

The Black & White Reunion

C/O East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 South Highland Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATIO
PAID
PITTSBURGH, PA
PREMIT NO691

Or Current Resident



Black & White Reunion Coordinating Council 2012

Founder--Tim Stevens

Treasurer—Ann F. Mason

Council Members

George Hogan III
Major A. Mason III, Ph.D.
Kenneth Miller
Tim Stevens
Robert Maddock
Mark Ozark
Dorcas Amaker
Craig Stevens
Celeste Taylor
Ramona Roberts
Sarah B. Campbell
Reggie Roberts
Brittany McBryde
Faith Stenning
Freda Ellis

Special Assistant

Valerie Lauw

Fiscal Agent

YWCA of Pittsburgh

January 2012

Dear Friends,

Please support the 14th Annual Summit Against Racism on **Saturday, January 21, 2012**. The Summit takes place at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church from 9 AM-3PM, and we will work to assess the current needs and struggles in our community while developing strategies to combat racism and social exclusion in the coming year.

8:00 AM –Registration & continental breakfast

9:00 AM—Opening of 14th Annual Summit Against Racism

9:30-11:00 - Workshop session-1

11:15-12:45-Workshop session-2

1:00-Lunch

1:45-3:00 PM—Workshop summaries and action proposals,
Closing remarks

Enclosed you'll find details on how to register and support the Black and White Reunion's Jonny Gammage Scholarship fund.* Please help us reach out to supporters by inviting others you know to purchase ads in this year's Summit program. The deadline for ad submissions is **January 17, so please hurry!**

We look forward to seeing you at the Summit!

Building Bridges to End Racism in Pittsburgh,

The Black & White Reunion Coordinating Council
The 14th Annual Summit Against Racism Planning Committee

The Summit Against Racism is the primary fundraiser for the Jonny Gammage Scholarship. Through collaboration with NEED, the Black & White Reunion was able to offer two \$3,000 scholarships. Winners also receive recognition at the Pittsburgh NAACP's Human Rights Dinner. This year's scholarship winners are **Christopher Carter (Univ. of Pittsburgh) and **James Meyers** (Carlou).*

Email: blackandwhite_reunion@yahoo.com
Web site: www.blackandwhitereunion.org
C/O East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 S. Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-322-9275

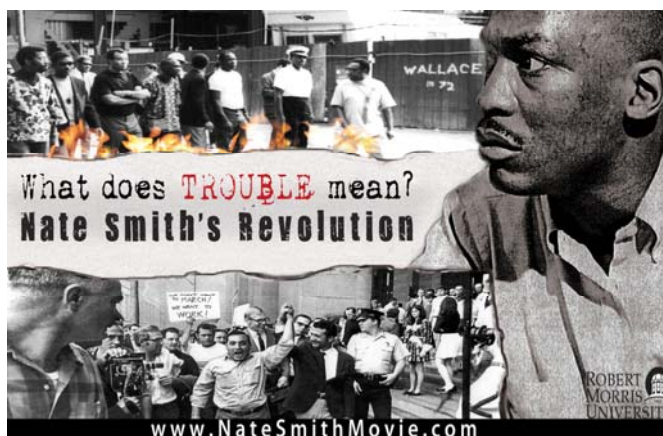


What to expect at the 14th Summit Against Racism

The Legal Framework for the 14th Annual Summit Against Racism is the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**. We also want to contextualize today's struggle against racism with the legal strategies of Dennis Brutus and Lucinda Todd.

- **Dennis Brutus**, a truly international strategy for stopping police brutality and ending South Africa's Apartheid.
- **Lucinda Todd**, organizing the Topeka, Kansas community to testify against segregation in America and a high quality public education for black children.

Highlights of Workshops and Film Screenings



Film Screening: What Does Trouble Mean? Nate Smith's Revolution: This is what Solidarity looks like when Black and white people struggle together for jobs. Again this year we will feature screening of the Nate Smith biography. The film highlights the continuing struggle for more minority labor participation on government funded construction sites in Western Pennsylvania. See: www.NateSmithMovie.com



Strategies for Building Occupy Pittsburgh's Racial Justice Work

Within a Human Rights framework, this workshop will discuss ways of integrating the lessons from the other Summit Against Racism workshops into the work of Occupy Pittsburgh over the coming year. We will discuss ways of countering racism and white privilege within and outside our movements and identify priorities for action in the coming year.

