

# Final Speaker List: Unlearning Systemic Racism Townhall

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## UNLEARNING SYSTEMIC RACISM

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Hosted by: African American YMCA CEOs

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### Join Us Feb. 24 for an Unlearning Systemic Racism Town Hall

The Y's African American CEOs are excited to share the lineup of powerhouse speakers participating in **next week's virtual town hall on Unlearning Systemic Racism**. Our guests will challenge us to consider how we as individuals, and as a socially responsible organization, can help dismantle systems of racism.

With our speakers, we'll continue the conversations we began during the first town hall last July and dive deeper into the topics of health equity and the power of youth activism to create change.

All Y staff and volunteers are invited to attend. Learn more about our speakers below, and [REGISTER HERE.](#)

## Dr. Yusef Salaam

### Entrepreneur, Author, Trainer and Leader

Dr. Yusef Salaam is a social justice advocate and educator whose work is informed by his experience as one of five teens—four Black and one Latino—wrongfully convicted for a brutal crime in New York City’s Central Park in 1989 who came to be known as the “The Central Park Five.”

Their convictions were vacated in 2002, and since his release Dr. Salaam has committed himself to addressing disparities in America’s criminal justice system. Dr. Salaam was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2014 and received the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award from President Barack Obama in 2016. In 2018 he was appointed to the Innocence Project’s Board of Directors. In 2019 Dr. Salaam released a Netflix feature limited series called “When They See Us” based on the true story of the “Central Park Five.”



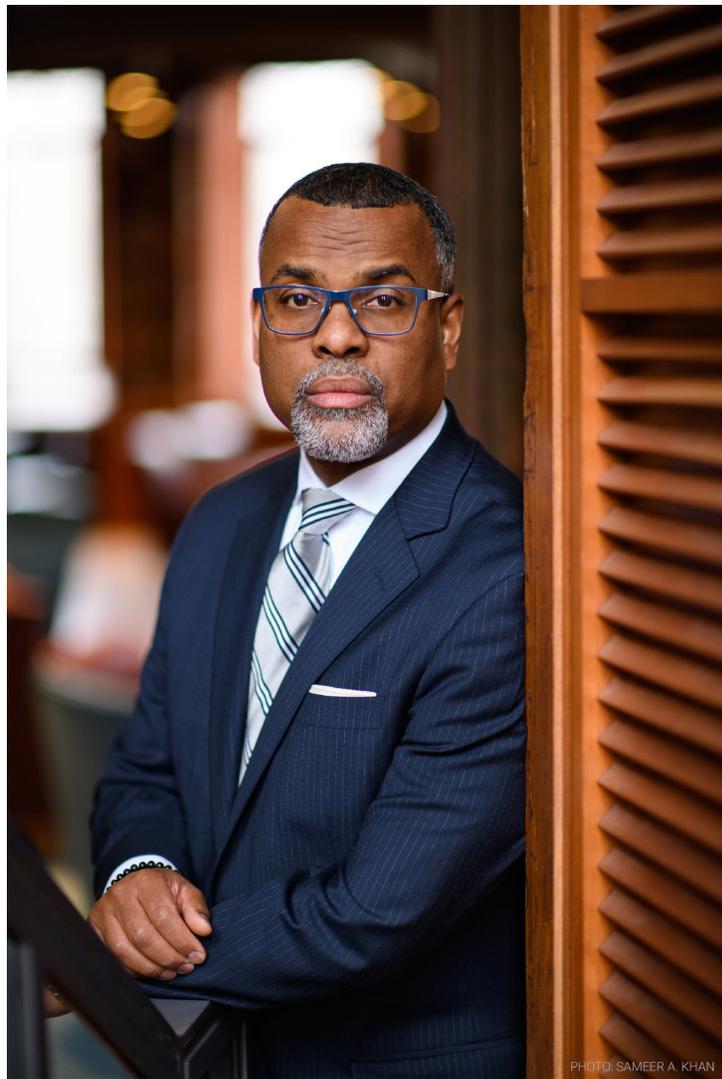


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## Dr. Eddie S. Glaude Jr.

### Scholar, Author and Chair of Princeton's Department of African American Studies

One of the nation's most prominent scholars, Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. is an author, political commentator, public intellectual and passionate educator who examines the complex dynamics of the American experience. His writings take a wide look at Black communities, the difficulties of race in the United States and the challenges we face as a democracy. Glaude is known for his ability to convene conversations that engage fellow citizens from all backgrounds. He frequently appears in the media and hosts Princeton's AAS podcast, a conversation around the field of African American Studies and the Black experience in the 21st century.

A highly accomplished and respected scholar of religion, Glaude is a former president of the American Academy of Religion. He holds a master's degree in African American Studies from Temple University and a Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University.

## Alycia Kamil Moaton

### Abolitionist, Activist, Writer and Actor

Alycia Kamil Moaton is an abolitionist, activist, writer and actor from Chicago and serves as a leader in the youth-led anti-gun violence organization GoodKids MadCity. Her efforts to organize a program to fund and deliver groceries to Chicagoans in need was referenced by Mackenzie Scott when announcing her more than \$4.2 billion in donations to organizations to support people suffering from the economic effects of the COVID crisis.

