



**Black Women's Roundtable**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women of Power National Summit!**  
*"Investing In Our Communities, Investing in Ourselves"*  
March 27 – 29, 2014

**AGENDA\*\***

**Thursday, March 27th BWR DAY ON CAPITOL HILL**

**8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Site Registration**

Hilton Crystal City (near DCA Airport)  
2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA

**7:15 am – 7:30 am**

**Meet in Hilton Crystal City Lobby**

**7:30 am – 9:00 am**

**Transportation to Capitol Hill**

**9:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Visits to Congressional Offices**

US Capitol - Rm H-144  
Washington, DC

**12:30 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Legislative Briefing & Release BWR Report on Black Women in the U. S.**

*Hosted at Dorothy I. Height Building*  
National Council of Negro Women Headquarters  
633 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, DC

**Welcome**

**Melanie L. Campbell**, President & CEO, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and Convener, Black Women's Roundtable

**Invocation and Greetings**

**Rev. Alyce Walker Johnson**, MPA, MDiv., Chief Administrative Officer, National Council of Negro Women

**Introduce Speakers**

**Pierette "Petty" Talley**, Convener, Ohio Unity Coalition and Secretary-Treasurer, OH AFL-CIO

**Tamika Mallory**, Member, BWR Public Policy Network & Former National Executive Director, NAN

**SPEAKERS**

Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, 9<sup>th</sup> Dist.-NY

Congresswoman Donna Edwards, 4<sup>th</sup> Dist.-MD

Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, Chair, Congressional Black Caucus, 11<sup>th</sup> District-OH  
FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

## Remarks

**Heather J. Foster**, Public Engagement Advisor, White House Office of Public Engagement

## Release of BWR Report **Black Women in the United States:**

*Progress & Challenges 50 Years After the War on Poverty, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 60 Years After Brown v. Board of Education*

## Remarks & Introduce Contributors

**Melanie Campbell**

**Dr. Avis Jones-DeWeever**, President & CEO, Incite Unlimited, LLC

## Report Contributors

**Waikinya Clanton**, Executive Director, National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (N.O.B.E.L. Women)

**Felicia Davis**, Director, Building Green Network

**Chanelle Hardy**, Sr. Vice President for Policy and Executive Director, National Urban League Policy Institute

**Letitia Daniels Jackson**, Program Manager, Groundswell Fund

**Carol Joyner**, Director, Labor Project for Working Families

**Edna Kane-Williams**, Vice President, Multicultural Markets, AARP

**L. Toni Lewis**, MD, Chair, SEIU Healthcare, Physician Chair, SEIU Healthcare, International Vice President, SEIU

**Elsie Scott**, Founding Director, PhD, Ronald W. Walters Leadership & Public Policy Center, Howard University

**Joycelyn Tate**, Host, Telecom Talk

**Makani Themba**, Executive Director, The Praxis Project

**Robin Williams**, Associate Director, Civil Rights & Community Action Department, UFCW

**Rev. Barbara Williams-Skinner**, Co-Founder & President, Skinner Leadership Institute

## Q & A

## Wrap-Up

**2:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

## Visits to Congressional Offices & Youth Tour for Girls

US Capitol - Rm H-144  
Washington, DC

**4:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Travel Back to Host Hotel – Hilton Crystal City**

**Dinner on Your Own**

## Thursday, March 27th CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Hilton Crystal City @ DCA Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### **Girls Night In!**

**Bring It! Screening & A Conversation with Ms. Dee**

*Sponsored by A & E and Lifetime*

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

### **SISTARS Awards Reception**

#### **Welcome**

**The Honorable Sheila D. Tyson**, Councilwoman, Birmingham City Council & Convener, Alabama BWR & Advisor, Alabama Coalition on Black Civic Participation

#### **Invocation**

**Rev. Dr. Judith C. Moore**, Pastor, Greater A.M.E. Church, Pittsburgh, PA  
Executive Director, Sisters Saving Ourselves Now/Girls Excel On Purpose

#### **Greetings**

**Melanie L. Campbell**, President & CEO and Convener, Black Women's Roundtable, NCBCP

#### **Celebrity Host**

**Meshelle**, *The Indie Mom of Comedy*

### **SISTARS Awards Presentations**

#### **SISTARS (Honorees)**

**Monifa Bandele**, Sr. Campaign Manager, MomsRising

**Erin Byrd**, Executive Director, Blueprint North Carolina

**Reagan Flowers, Ph.D.**, Founder & CEO, C-STEM Teacher & Student Support Services

**Janaye Ingram**, Interim National Executive Director, National Action Network

**Carol Joyner**, Director, Labor Project for Working Families

**L. Toni Lewis, MD**, Chair, SEIU Healthcare, Physician Chair, SEIU Healthcare, International Vice President, SEIU

#### **Musical Interlude**

### **SISTARS Awards Presentations**

#### **SISTARS (Honorees)**

**The Honorable Stephanie Moore**, Commissioner, Kalamazoo City Commission & Convener, BWR Kalamazoo, MI

**Deborah Robinson**, Co-Convener, MS Coalition on Black Civic Participation & Convener, MS Black Women's Roundtable

**Rita Jackson Samuels**, Co-Founder & President, Women Flying High, Founder & President, Georgia Coalition for Black Women

