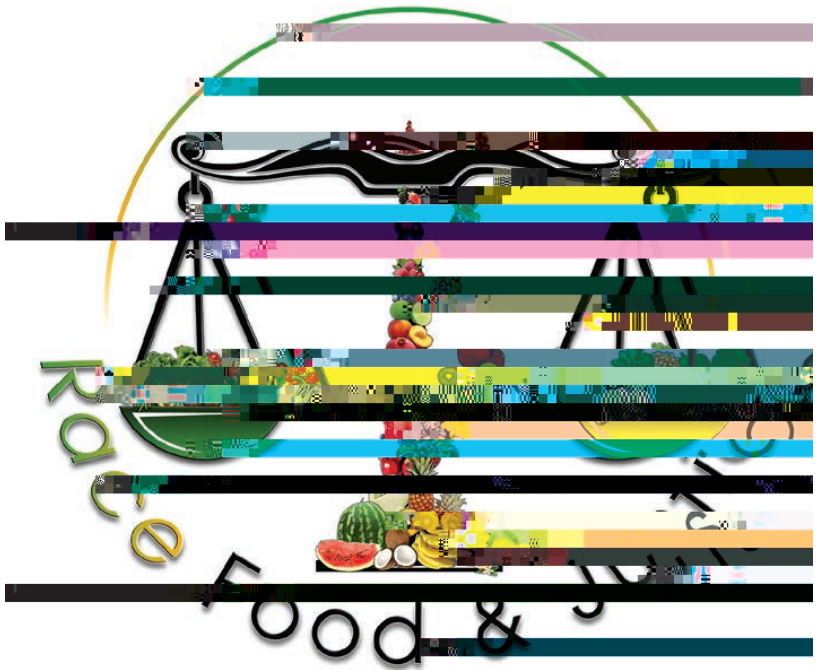


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Analyzing the Urban Food Movement through a Social Justice Lens

April 19-20, 2018

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Welcome to the 2018 Race, Food, & Justice Conference!

We are excited to spend two evenings together engaging with policy makers, organizations, universities, and community residents in an ongoing dialog addressing race and racism, one of the social determinants of health and a root cause of health disparities that continue to manifest within our communities. By engaging multiple sectors of our society, we are expanding the grassroots base promoting environmental justice. This conference is our opportunity to lift up and shine a light on the issues, planting seeds that will create more equitable solutions, policy change and collaborative programming.

Now, more than ever, we need to identify ways to disrupt “business as usual” and harness the power of community as we explore issues of climate justice, sustainability, gentrification, models for transformation and more. We hope you will lift your voices during our time together – we want to hear your stories, your ideas and your solutions.

Thank you for being here with us!

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Strosacker Auditorium, 2180 Adelbert Road

5–6 pm **Refreshments and Networking**
Hovorka Atrium

6–9 pm . ..

Conference Agenda

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Ford Auditorium, Allen Memorial Medical Library, 11000 Euclid Avenue

5–6 pm **Refreshments and Networking**

6–9 pm

Lena Boswell
Artist and Activist

Dr. Timothy S. Black
Social Justice Institute

Dr. Monica M. White
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Black Farmers, Agricultural Cooperatives and Building Sustainable Places

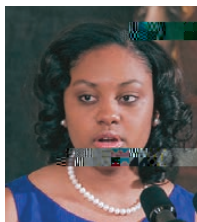
The Detroit Black Community Food Security Network
Fostering a Racially Just Food System

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MONICA WHITE, PhD, is assistant professor of Environmental Justice at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Michigan Sociological Association and the Michigan Campus Compact Faculty/Staff

Conference Presenters



ALLYSON CARPENTER is a Harry S. Truman Scholar and graduate of Howard University with degrees in political science and community development. At age 18, she was elected to serve as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in the District of Columbia, making her the youngest elected official in the history of the nation's capital. After serving as a commissioner, Carpenter studied government and foreign

policy at the University of Oxford as a Luard Morse Scholar. Upon her return to Howard, she was elected as the Student Government Association President. She proudly served on the National Organizing Committee of the Women's March on Washington, coordinating the march's logistics and helping with the policy platform. Carpenter has been profiled by MSNBC as a rising star in politics and featured in *The Roots*, *25 Under 25: Young Black Rising* list. She hosts a digital series for BET, called *What's A5ake*, which highlights social justice and political issues in the black community.



KEYMAH DURDEN, III, has an eclectic background. Although he is trained in avionics-mechanical engineering and construction, Durden's passion for sustainable living and environmental protection has taken him around the world. It has allowed him to get involved in several international programs and activities. In Ghana, West Africa, he was involved with the African Hebrew Development Agency (AHDA)

in their Fresh Well Water Initiative and Healthy Lifestyles Program. In Israel, he helped plan an International Sustainability Summit and was involved with the Dimona Community Agricultural Project. He is also a former co-owner of the internationally renowned Soul Vegetarian Restaurant and has been a practicing vegan for over 20 years. Durden is a graduate from Cuyahoga Community College's post-graduate program in Environmental Health and Safety. One of his major focus areas was storm water management. Along with other students, Durden designed and implemented an actual storm water management program for one of Cleveland's local townships. But his specialty is public relations, urban agriculture, and deconstruction activities. Durden's goal and vision are simple: "creating access to holistic, nutritional food for the development of the communities around the world." To this end, he is eternally dedicated.

