

2022 Washington Supreme Court Symposium:

Reparations for African Americans

JUNE 1, 2022

8:30 AM - 12:35 PM

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The 2022 Washington Supreme Court Symposium will explore the historical context, legal issues and practical applications of reparations to Black Americans to remedy the ongoing effects of slavery and anti-Black discrimination. Presenters include historians, legal scholars, and grassroots experts.

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SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

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I. Introduction | 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

Justice Mary Yu, Co-chair, *Washington State Minority and Justice Commission*, Carsen Nies, *Seattle University School of Law*, and Mynor Lopez, *Seattle University School of Law*.

II. Keynote Scholarship and Panel Discussion, facilitated by Christopher Sanders | 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Professor Jamila Jefferson Jones, *Wayne State University Law School*, Professor Adjoa Aiyetoro, *William H. Bowen School of Law*, and Professor Eric Miller, *Loyola Law School*. Keynote scholars discuss the moral and economic necessity of reparations to Black Americans, and explore the implications on justice under law.

BREAK: 10:15 AM - 10:25 AM

III. The History of Anti-Black Discrimination in Washington | 10:25 AM - 11:05 AM

Dr. Quintard Taylor, *University of Washington*. Detailing the sweeping history of anti-Black discrimination in Washington State and the preceding territories. Professor Taylor will trace the unbroken lineage from the founding of the Washington Territory as a state exclusively for white people to modern day inequality and discrimination in Washington State.

IV. Expert Grassroots Panel, facilitated by Nikkita Oliver | 11:05 AM - 12:35 PM

A roundtable discussion on the ways local groups around the state of Washington address the cause of Black reparations. The panel will explore ways that cultural, land-based and monetary reparations can advance equality in the state and justice under law and highlight some of the grassroots initiatives that advance reparations for Black Washingtonians. Panelists include K. Wyking Garrett, CEO, *Africatown Community Land Trust*; Judge LeRoy McCullough, *King County Superior Court*; TraeAnna Holiday, Media Director, *King County Equity Now*; and Chardonnay Beaver, Journalist, *The Facts*.

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