Facilitators: Celeste Taylor, B-PEP, Occupy Pittsburgh/People of Color Working Group
taylor.celeste@gmail.com,

Jackie Smith, Occupy Pittsburgh Outreach Working Group
Chris Mason, Occupy Pittsburgh Outreach Working Group
Paradise Gray, Occupy The Hood, Pittsburgh

14th Annual Summit Against Racism Workshops (continued)

Stopping Police Brutality and Demanding Police Accountability/October 22 National Day of Action Against Police Brutality and the Criminalization of a Generation

Co- facilitators Kenneth Miller, Black and White Reunion, [412-867-9213](tel:412-867-9213)
Brandi Fisher, Alliance for Police Accountability [412-628-5849](tel:412-628-5849)

The Black and White Reunion works closely with many groups to protest police brutality. Last year, we demanded Justice for Jordan Miles and advocated for the Jordan Miles/Police Accountability legislation.

Exciting resources at this workshop include: The Fraternal Order of Police union contract with the City of Pittsburgh, summaries of the four pieces of Jordan Miles/Police Accountability legislation, the 2011 October 22 Call To Action, the District Attorney's 2009 Tazer Report and Recommendations, "use of force" and racial stop and frisk data from each of the 154 police departments in Allegheny County.

We are looking for researchers/investigators to help us prepare for this workshop. Call us!

Being Accountable as Groups and Organizations

WWHAT'S UP?! - White's Working and Hoping to Abolish Total Supremacy, Undermining Privilege wwhatsuppgh@gmail.com
New Voices Pittsburgh

The intention of this workshop is to explore ways that groups of white people or mostly white people, whether they are intentionally white or not, can be accountable to people of color. We hope to explore what accountability means and also what it means for any group to be accountable along any lines of oppression.

Mass Incarceration: *The New Jim Crow* and Solitary Confinement: The Old Torture

Bret Grote – (Human Rights Coalition) HRC/FedUp bretgrote@yahoo.com
Martha Conley -- Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty marcon71@msn.com,
Pennsylvania Prison Society member

Mass incarceration: *The New Jim Crow* will explore the rise of the prison industrial complex in the United States in the context of the book by Michelle Alexander and the use of solitary confinement in Pennsylvania and the devastating effect it has on its victims and their families.

The Image of Women

Brittany McBryde
Anthony Holzwarth

This workshop will feature a short documentary created by Brittany McBryde discussing modern images of women, specifically Black women and how being constantly bombarded with these images causes desensitization. Once people no longer see women as people, but as objects for consumption it leads to more brutality, and injustice against them.

Summit Workshops (cont'd)

Creating A Culture of Peace: The People + Personal Power = Social Change (How the Greater Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence is Building a Movement for Social Change

Lois "Toni" McClendon; Creating A Culture of Peace & The Coalition Against Violence;
lois.mcclendon@mail.com

Representative from the Coalition Against Violence

This workshop will explore how the Greater Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence (CAV) is building a movement for Social Change by looking at the components of this training on active nonviolence provided by the national organization, Creating A Culture Of Peace. The innovative design of this program provides a holistic and practical foundation in spiritually-grounded active nonviolence, where participants come to recognize their own power for making personal and social changes without violence. CCP emphasizes two forms of active nonviolence: Constructive Nonviolence "calls us to maximize our time and effort to create a just and peaceful *alternative* culture through new relationships, new practices, and new institutions". Nonviolent Resistance "challenges us to protest injustice and oppression and to protect the oppressed." The Greater Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence in its work is a great example of both forms of active nonviolence. CAV's vision is to see "Safe, peaceful and just communities for all" and its mission is to create and implement a comprehensive anti-violence strategy for Pittsburgh and the nation.

Land Tenure and Race: From 40 Acres and a Mule to...

Dan Sullivan, director of education, Saving Communities, edudirlap@savingcommunities.org
Bee McBryde

A look at racial differences in Pittsburgh home ownership, the underassessment of white neighborhoods and the overassessment of black neighborhoods, the racial effects of shifting from property tax to taxes on labor, the continual wealth transfer from the landless to the landed, and the role land played tying the abolitionist movement to the progressive and the early labor movements.

~~~~~

## **Time To Mobilize!**

### **Help is needed with OUTREACH Ads, and invitations for the 14th Annual Summit Against Racism.**

Featured outreach for the 14th Annual Summit Against Racism include a 15 person van from McKeesport organized with the help of Major and Ann Mason. Contact them at (412) 672-1519 Also, Freda Ellis will be assisting with coordinated outreach to student groups and voter registration volunteers at each of the 5 CCAC campuses. Call her at (412) 606-0134

Other coordinated outreach efforts are WELCOME! Everyone has a lot to learn and share at the 14th Annual Summit Against Racism. USE FACEBOOK to help organize the 14th Annual Summit Against Racism, check our event page for updates and organizing contacts.

**"Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/14<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit Against Racism](http://www.facebook.com/14thAnnualSummitAgainstRacism)"**

