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Access: Who Has It? - 2019 Anniversary Forum

MITCHELVILLE FREEDOM PARK
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ACCESS

WHO HAS IT?
2019 ANNIVERSARY FORUM

SAT NOVEMBER 2, 2019
9AM - 2:30PM

USCP - HILTON HEAD ISLAND CAMPUS
1 SANDSHARK DRIVE
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC 29928

COST: \$30 - GENERAL PUBLIC \$20 - TEACHERS
(LUNCH INCLUDED)
TICKETS ON SALE AT WWW.EXPLOREMITCHELVILLE.ORG

MITCHELVILLE'S SIGNIFICANCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY IS PROFOUND. IT REPRESENTS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN SELF-GOVERNED TOWN IN THE UNITED STATES. THE COURAGE, PERSISTENCE, AND RESOURCEFULNESS OF THE FREEDMEN ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC USHERED IN THE DAWN OF FREEDOM.

THEIR EXPERIENCES DURING AN ERA OF WAR AND THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD, EXPOSED A CULTURE THAT HAD SURVIVED FROM ITS ROOTS IN AFRICA, DEMONSTRATING HOW DEEPLY THE IDEAS OF SELF-DEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM WERE EMBEDED IN THE MINDS OF THE AFRICAN AMERICANS. SUDDENLY, THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD ACCESS TO PROPERTY, EDUCATION, AND AN INDEPENDENCE THAT OPENED THEIR MINDS TO THE REAL POSSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY.

THE 2019 ANNIVERSARY FORUM: "ACCESS: WHO HAS IT?" LOOKS AT THE ISSUES REVOLVING AROUND HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY ACCESS IN 21ST CENTURY AMERICA. THIS ONE-DAY SESSION WILL EXAMINE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION, ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH CARE AND THE GROWING POLITICAL POWER OF WOMEN, 100 YEARS AFTER GAINING THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN 1920.


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The 2019 Anniversary Forum: "Access: Who Has It?" will look at the issues revolving around historic and contemporary access in 21st Century America. This one-day session will examine access to quality education, issues associated with Health Care and the growing political power of women, 100 years after gaining the right to vote in 1920.

This year's speakers are Lee Gill, J.D., Chief Diversity Officer, Clemson University; South Carolina State Senator Katrina Shealy; Frank Rodriguez, D.Ed., Superintendent, Beaufort County School District; Raymond Cox, M.D., M.B.A., Volunteers in Medicine; Janice Malafronte, President, Open to Care; and Sylvea Hollis, Ph.D, National Park Service Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Gender and Sexuality, Learn more about the speakers on the next page.

The Forum will take place on November 2, 2019 at University of South Carolina - Beaufort (Hilton Head Island Campus) from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park preserves, promotes and honors Mitchelville, the first self-governed town of formerly enslaved people in the United States. HMFP is a 501(c)3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

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Make a donation to HMFP (listed as Mitchelville Preservation Project) through the Heritage Classic Foundation to have it matched for 2019!

Upcoming

November 2, 2019
Historic Mitchelville
Freedom Park
Anniversary Forum

December 9, 2019
Holiday Lighting in
Historic Mitchelville
Freedom Park

December 6-9 2019
Historic Holidays On
Hilton Head Island



2019 Anniversary Forum Speakers



Lee Gill is the Chief Diversity Officer and Special Assistant to the President for Inclusive Excellence at Clemson University. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor from the Chicago Kent College of Law at the Illinois Institute of Technology.



Katrina Shealy, elected in November 2012, serves as one of only four female members in the South Carolina Senate and offers her wealth of business experience to our state's upper chamber. Senator Shealy has been involved with and recognized and honored by multiple local, state and national organizations and media outlets for her work.



Frank Rodriguez served the South Florida education community for the past 25 years in a variety of capacities: as a secondary Social Studies teacher; as a program coordinator for the Florida Department of Education; and in the Palm Beach County schools, as an elementary and secondary principal, Area Director of Transformation schools, Assistant Superintendent over six district departments, Area Superintendent, and as a Regional Superintendent.



Raymond Cox is the Executive Director of Volunteers In Medicine Clinic - Hilton Head Island. Dr. Cox received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and his Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University. He completed an internship and residency at Emory University-Grady Memorial Hospital. In 2002, he received his MBA for Medical Management from Johns Hopkins University.



Janice Malafronte has been at the heartbeat of healthcare issues in Southern Beaufort County for more than 25 years. She is the founder and president of Open to Care. She started both a training program for local residents to become nursing assistants and a program for African American women to cope with lifestyle changes.



Sylvea Hollis is a National Park Service (NPS) Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Gender and Sexuality, where she works with NPS staff to tell more inclusive stories about the past and present. Sylvea earned a Master's in History Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program (SUNY-Oneonta) and a B.S. in History from the University of Montevallo (AL). Sylvea earned her Ph.D. in US History at the University of Iowa in May of 2018.