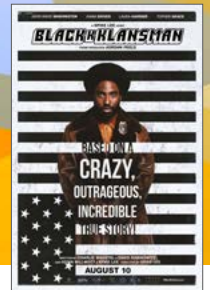
Named one of the Top 100 Black Social Influencers and 25 Most Inspiring Women on Twitter, [Jones](#) is feminist thought leader and social media influencer honored for online activism.



John B. King

Secretary of Education Under President Obama

[King](#) is an inspiring educational leader whose own story is proof of the transformative power of education. He shares a passionate message about access to opportunity and America’s future.



Spike Lee

Filmmaker, *BlackKkKlansman*

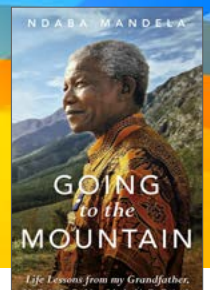
An outspoken social critic, [Lee](#) has directed critically acclaimed, socially conscious films such as *Do The Right Thing*, *Malcolm X*, *When The Levees Broke*, *4 Little Girls* and his latest, *BlackKkKlansman*.



Patrick “Blake” Leeper

Olympic/Paralympic Games Medalist & Recovering Addict

Having faced seemingly insurmountable odds, American Blade Runner [Leeper](#)—who broke Oscar Pistorius’ 400m record—inspires us to overcome obstacles and achieve success.



Ndaba Mandela

Grandson of Nelson Mandela, Founder of Africa Rising

Carrying his grandfather’s torch forward during the centennial of his birth and beyond, [Mandela](#) empowers today’s youth to inspire meaningful change for justice and equality.

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Roland Martin

Host/Managing Editor, TV One Cable Network

A dynamic and influential voice on the intersection of politics, social justice and race, [Martin](#) gives a voice to the voiceless and speaks truth to power on the issues of the day.

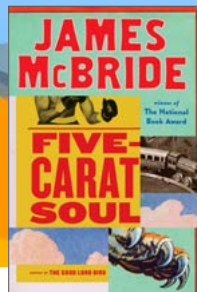


TRAYVON MARTIN
FOUNDATION

Tracy Martin

Father of Trayvon Martin & Community Activist

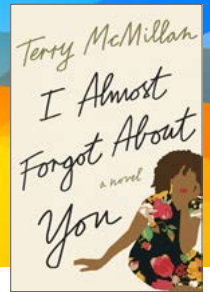
Since the death of his son, [Martin](#) has committed his life to transforming tragedy into social change and awakening the nation's conscience.



James McBride

National Book Award Winner & Musician

[McBride](#) uses music and writing to share powerful stories such as *The Color of Water*, *The Good Lord Bird* and *Miracle at St. Anna*, which was adapted by Spike Lee.



Terry McMillan

Best-Selling Author

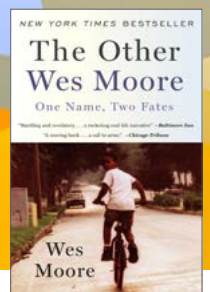
One of America's most beloved authors, [McMillan](#) became the empowering voice of a generation of women with her NYT #1 bestsellers *Waiting to Exhale* and *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*.



Malcolm Mitchell

Former New England Patriot & Children's Author

Recognized for his visits to elementary schools to read to students and talk about literacy, [Mitchell](#) is an avid reader, author, and award-winning athlete and community volunteer.



Wes Moore

Best-Selling Author & CEO, The Robin Hood Foundation

[Moore](#) energizes audiences with his remarkable personal story of overcoming adversity through education, embracing personal responsibility and emerging as an inspirational leader.

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS
FAMILY INITIATIVES

Kenneth Morris

Co-Founder, Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives

A descendant of two of the most influential names in American history, Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington, [Morris](#) continues his family's legacy of anti-slavery and educational work.



Diane Nash

Civil Rights & Peace Activist

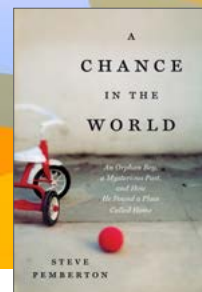
A pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement, [Nash](#) helped form the Nashville Student Movement and the Freedom Rides to protest segregation. Her work was featured in the PBS film *Freedom Riders*.



Jinah Parker

Dancer, Choreographer, Playwright & Educator

A multifaceted creative force, [Parker](#) is an artistic mirror for our past and present political and social climates. Her "choreoplay" *She*, examines sexual violence against women and girls.



