



**“Marching Towards an Inclusive Future: Seismic Shifts in Tennessee Communities”**

Friday, February 9, 2024

Tennessee State University, Avon Williams Campus

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| 8:30AM  | Registration begins  |
| 9:00AM  | Opening Remarks<br>Tim Walker, Metropolitan Historical Commission<br>Freddie O’Connell, Mayor of Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County<br>Linda T. Wynn, conference co-chair, Tennessee Historical Commission |
| 9:25AM  | <i>Mapping the Destruction of Tennessee’s African American Neighborhoods</i> , Zachary Keith, Knox County Archives   |
| 9:50AM  | <i>The Explosive Beginning of School Desegregation</i> , Dr. Rachel Martin, writer and historian   |
| 10:15AM | BREAK  |
| 10:45AM | <i>Integrating The Airwaves</i> , Paula Blackman Iacampo, Harper Collins Publishers  |
| 11:10AM | <i>Meharry Medical College and the Nashville Civil Rights Movement</i> , Sandra Parham, Meharry Medical College Library and Archives   |
| 11:35AM | Performance #1: <i>Songs of the Movement</i> , Deni E. Lowe  |
| 12:00PM | LUNCH  |
| 1:30PM  | Remarks, Dr. Samantha Morgan-Curtis, Dean of Tennessee State University’s College of Liberal Arts  |
| 1:35PM  | <i>Nashville’s Civil Rights Movement Landmarks, 1942-1969</i> , Robbie D. Jones, Richard Grubb and Associates  |
| 2:00PM  | <i>The Civil Rights Room: 20 Years of Sharing Nashville’s Story with the World</i> , Elliott Robinson, Nashville Public Library Special Collections Division   |
| 2:25PM  | <i>Strong Inside: Lessons Learned from Sports Hero Perry Wallace</i> , Linda Wynn, Andrew Maraniss, Joseph Herbert, and Gerold Oliver  |
| 2:50PM  | <i>Then and Now: The History of Minority Communities in Nashville</i> , A Vanderbilt University project in collaboration with the Nashville Public Library, Dr. André Churchwell, Vanderbilt University                          |
| 3:15PM  | Closing remarks, Dr. Learotha Williams, Jr., conference co-chair, Tennessee State University   |

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