

NCBL National Conference 2023

October 5 – 8, 2023

*A Luta Continua: Owning a Radical Vision of Black Liberation*

**PROGRAM**

***Thursday, October 5, 2023***

**2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**     **NCBL TOUR**

**National Museum of African American History and Culture**

(NCBL DC Chapter will get group tickets based on the number indicating they want to visit the museum.)

**The Generator Hotel**

**1900 Connecticut Ave. NW**

**5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**     **NCBL MEET & GREET**

Honoring Our Departed: What Do Their Lives Suggest Should Be Our Path Today?

Welcome:

Laura Webb, NCBL President

Moderator:

Jeffrey Edison, NCBL Board Member

Discussants:

- Lorry Brown, former NCBL Board Member
- Wilhelm Joseph, former NCBL National Director

***Friday, October 6, 2023***

**University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law**

**4340 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington DC**

**10:00 pm - 12:00 pm**     • **CLEs**

- **LEAP – Part 1** - Lennox Hinds, Second NCBL National Director, Coordinator Law Enforcement Accountability Project (LEAP)

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- **Immigration** – Nana Gyamfi, Former NCBL Board President, Coordinator

**1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

- **CLEs**
  - **The Art of Cross Examination – Criminal Justice Section and Detroit Chapter**
    - Moderator: Desiree Ferguson
    - Presenter: Jeffrey Edison
    - Presenter: Gerald Evelyn
  - **LEAP – Part 2** - Lennox Hinds, Second NCBL National Director, Coordinator Law Enforcement Accountability Project (LEAP)

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**A CONVERSATION:** White Supremacy is on the Offensive! Its Goal - To Quell True Democracy and Stomp Out the Gains Made Toward Equality and Justice. What's Our Response?

**Welcome:**

- Amos Jones
- Deidre McEachern, NCBLDC Chapter Co-Conveners

**Moderator:**

Deborah A. Jackson, Former NCBL Interim Director, Managing Director Center for Law, Equity and Race, Northeastern University School of Law

**Discussants:**

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- Barbara R. Arnwine, President and Founder, Transformative Justice Coalition
- Cheryl Harris, Vice Dean for Community, Equality & Justice, Professor in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, UCLA School of Law
- Jaribu Hill, Founder and Executive Director, Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights and Cultural Artist
- Ajamu Sankofa, Activist, NCBL Fund Development Chair

**Cultural Expressions:**

Shawna Floyd, Community Movement Builders

***Saturday, October 7, 2023***

**University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law  
4340 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington DC**

**9:30 am - 11:00 am    PLENARY**

The Black Radical Legal Tradition and its Current Status

**Moderator:**

Irving Joyner, Professor of Law, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Activist, Attorney.

**Panelists:**

- Timothy L. Jenkins, Activist, Co-founder of NCBL and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
- Nana Gyamfi, Executive Director of Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI), Former President of NCBL

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- Angaza Samora Laughinghouse, original member NCBL NC Chapter, Community organizer
- Amos Jones, NCBL DC Chapter Co-Convener
- Michael McFarland, Rising 2L UDC David A. Clarke School of Law BLSA Academic Chair

**11:15 am - 12:45 pm WORKSHOPS**

**Workshop How to Develop a Curriculum of Radical Legal Education**

**Moderator:**

John C. Brittain, Civil Rights Attorney, Professor of Law, UDC David A. Clarke School of Law

**Panelists:**

- Lennox S. Hinds, Second NCBL Executive Director, Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University School of Law
- Lisa Crooms-Robinson, Acting Dean Howard Law
- Jy'Mir Starks, Howard University School of Law Student

**Respondents:**

- Mawuli Davis, African-Centered Civil Rights Attorney and Human Rights Organizer
- Adjoa A. Aiyetoro, former NCBL National Director and Professor Emerita, UALR Wm. H. Bowen School of Law

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## **PROGRAM**

### **Workshop International Human Rights Section on Cuba**

#### **Organizers:**

- Rosemari Mealy
- Judith Bourne
- Ron Isaac

#### **Speaker:**

Minister Counselor Alejandro Garcia del Toro, Chief of the Embassy of Cuba, Washington, D.C.

**1:00 pm - 2:30 pm NCBL LUNCHEON**

### **International Human Rights and Reparations**

#### **Moderator:**

Justin Hansford, Howard University School of Law Professor of Law, Executive Director Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center; United States Representative, UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (PFPAD)

#### **Panelists:**

- Horace G. Campbell, Professor, Syracuse University College of Arts & Science
- Nkechi Taifa, Founder and Executive Director, Reparations Education Project
- Carrie Crawford, Exec. Director Friends of the Congo

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2:45 pm - 4:15 pm **WORKSHOPS**

**Workshop** **The Work of People Engaged in Advocacy in the Black Legal Tradition:** Review and discussion of the NCBL Legacy Committee survey on the Black Radical Legal tradition.

**The Question:**

*What does this mean for our work?*

**Moderator:**

Natsu Saito. Distinguished University Professor of Law, Georgia State University School of Law, Activist & Scholar

**Panelists:**

- James Pope, Associate Professor of Africana Studies, Winston-Salem State University and Founder and Director of Educational Initiatives for Africa World Now Project
- Esmeralda Simmons, Civil Rights Attorney and former Executive Director, Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College
- Angi Porter, Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law
- Donald Temple, NCBL Former President, DC Chapter, Steadfast Legal Advocate for Civil Rights

**Workshop** **Ending the Criminal Legal System's Subordination of Black and Other Communities of Color:** Community Control of the Police and Abolition

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### **Moderator:**

Habekah Cannon, Abolitionist Attorney

### **Panelists:**

- Frank Chapman, Executive Director, National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NAARPR)
- Erin Keith, Managing Policy Counsel, Detroit Justice Center
- Sekou Odinga, Former Prisoner of War

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**1900 Connecticut Ave. NW**

**7:00 pm – 11:00 pm**    **NCBL BANQUET**

### **Master of Ceremony:**

Mark Fancher, Former NCBL Co-Chair

### **Mistress of Ceremony:**

Renee Bowser, Former NCBL DC Chapter President, White Controlled State Governments and Legislative Bodies Imposing Repressive Impediments to Black-led Localities and Black Legislators

### **Keynote:**

Rukia Lumumba, Jackson, MS

### **Speakers:**

- Nefta Freeman (invited)
- Robert C. White, Jr. District of Columbia Councilmember
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***Sunday, October 8, 2023***

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**10:00 am – 11:00 am NCBL BOARD BREAKFAST MEETING**

(open to NCBL members)

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm NCBL ANNUAL MEETING**

Outlining NCBL's Strategic Plan to Combat Expanding  
White Supremacist Repression

- Presentation and Discussion of Workshop  
Recommendations and Resolutions