Steve Pemberton

Chief HR Officer, Globoforce & Best-Selling Author

[Pemberton](#) overcame abuse and neglect as an orphan in foster care to become a corporate executive and inspiring leader. He chronicled his story in *A Chance in the World*, now a film.



Kevin Powell

Writer, Humanitarian & President of BK Nation

A political activist, poet, journalist, essayist, hip-hop historian and entrepreneur with a compelling life story of overcoming adversity, [Powell](#) motivates, builds bridges and inspires civic engagement.



Donisha Rita-Claire Prendergast

Granddaughter of Bob & Rita Marley, Filmmaker & Poet

Continuing her grandparents' legacy and message, [Prendergast](#) offers an inside look into her family's life and speaks on how to embody the idea of "One Love" in the community.

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Tracee Ellis Ross

Actress & Youth Volunteer

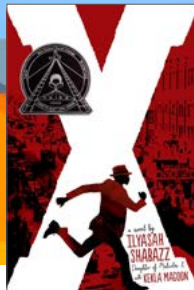
A Golden Globe-winning and Emmy-nominated actress, [Ross](#) stars in *Black-ish* and starred in *Girlfriends*. She encourages audiences to tap into their own creativity and inner joy.



Bakari Sellers

CNN Political Analyst, Lawyer & Activist

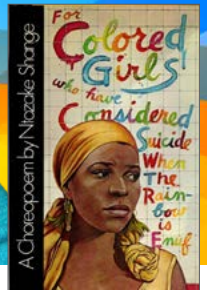
[Sellers](#) made history when he became the nation's youngest African-American elected official. He cites education, civil rights and equality as cornerstones of our nation's future.



Ilyasah Shabazz

Daughter of Malcolm X, Professor & Author

Sharing the legacy of her parents, Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz, [Ilyasah](#) is an inspirational role model, youth advocate and champion of women and girls empowerment.



Ntozake Shange

Award-Winning Playwright & Poet

Best-known for her landmark Obie Award-winning play *For Colored Girls...*, [Shange](#) is considered one of America's greatest living writers—an acknowledged master of drama, fiction, memoir and poetry.



Dia Simms

President at Combs Enterprises

An entrepreneur, philanthropist and creative force, [Simms](#) has worked with Sean "Diddy" Combs since 2005. She oversees business activities across his multiple companies and investments.



Michael Sorrell

Transformative College President & Higher Ed Innovator

Ranked by *Fortune* as one of the world's greatest leaders, [Sorrell](#) is known for his Urban Work College Model that transformed struggling HBC Paul Quinn College into a higher ed innovator.

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Shaun T

Celebrity Fitness Trainer, Abuse Survivor & Motivator

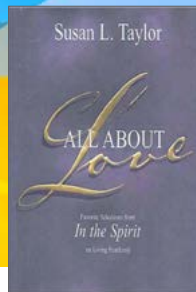
Best known for his #1 at-home workout “Hip Hop Abs,” author, entrepreneur and “trainer for the people” [Shaun T](#) motivates people to transform their lives, bodies, mindsets and businesses.



Blair Taylor

Former Head of Global HR at Starbucks

One of the nation’s most recognized business leaders, [Taylor](#) has spent his career innovating with some of the nation’s biggest consumer and philanthropic brands.



Susan L. Taylor

Founder & CEO, National CARES Mentoring Movement

The visionary that built the *Essence* brand, [Taylor](#) left the magazine to found an organization devoted to breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty among African-Americans.



Nontombi Naomi Tutu

Race & Gender Justice Activist

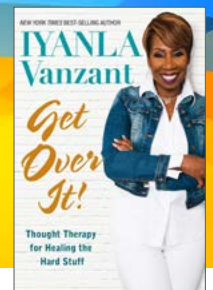
The daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, [Naomi](#) carries on the family legacy to heal the wounds of racism and promote understanding through truth and reconciliation.



Jessie T. Usher

Actor, *Survivor's Remorse* & *The Boys*

Currently working on the new Amazon series *The Boys* and the upcoming *Son of Shaft*, [Usher](#) is known for his roles in *Survivor's Remorse* and *Independence Day: Resurgence*.



Iyanla Vanzant

Lawyer & New Thought Spiritual Teacher

From welfare mother to *New York Times* best-selling author, NAACP Image Award winner [Vanzant](#) is one of the most influential and acclaimed spiritual life coaches of our time.