The grocery program was one of the many ways Alycia has helped bring resources to underserved communities since the young changemaker started getting involved with organizing work at age 14. More recently, the 20-year-old has helped organize some of Chicago's largest protests in response to the police killings of several Black men and women. Her activism is specifically driven towards finding solutions around gender-based violence and implementing arts and restorative justice practices in marginalized communities.





## Kevin Washington

### President and CEO, YMCA of the USA

Kevin Washington became president and CEO of YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) in 2015. A 43-year Y professional, he is the 14th person and first African American to lead the Y Movement in the United States. The Y has been a fixture in Kevin's life since he was 10 years old, when he first took part in an afterschool program at the Christian Street YMCA in his south Philadelphia neighborhood.

Kevin came to Y-USA from the YMCA of Greater Boston, where he served as President and CEO from 2010 to 2014. He was President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Hartford from 2000 to 2010 and Chief Operating Officer for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago from 1995 to 2000. He previously held other executive roles with the Chicago YMCA and the Greater Philadelphia YMCA. He got his start in the Y as a Youth Program Director at the Christian Street YMCA in 1978.

## Carlos Sanvee

### Secretary General, World YMCA

Carlos began his YMCA journey as a volunteer in his home country of Togo where he recruited new members as part of the organization's revitalization. He would later hold staff positions as Leadership Development Secretary and Deputy General Secretary.

In 1999, Carlos moved to Geneva to serve World YMCA as Executive Secretary of Finance and Administration where he would be integral in the development of World YMCA's strategic direction and the subsequent Global Operating Plan. Carlos would return to Africa in 2007 as General Secretary of the African Alliance of YMCAs; a post he'd hold for 12 years.

On July 2018, Carlos became the first African to be elected Secretary General of World YMCA, officially taking post in January 2019.



## PANEL DISCUSSION: RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

In many states, counties, and cities across the United States, racism is being declared a public health crisis due to the extreme health disparities being experienced by communities of color. This panel will dive deep into the health disparities with experts in the healthcare field, with a focus on the amplification of the disparities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Dr. Robin Martin

### **Deputy Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

Dr. Robin Martin is the Deputy Director of Strategy, Planning and Management for the Postsecondary Success team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Martin served as an associate provost for diversity and inclusion at an R1 university; taught and conducted research as a tenure-track faculty member; and made national news for her focus on equity in hiring and culture-building as a collegiate athletic director and coach.

In all her efforts, Dr. Martin illuminates a path for academics and professionals to build true equity in and around institutions where it is both seriously lacking and essential. She earned her doctoral degree in urban education leadership from the University of Cincinnati and bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of New Orleans.

## Dr. Ben Danielson

### **Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University of Washington**

Dr. Benjamin Danielson is dedicated to promoting well-being and dignity of individuals in underserved communities--a focus inspired by a single-parent mom who rescued him from foster care and instilled in him the value of education and community service.

Dr. Danielson is a clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington. In 2020, he departed the role of Senior Medical Director at the Odessa Brown Children's Clinic in Seattle, where he combined patient care, clinic leadership and community advocacy for more than 20 years. Dr. Danielson resigned due to the impact of systemic racism experienced in his role.

He earned an undergraduate degree from Harvard University, a medical degree from the University of Washington, and completed his pediatric residency at Seattle Children's Hospital.





## Joseph Ochipinti

### CEO, UnitedHealthcare -Mid Atlantic Region

Joseph Ochipinti is CEO of UnitedHealthcare Mid-Atlantic Region where he oversees health benefit plans that serve nearly 3 million UHC members in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia. Before assuming the role in 2019, Joe served as CEO of United Healthcare Gulf States Region for three years.

Joe has served the local and regional boards of the American Lung Association (ALA) since 2006 and in 2020 joined the ALA National Board of Directors. In 2013, he advocated for the eventual passage of Smoke Free New Orleans. He serves on the Economic Council Executive Board and the local March of Dimes Board in DC/MD/VA. He received a bachelor's degree from LaSalle University in Philadelphia and a master's degree from Webster University.

## Dr. Nailah Thompson

### Primary Care Physician and Director of Internal Medicine Residency Health Equity and Disparities Track at Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center

Dr. Nailah Thompson is a primary care physician and the Program Director of the Internal Medicine Health Disparities and Health Equity track at the Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center. She started a Specialty Blood Pressure Clinic at the Oakland Medical Center dedicated to improving blood pressure control in our Black/African American community as well as addressing and eliminating the disparities that exist in hypertension control in this group. She also serves as chair of the YMCA of the East Bay Board of Directors.

Dr. Thompson received a bachelor's degree from the University of San Diego and a osteopathic medical degree from the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Missouri. She completed a three-year Residency Program at the Alameda County Medical Center in Oakland, California in 2007.

