

2020 National Race Amity Conference Schedule

“Reset to Our Destiny – E Pluribus Unum”

Day 1 – Wednesday, November 18

**ALL TIMES LISTED ARE Eastern Standard Time
Conference “doors” open 10:30AM**

10:40AM – 11:10AM

Conference Kickoff/Welcome

**William H. “Smitty” Smith, EdD, Founding Executive Director,
National Center for Race Amity**

Conference Co-Host, Linda Meccouri, PhD, Member, NCRA National Advisory Board

11:10AM – 12:50PM

Panel Discussion

Resetting the National Dialogue Towards E Pluribus Unum and Civility

Moderator

Celeste Headlee, Award-winning Journalist, Author, Co-Host, PBS: Retro Report

Panelists

Mitch Landrieu, Founder, E Pluribus Unum Fund, Former Mayor of New Orleans

Erin Aubry Kaplan, New York Times Contributing Opinion Writer

William S. Cohen, Author, Former US Senator and Former US Secretary of Defense

Janet Langhart Cohen, Award-winning Journalist, Author, Playwright and Social Activist

12:50PM – 1:00PM Musical Break

1:00PM – 1:30PM Lunch and Learn - Martha Elliott and Michelle Ernst Modera

1:30PM – 1:40PM Musical Break

1:40PM – 3:00PM Breakout Sessions:

Breakout 1

A White Woman’s Guide to Teaching Black Boys

Eddie Moore, Jr, PhD, Founder, White Privilege Conference, Author

Breakout 2

The Only Indian in the Room: How to Approach, Address and Engage with Native People

Adesbah Foguth, Cultural Anthropologist, Navajo (Diné) Nation

Breakout 3

Show Up! Listen Up! Stand Up!

Lex Musta

Breakout 4

Teaching Unity: Educating School Teachers about the Oneness of Mankind

Randie Gottlieb, EdD, Founder, Unity Works and Lorenzo Alvarado, Assistant Principal

Breakout 5

Utilizing Race Healing Circles to Promote Race Amity

Gretchen Jung and Stacie Walton, MD, MPH

Breakout 6

Be the Change You Wish to See in Race Relations

William H. "Smitty" Smith, EdD

Founding Executive Director, National Center for Race Amity

Breakout 7

HOPE: Building a Sense of Belonging for Black and Latino Males at BHCC and Beyond

Nuri Chandler-Smith, Dean, Evans Erilus, Educational Case Manager, Carlos Maynard, Associate Professor Behavioral Sciences

Bunker Hill Community College

Breakout 8

Towards Race Unity: Treading a Spiritual Path with Practical Steps

Sharon Shohreh Javdan, MA

Breakout 9

"Lobby"

A place to mix with other participants, discuss Race Amity reflections and ideas, or request breakout room for your group to reflect

3:00PM – 3:10PM Musical Break

3:10PM – 5:15 PM Special Presentation

Screening of African Americans in WWII: A Legacy of Patriotism and Valor

Followed by Talkback with Executive Producer, Milton Thomas, Writer, Ellen Ternes, Moderator, Retired Colonel Peter Engstrom.

5:15PM – 5:30PM

Day 1 Conference Wrap Up

Notes, Updates, Special Announcements for Tomorrow

Linda Meccouri, PhD and Robert C. Henderson, EdD, Conference Co-Hosts

Day 2 -Thursday, November 19

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10:30AM – 10:40AM **Conference “doors” open**

10:40AM – 11:10AM

Welcome Remarks/Conference Highlights

Conference Co-Host, Robert C. Henderson, Ed.D., Board Chair, National Center for Race Amity
Conference Co-Host Linda Meccouri, Ph.D., Member, NCRA National Advisory Board

11:10AM – 12:50PM

Morning Plenary Presentation

Reset to Our Destiny: E Pluribus Unum – Finding Our Way

Keynote: Joy DeGruy, PhD

Nationally and internationally renowned researcher, educator and the acclaimed author of *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome — America’s Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing*

12:50PM – 1:00PM Musical Break

1:00PM – 2:15PM Breakout Sessions

Breakout 1

I’m A Good Person! Isn’t That Enough?

Debby Irving, author *Waking Up White*

Breakout 2

Going Deeper: Using the Arts to Elevate the Discourse on Race

Najee Brown, Artist-in-Residence and Robert Sapiro, Administrator
Green Acre | A Baha’i Center of Learning

Breakout 3

Creating an Advocates for Race Amity Group in Your Community

Karia Joy Wiggins, Susan Allen, Alice Nightingale
Facilitators, Advocates for Race Amity, Pinellas County, FL

Breakout 4

Towards Race Unity: Treading a Spiritual Path with Practical Steps

Sharon Shohreh Javdan, MA

Breakout 5

Poetry as a Pathway to Dialogue and Healing

Gilbert Smith, Administrator, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Breakout 6

Daring to Invent the Future - Africa's Great Green Wall - A New World Wonder

Elvis Paul N. Tangem, PhD, African Union Coordinator, Green Great Wall for Sahel and Sahara Initiative and Don Mullan, Founder, Hope Initiatives International

Breakout 7

Planning Successful Race Amity Day Events - Small and Large

**Ann Landry, Ramin Abrishamian, Gina Fox
Race Amity Day Organizers**

Breakout 8

The Art Process and Racial Justice

Gene Unterschuetz, Artist, Co-author *Longing: Stories of Racial Healing*

Breakout 9

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2:15PM – 2:30PM Musical Break

2:30PM – 3:45PM

Special Presentation: Sneak Preview!

...from Upcoming Five Part Series for Public Television, *An American Story – Race Amity and The Other Tradition*

**Program Concept Creator/Executive Producer/Producer William "Smitty" Smith, EdD,
Co-Executive Producer/ Producer, Craig Rothman, and Producer/Writer, Kari Carlson,
Historical Consultant, Richard W. Thomas, PhD**

3:45PM – 4:00PM Musical Break

4:00PM – 5:30PM

**RACE AMITY MEDAL OF HONOR
PROGRAM**

~2020 Race Amity Medal of Honor Recipients~

Mitch Landrieu

Founder, E Pluribus Unum Fund, Former Mayor of New Orleans

William S. Cohen

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Panel Discussion

Gen Z Reset toward E Pluribus Unum

Moderator

Doug Mitchell, Founder of NPR Next Generation Radio

Panelists

Penn Badgley, Actor

Adesbah Foguth, Cultural Anthropologist, Navajo (Diné) Nation

Cortney King-Tunis, Co-founder Pantsuit Nation

Masud Olufani, Actor and Artist

Debbie Ferruzzi, Founder, Humanity Rising

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Utilizing Race Healing Circles to Promote Race Amity

**Gretchen Jung and Stacie Walton, MD, MPH
Coming to the Table**

Breakout 5

Transformational Not Informational

**Howard Ross, Author *Everyday Bias*, Founder, Udarta Consulting and Robert Rosenfeld,
Author, *Invisible Element*, Founder, Idea Connections and Mosaic Partnerships**

Breakout 6

***Anti-Racism, Justice & Love: The Role of Education in Advancing Human Rights and
Betterment of Society***

Mahtab Mahmoodzadeh, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, The Overlake School

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An Open Letter to My White Brothers

Craig Rothman, Producer/Co-Producer, *An American Story: Race Amity and The Other Tradition*

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Special Presentation:

Alien Citizen: An Earth Odyssey

Talkback with Writer/Producer/Performer Elizabeth Liang

4:00PM – 4:15PM

Conference Closing

Closing remarks and Valuation

Conference Co-Host Linda Meccouri, PhD, Member, NCRA National Advisory Board

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