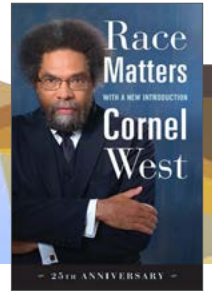
AFRICAN-AMERICANS



Alice Walker

Author, *The Color Purple* & Activist

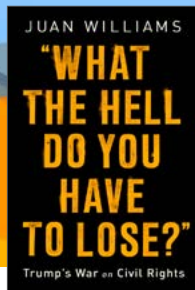
A gifted, prolific novelist and a leading voice among African-American women writers, [Walker](#) authored the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *The Color Purple*.



Dr. Cornel West

Provocative Public Intellectual & Author

A groundbreaking author and champion for racial justice, [Dr. West](#) weaves together the traditions of the Black Baptist Church, progressive politics and jazz in his powerful keynotes.



Juan Williams

Emmy-Winning Journalist & FOX News Commentator

Covering American politics for four decades, [Williams](#) has championed civil rights with *Eyes on the Prize* and his latest book, *What The Hell Do You Have to Lose?: Trump's War on Civil Rights*.



M. Quentin Williams

Business Advisor & Crisis Management Consultant

An attorney, author, educator and former FBI agent and federal prosecutor, [Williams](#) has held positions as an NFL and NBA executive. He shares vast legal, business and community advocacy expertise.



Saul Williams

Spoken Word Artist

Star of the first hip-hop play on Broadway, "Holler If You Can Hear Me," musician and slam poetry legend [Williams](#) wows with his one-man spoken word performance.



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Talithia Williams

Big Data Expert & Host of *NOVA Wonders*

A popular TED speaker and passionate STEM education advocate, [Dr. Williams](#) deploys data in unusual and insightful ways, viewing subjects ranging from health to diversity in a new light.

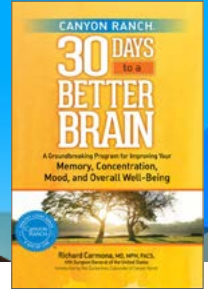
HISPANICS & HISPANIC-AMERICANS



Jim Avila

Correspondent for ABC News & Fusion

Award-winning journalist [Avila](#) shares fascinating insights into the role of the media in shaping public opinion and policies on national issues including immigration.



Richard Carmona

17th U.S. Surgeon General & Vice Chairman, Canyon Ranch

Having gone from high school dropout to serving as our nation's top doctor, [Carmona](#) instills in audiences that anything is possible through commitment and determination.



Lt. Colonel Olga Custodio, USAF (Retired)

America's First Latina Fighter Pilot & STEM Advocate

Turned away from flight school because she was a woman, [Custodio](#) went on to break barriers (including the sound barrier) as the first Latina USAF pilot and commercial pilot for American Airlines.



Patti Solis Doyle

CNN Contributor & Political Strategist

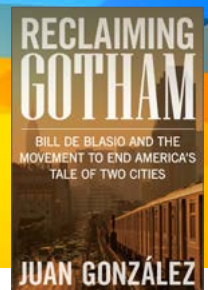
The first Hispanic woman to run a presidential campaign, attorney [Solis Doyle](#) explores politics, the rise of women and minorities in politics and issues affecting Hispanic-Americans.



Samantha Fuentes

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Shooting Survivor

Still mourning the loss of friends and teachers and carrying bullet shrapnel in her legs and behind her eye, [Fuentes](#) is committed to ensuring that no one else is devastated by preventable gun violence.



Juan Gonzalez

Award-Winning Journalist

A longtime columnist for *The New York Daily News* and co-host of *Democracy Now*, [Gonzalez](#) is one of the country's best-known Latino journalists with a career that spans four decades.

HISPANICS & HISPANIC-AMERICANS



Diane Guerrero

Actress, *Orange is the New Black* & *Jane the Virgin*

At age 14, [Guerrero](#) watched her family be deported. She shares the incredible story of how she was able to remain in the U.S., continue her education and build a successful career.



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Maria Hinojosa

Emmy-Winning Journalist

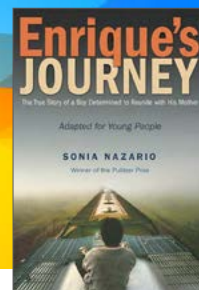
Anchor and executive producer of NPR's "Latino USA," and a panelist on *Meet the Press*, [Hinojosa](#) examines the critical issues that are changing our cultural and political landscape.



Sonia Manzano

"Maria" on *Sesame Street* & Author

Having retired her iconic *Sesame Street* character "Maria," [Manzano](#) now dedicates her time to speaking and writing on education, communication, and Hispanics in the media.