SOPHIA L. BUGGS

Conference Facilitators

STATE SENATOR SANDRA WILLIAMS,

who represents Ohio's 21st Senate District, is currently serving her first term in the Ohio Senate. She is a native of Cleveland and attended Cleveland Public Schools. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice, a Master's in Criminal Justice Administration from Tiffin University, and Executive Master's in Business Administration from Cleveland State University. Senator Williams also serves as the Vice Chairwoman of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party and associate professor at Cleveland State University. Senator Williams has spent more than two decades in public service—as a corrections officer, probation and parole officer, mediator for the State of Ohio, legislative aide, and State Representative. She also served our country as a member of the United States Army Reserve and was honorably discharged in 1995.

During her time in the General Assembly, she has made strong efforts on improving access to economic development opportunities, such as improving contracting for women and minority contractors. She has also worked to expand job training opportunities for Ohioans entering the workforce or transitioning into new fields.

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She has also championed initiatives that revised criminal sentencing and re-entry laws that removed significant barriers to employment, providing a second chance for ex-offenders to allow them to become productive citizens. She spearheaded the passage of Ohio's Lupus Education and Awareness Program, and also led the charge to restructure the Cleveland Municipal School District.

As the former President of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus (OLBC), she focused on initiatives such as promoting quality education in the African American community, voting rights, decreasing inequalities in health care, increasing opportunities for minority business enterprises, and improving racial disparities in the criminal justice system. As part of OLBC's commitment to higher education, she created the OLBC scholarship fund which provides scholarships to Ohio students.

TIMOTHY S. BLACK, PhD, is the interim director of the Social Justice Institute, an associate professor of sociology and the second faculty member hired through the Social Justice Institute. His scholarly work examines the intersections between larger social structures and personal lives from which he advances a medium of sociological storytelling to illustrate how social structures are lived. He is the author of *When a*

Head Starts Rock Solid: The Lives of Three Poor African Brothers On and Off the Streets, named a best book of 2009 by *The Washington Post*. His more recent work includes the award-winning book *Mom: Life Before Pregnancy* (2015).

He is currently completing a book on low-income fathers, and a study of citizen reentry in Cleveland based on relationships with those who were locked up in an alternative incarceration facility. Dr. Black's research interests include urban sociology, race and mass incarceration, and qualitative

Our Youth Educational Programming falls under our *Green n' the Ghetto* banner and is designed to educate and entertain the community about

Special Thanks To:

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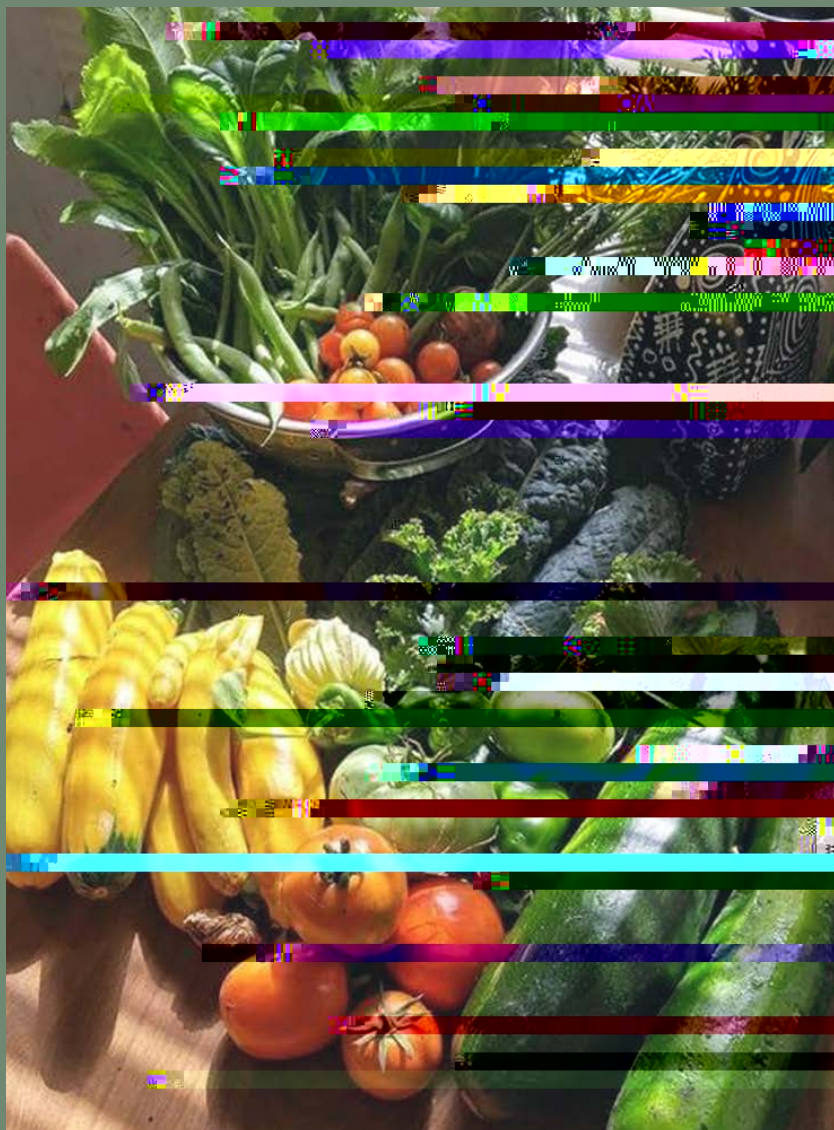
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1. Continue the conversation in your personal and professional circles pertaining to race, food and justice.



Eat Real Food For Life!
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