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The Slave Route:
Resistance, Liberty, Heritage

UNESCO International Symposium Healing the Wounds of Slavery: Towards Mutual Recovery

Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs
Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

18 - 19 October 2018

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 17TH OCT. ARRIVAL & WELCOME

7. 00 pm **Welcome Reception**
Hotel Le Meridien

THURSDAY 18TH OCT. TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE HISTORIES AND LEGACIES Berkley Centre

8. 30 – 9. 00 am **Registration**

9. 00 – 9. 30 am **Opening: Contexts and Purposes of the Symposium**

- **Thomas Banchoff**, Vice President for Global Engagement, Georgetown University
- **Ali Moussa Iye**, Chief, History and Memory for Dialogue Section, UNESCO
- **Garrett Thomson**, Chief Executive Officer, Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace (GHFP)

9. 30 – 11. 00 am **Plenary 1: Histories of the Slave Trade and Slavery**

Introduced and facilitated by **Ali Moussa Iye**, Chief, History and Memory for Dialogue Section, UNESCO

1. **What are the historical contexts and underpinnings of the transatlantic slave trade and slavery?**

- **John Franklin**, Senior Manager in the Office of External Affairs, Smithsonian National Museum of African American Culture and History
- **Terrence Johnson**, Associate Professor of Religion and Government, Georgetown University
- **Nelly Schmidt**, Director, French National Scientific Research Centre, University Paris IV-Sorbonne
- **Ibrahima Seck**, Director, Whitney Plantation Museum

Discussion

11. 00 – 11. 30 am **Refreshments**

11. 30 am – 1. 00 pm Plenary 2: Research about Traumas of Trans-Atlantic Slavery
Introduced and facilitated by **Scherto Gill**, Senior Fellow, GHFP

2. What are the findings on the psychosocial consequences of trans-Atlantic slave trade and slavery, and the needs of and approaches to healing such traumas?

- **Benjamin Bowser**, Professor Emeritus, California State University East Bay
- **Katrina Browne**, Director, Traces of the Trade
- **Joy Angela DeGruy**, President and CEO of Joy DeGruy Publications Inc.
- **Ariane Giacobino**, Geneticist, Genetic Medecine Service, University Hospital of Geneva
- **Aimé Charles-Nicolas**, Professor, University of Antilles and University Hospital of Martinique
- **Erica Wilkins**, Assistant Professor, Department of Couple and Family Therapy, Drexel University

Discussion

1. 00 – 2. 30 pm Lunch

2. 30 – 4. 00 pm Plenary 3: Framing Questions for Dialogue
Introduced and facilitated by **Katherine Marshall**, Senior Fellow, Berkley Centre

3. What are the most significant relevant questions that we should ask in order to learn from dehumanising tragedies in world history?

- **Vincent Deforest**, Former Special Assistant to Director National Park Service
- **Kenneth Gergen**, Founder/President, Taos Institute / Mustin Professor, Swarthmore College
- **Fatimah Jackson**, Professor of Biology, Howard University
- **Annick Thebia-Melsan**, Writer, General Curator, Guadeloupe
- **Khatharya Um**, Professor, Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies, UC Berkeley
- **George Woods**, Lecturer, School of Law, University of California, Berkeley,

Discussion

4. 00 – 6. 00 pm Dialogue 1: Possible processes and approaches to healing
(Incl refreshments)

Small group dialogue to reflect on the questions identified from Plenary 4 based on the learnings from day.

(Participants will be divided into 5 groups x 5-6 persons and will stay in the same group for all dialogue.)

7. 30 – 9. 30 pm Dinner
Hotel Le Meridien

FRIDAY 19TH OCT: HEALING THE WOUNDS OF SLAVERY & MUTUAL RECOVERY
Berkley Centre

9. 00 am – 10. 00 pm Plenary 4: Sharing Learnings from Previous Day

Introduced and facilitated by **Phyllis Magrab**, UNESCO Chair / Director of the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development

10.00 am – 12.00 pm Dialogue 2: Proposals of Healing and Challenges
(Incl Refreshments)

Small group dialogues to respond to questions as below:

4. **What are the implementable proposals for healing the wounds of transatlantic slave history?**
5. **What are the main obstacles and resistances to such proposals for healing?**

12. 00 – 1. 00 pm Plenary 5: Sharing Insights from Each Group

1. 00 – 2. 00 pm Lunch

2. 00 – 3. 30 pm Plenary 6: Partnership Towards Healing and Recovering

Introduced and facilitated by **Garrett Thomson**, CEO, GHFP

6. **What would be the appropriate strategies to communicate and inform the public for a better understanding of the challenges to overcoming these legacies?**
7. **Who are the key stakeholders and partners to support the healing processes and dialogues?**

- **John Cummings**, Founder, Whitney Plantation Museum
- **Prinny Anderson**, Secretary to the Board, The Slave Dwelling Project, USA
- **Ana Lucia Araujo**, Professor of History, Howard University
- **Judite Blanc**, Fellow, Center for Healthful Behaviour Change, New York University
- **Rob Corcoran**, Founder, Hope in the Cities, Initiatives of Change, USA
- **Peter Hanes**, Editor, USA African North American Studies
- **Venanzio Mwangi Munyiri**, Pastor, Spiritual Centre for Africans in Colombia

Discussion

3. 30 – 5. 15 pm Dialogue 3: Steps to Designing a Pilot Healing Programme
(Incl Refreshments)

5. 15 – 6. 15 pm Closing: Conclusions, Ways Forward & Gratitude

7. 30 – 9. 30 pm Dinner

DAS Ethiopian Restaurant, Georgetown, Washington DC

SATURDAY 20TH OCT: AM: Visit to the National Museum of African American Culture and History
PM: DEPARTURES