Sonia Nazario

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author & Journalist

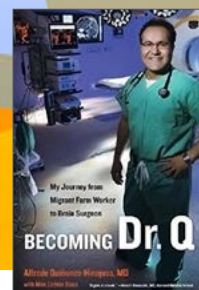
[Nazario](#) has spent over 20 years writing about social issues including immigration. Her acclaimed book, *Enrique's Journey*, recounts a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the U.S.



John Quiñones

ABC News Veteran & Host, *What Would You Do?*

A lifetime of "never taking no for an answer" took [Quiñones](#) from migrant farm work to the anchor desk at 20/20 and *Primetime*, and creating *What Would You Do?*, the hit show he hosts.



Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa

World-Renowned Neurosurgeon & Neuroscientist

Mexican immigrant [Quiñones-Hinojosa](#) went from migrant worker to head of brain tumor surgery at Johns Hopkins. His incredible story is being developed into a movie by Brad Pitt and Disney.

ASIANS & ASIAN-AMERICANS



Gish Jen

Award-Winning Author

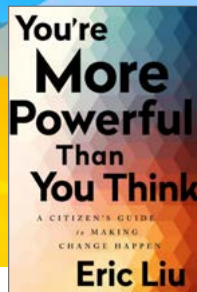
Hailed as “one of the most insightful writers of our time,” [Jen](#) addresses pressing questions of culture, identity, and globalization with analysis, storytelling, brilliance, wit and warmth.



Maggie Chan Jones

Forbes 15th Most Influential CMO in the World

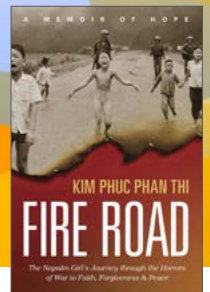
An industry thought leader in marketing, technology, and fostering gender diversity, former SAP CMO [Jones](#) is committed to empowering more women and people of color to reach the C-Suite.



Eric Liu

Best-Selling Author & CEO, Citizen University

A former White House speechwriter for President Clinton, [Liu](#) champions the art of powerful citizenship, challenging audiences to think about identity and inspiring civic engagement.



Kim Phuc Phan Thi

Advocate for Victims of War Crimes

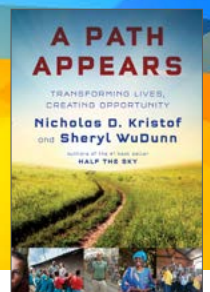
The subject of the Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph from the Vietnam War of a young girl running with her skin on fire, [Phuc](#) established a foundation to heal those in war-torn areas.



Tak Toyoshima

Creator, “Secret Asian Man” Comic

A self-described product of creativity bred in the midst of multicultural experiences, [Toyoshima](#) opens up the dialogue on the challenges that Asian-Americans face in mainstream culture.



Sheryl WuDunn

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist

Co-author of *Half the Sky* and *A Path Appears*, [WuDunn](#) presents a compelling examination of current economic, political and social issues, urging us all to make a difference in the world.



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Wade Davis

Former NFL Player, Equality Advocate & Educator

A thought leader, advocate and writer on gender, race and orientation equality and intersectionality, [Davis](#) is the NFL's first LGBT consultant and works with numerous pro teams.



Cleve Jones

Author, AIDS & LGBTQ Rights Icon

From the early days of AIDS activism to marriage equality, civil rights icon [Jones](#) has been a driving force behind the most important gains made by the LGBTQ community over the past four decades.



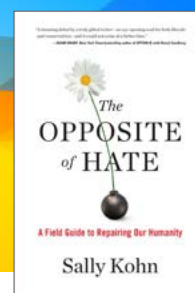
Roberta A. Kaplan

Lead Attorney, Supreme Court DOMA Gay Rights Case

[Kaplan](#) earned national acclaim when she argued—and won—the Supreme Court case that struck down DOMA and produced one of the most important civil rights decisions of our time.



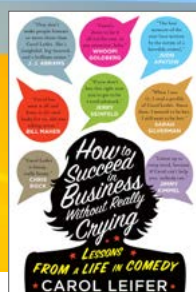
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Sally Kohn

Columnist & Political Commentator, CNN

Ranked as one of the 100 most influential pundits on TV, [Kohn](#) is a leading progressive voice. Her inspiring, uplifting keynotes convey a message of connection and compassion for all.



Carol Leifer

Writer, SNL, Seinfeld, Modern Family & Curb Your Enthusiasm

A trailblazing woman in stand-up comedy and a best-selling author, [Leifer](#) shares her views on women's issues, her Jewish roots, LGBT perspectives and her incredible career.



