

CALL FOR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS  
JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN CENTER FOR RECONCILIATION  
*Sixth Annual Symposium on Reconciliation in America:  
The Media and Reconciliation*  
May 27-29, 2015 ~~ Tulsa, Oklahoma

The merit is in making desegregation work. . . . We haven't pressed our communities. We haven't pressed our educational systems to stand up and do what they're supposed to do. . . . I have not lived all these years to want to go back. I want to go forward. I want to improve what we've got."

~~ John Hope Franklin (*Stetson Law Review*, April 20, 2005)

The act of reconciliation requires us to change from a past way of doing or being, to recognize that shift, and acknowledge the change so others may know it has occurred. Put another way, reconciliation requires us to go forward with purpose and intention. National and local events show us that race-based differences of understanding and interpretation are rampant. Indeed, any difference (race, gender, socioeconomic status, religion, or language) may be cause for misunderstanding and intolerance. The **2015 Symposium on Reconciliation in America: The Media and Reconciliation** calls us to explore how traditional and new media impact our understanding of ourselves and each other, and thus prepare us for the serious work of reconciliation.

The symposium will explore three broad questions:

- How do traditional media impact our worldviews?
- What is the role of ethnic and language media in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- How do new/social media impact communication and community-building in the U.S. and around the world?

The John Hope Franklin Center seeks to transform society's divisions into social harmony through the serious study and work of reconciliation. Consistent with that mission, the 2015 symposium encourages attention to how our daily lives and milestone events are impacted by traditional and new/social media with special focus on interactive, engaging sharing of "best practices" that foster hope and healing.

**All presenters must register for the Symposium by 31 March 2015. Online registration will open 22 February 2015.**

#### 2015 Concurrent Session Formats

By convening scholars and practitioners, the John Hope Franklin Center promotes a dialogue among those who work to bridge societal divides. To optimize the value of the symposium, we are providing a variety of concurrent session formats to help participants share their work in more dynamic ways.

Please indicate a preference for session format in your proposal and even structure your presentation to reflect a particular session format. However, because some formats may be more popular than others, the program planners may need to modify the initial session preference to fit within the available time slots.

Poster Presentation: Presentations given during a gathering of conference participants during which participants can walk around and learn from presenters. Time allotment: 1-1/2 hours during lunch

Concurrent Presentation: Two or three similar papers (and presentations) will be grouped together to create one session. Time allotment: 1-1/2 hours.

Workshop: A "hands-on" session where presenters bring their projects or papers to life in the room. A workshop might present poetry or rehearsed theatrical performances by students to show how they learned about the concept of reconciliation. Proposals for workshops must clearly indicate how the session will be hands-on and what activities. Workshop sessions may be scheduled during Pre-Conference Activities (Wed, 28 or Thu, 29 May) or during regular conference activities (Thu, 29 or Fri, 30 May). Time allotment: 1-1/2 - 2 hours.

Panel: Combinations of faculty and students and community practitioners who have worked together on one project or program or issue will sit on a panel and discuss their experiences. Panel sessions should allow at least 15 minutes for Questions & Answers. Time allotment: 1 hour.

#### Submit Your Proposal

Submit your Symposium Session Proposal to [info@jhfccenter.org](mailto:info@jhfccenter.org) by **March 9, 2015 – EXTENDED DATE**

#### Questions

For more information about the Symposium or the John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, please contact **Dr. Terri Baker**, JHFCR Symposium Consultant, [terrimckinneybaker@yahoo.com](mailto:terrimckinneybaker@yahoo.com) or **Jocelyn Lee Payne**, Executive Director, 918-295-5009, [jocpayne@jhfccenter.org](mailto:jocpayne@jhfccenter.org) OR **Jeff Kos**, Esq., Symposium Committee Chairman, 918-281-8600.

*"We are going to do our best to reach out to every citizen of the United States, to engage them in every way possible, and to make certain that they appreciate fully the opportunity which we have to do something not only significant but even spectacular."*

~~ John Hope Franklin

**Please join us in Tulsa on May 27-29, 2015 to honor the legacy of Dr. John Hope Franklin**