

2023 NFJC National Conference Schedule

(Please note that this schedule is subject to change)

Tuesday, September 5th 6:00PM – 8:00PM Welcome Reception – Reikert House (located across from the Hyatt)

3:00PM – 5:30PM	Welcome Table at Hyatt Place Hotel/	NFJC Staff & Volunteers	
6:00PM – 8:00PM	Reikert House	Conference Attendees, NFJC Board Members & Key Partners	Hybrid

Wednesday, September 6th 8:00AM – 6:00PM Immersive Bus tour at sites in Buffalo, Lewiston and Niagara Falls

8:00 AM	Bus departs from Hyatt Place	Tour Guide: Dr. Henry-Louis Taylor, Jr., Professor , Department of Urban & Regional Planning – University at Buffalo
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Michigan Street African American	Welcome from Terry Alford, Executive Director
10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon	Driving Tour of East Side (Freedom Mural/Tops Market on Jefferson, Ferry Street Crossing)	Dr. Henry-Louis Taylor, Jr.
12:30 AM – 2:45 PM	Welcome at Freedom Crossing Statue at foot of Center Street. Lewiston Historic Museum & lunch on your own.	Museum Curator – Tom Collister
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Museum Tour	
4:45 PM – 6:30 PM	Niagara Falls/Goat Island	Explore the area on your own
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Leave Niagara Falls and return back to the Hyatt Place	
7:00 PM	Dinner together in the hotel	Buffalo themed (please share any dietary considerations)

Thursday, September 7th 9:00AM – 3:45PM Plenary Sessions (All sessions will be hybrid)

9:00AM – 10:15 AM	PRESENTER	TOPIC
Session 1	Amanda Nickerson, PhD – Professor & Director of the Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention	Anti-Bullying –School Safety
Session 2	Steven Haagsma, Education Manager & Haley Blazer, Investigations Coordinator – Housing Opportunities Made Equal	Intersectionality of Race and disability
Session 3	Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein , Senior Rabbi – Congregation Shir Shalom	Interfaith Relations
10:30AM – 11:45 AM	PRESENTER	TOPIC
Full Group Session	Orli Sadeh, Roots	What is possible when seeking unity among a diverse community?
12:00 – 12:45 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00PM – 2:15PM	PRESENTER	TOPIC
Session 1	Aster Hathaway, Girl Scouts & Ron Piaseczny, Niagara Pride , Inc.	LGBTQIA+ Issues

Session 2	Jihak Kim, CEO – Diversity Korea	International Relations Across the World
Session 3	Stephanie Timblin, Executive Director, Seneca Media & Communications Center – Seneca Nation of Indians	Communications
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	PRESENTER	TOPIC
Session 1	Horizon Mental Health , TBD	Mental Health and Community Trauma
Session 2	Mark Scott, PhD, Vice President Support – John R. Oishei Foundation & Beth Kinsman Gosch, Executive Director – The Western New York Foundation	Foundational support; untapped ways for securing funding
Session 3	Michael Hingson, Author & Chief Vision Officer – accessiBE	Moving from Diversity to Inclusion

Friday, September 8th 9:00AM – 12 Noon

9:00AM – 9:30AM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Russ Wigginston – National Civil Rights Museum	Hybrid
9:30AM – 10:30AM	Trini E. Ross, US Attorney for Western District of New York	Hybrid
10:45AM – Noon	Affinity Groups & Wrap-up	Hybrid