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Anthony Romero

Executive Director of the ACLU

The first Latino and openly gay head of the ACLU, [Romero](#) has transformed the ACLU into an organizational powerhouse championing civil liberties, individual freedom and human rights.

DISABILITY AWARENESS



Heather Abbott

Boston Marathon Bombing Survivor & Amputee

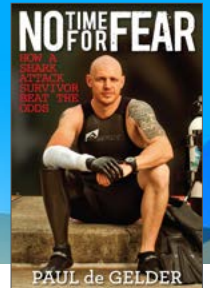
[Abbott](#)'s life changed forever when she was struck by bomb shrapnel and lost her left leg. She captivates audiences with her incredible story of pain, anger, optimism and resilience.



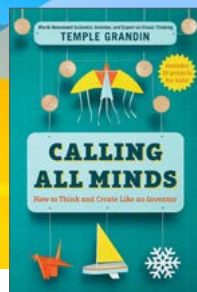
Paul de Gelder

Shark Attack Survivor & Shark Week Host

An Australian Navy diver who lost two limbs in a brutal shark attack that changed his life, [de Gelder](#) now inspires others to overcome obstacles and champion shark conservation.



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Temple Grandin

World-Famous Animal Scientist & Autism Self-Advocate

The most accomplished adult with autism in the world, [Grandin](#) inspired the HBO film *Temple Grandin* (starring Claire Danes). Grandin shares the challenges and successes of her fascinating life.



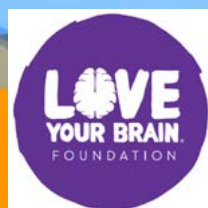
Patrick "Blake" Leeper

Olympic/Paralympic Games Medalist, Recovering Addict

Having faced seemingly insurmountable odds, American Blade Runner [Leeper](#)—who recently broke Oscar Pistorius' 400m record—inspires us to overcome obstacles to achieve success.



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Kevin Pearce

Champion Snowboarder & Traumatic Brain Injury Survivor

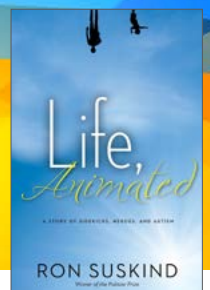
[Pearce](#) went from being a gold medal hopeful to suffering a brain injury that nearly took his life. Known for his contagious optimism, he delivers a powerful message of overcoming adversity.



Ron Suskind

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist, Author

Author of *Life, Animated* (adapted into the Oscar-nominated film), [Suskind](#) shares his journey of connecting with his son, who has autism, through Disney movies.



NATIVE AMERICANS



Zonnie Gorman

Historian & Lecturer

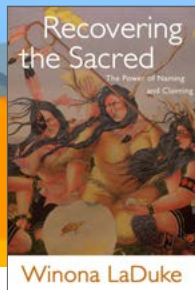
A recognized historian of the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II, [Gorman](#) educates people about the rich history, culture, language, and contributions of the Navajo people.



Michael Greyeyes

Award-Winning Actor, Artist, Educator & Leader

Praised for his breakthrough portrayal of Sitting Bull in *Woman Walks Ahead*, [Greyeyes](#) is a proud Nehiyawe (Plains Cree) blazing new trails for indigenous people in film.



Winona LaDuke

Native American Environmentalist & Political Activist

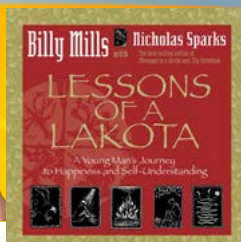
An advocate for frontline native environmental groups and ecological balance, [LaDuke](#) was twice Ralph Nader's Vice Presidential candidate for the Green Party.



Tatanka Means

Native American Actor & Activist

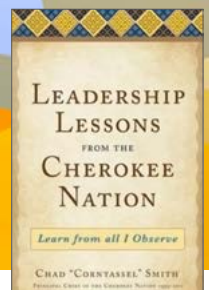
Star of the Emmy-winning miniseries *Into the West*, [Means](#) uniquely uses the history of Hollywood's portrayal of Native Americans as a backdrop to speak about equality and advancement.



Billy Mills

Olympic Gold Medalist & Motivator

A Lakota Sioux raised in one of the poorest communities in America, [Mills](#) inspired the film *Running Brave*. He authored *Wokini*, a book about finding happiness and satisfaction in life.



Chad "CornTassel" Smith

Former Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation

A force in building self-sufficient Native American nations, [Smith](#) speaks passionately about developing leadership, improving education, and preserving cultural values and language.

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