**Ellie Smeal**, President, Feminist Majority Foundation

**Debra J. Speed**, Director, Public Policy and Strategic Alliances, Verizon

**Augusta Y. Thomas**, National Vice President, Women and Fair Practices, American Federation of Government Employees

**Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

***Healthy, Wealthy & Wise***  
**ORGANIZING & TRAINING DAY**

Hilton Crystal City @ DCA Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA

**6:30 am – 7:00 am**

***Love You More! Morning Exercise by FlairFitness***

**7:30 am – 8:30 am**

**Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Site Registration**

**8:00 am – 9:45 am**

***Faith & Social Justice Plenary & Morning Inspiration***

**Welcome**

**Melanie L. Campbell**, President & CEO and Convener, Black Women's Roundtable, NCBCP

**Moderator**

**Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner**, Co-Chair, National African American Clergy Network

**Opening Prayer**

**Rev. Alyce Walker Johnson**, MPA, MDiv., Chief Administrative Officer, National Council of Negro Women

**Inspiration**

**Debra Robinson**, Gospel Singer, Convener, Mississippi Coalition on Black Civic Participation

**Greetings**

**Rubie G. Coles**, Associate Director/Program Director, Economic Justice, The Moriah Fund

**Opening Remarks**

**Latifa Lyles**, Director, Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor

**Jocelyn Frye**, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

**PANEL**

***Income Inequality, Healthcare & Stand Your Ground Laws***

**Panelists**

**L. Toni Lewis**, MD, Chair, SEIU Healthcare, Physician Chair, SEIU Healthcare, International Vice President, SEIU

**Lucia McBath**, Mother of Jordan Davis and National Spokesperson, Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

**Augusta Thomas**, National Vice President, Women and Fair Practices, American Federation of Government Employees

**Minister Leslie Watson Malachi**, Director, African American Ministers Leadership Council, People for the American Way Foundation

9:45 am– 10:00 am

WELLNESS BREAK

Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

*Healthy, Wealthy & Wise*  
**ORGANIZING & TRAINING DAY**

10:00 am – 11:00 am

*Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Empowerment Sessions*

*Health & Wellness Track*

*Health & Nutrition: Taking Care of Me*

**Moderator**

**The Honorable Stephanie Moore**, Commissioner, Kalamazoo City Commission & Convener, BWR Kalamazoo, MI

**Presenters**

**Vanessa Collins**, MD, Vice President for External Medical Affairs, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

**Daemon Jones**, ND, Owner, Healthy Daes

**Sandra Owens-Lawson**, PhD, Retired, CRP

*Wealthy Track*

*Retirement Security: The Power is In Your Hands*

*Sponsored by AARP*

**Moderator**

**Felicia Davis**, Director, Building Green, Clark-Atlanta University

**Presenters**

**Felicia Brown**, Foundation Grants Coordinator, AARP

**Tangela D. Richardson**, M.A., National Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration

**Aimee D Griffin**, Esq, The Griffin Firm, PLLC

**Carmen Watkins**, Convener, Texas Coalition on Black Civic Participation

*Wisdom Track*

*Common Core Curriculum: Understanding the New Education System*

**Moderator**

**Kelly Denson**, Director of Education Policy and Government Affairs, Discovery Education

**Presenters**

**Brenda Girton-Mitchell**, Director, Faith & Neighborhood Initiatives, U. S. Department of Education

**Amara Pinnock**, Second Grade Teacher, Orr Elementary School- DC, Fellow @ Urban Teacher Center

**Dr. Linda Stelly**, Deputy Director, Educational Issues, American Federation of Teachers

**Donna Harris-Aikens**, Director of Education Policy & Practice, National Education Association

11:00 am – 11:15 am

**WELLNESS BREAK**

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*Healthy, Wealthy & Wise*  
**ORGANIZING & TRAINING DAY**

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

**Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Empowerment Sessions**

*Health & Wellness Track*

***Ending Violence Against Women & Girls is a Public Health Issue***

**Moderator**

**Janaye Ingram**, Interim National Executive Director, National Action Network

**Presenters**

**Karma Cottman**, Executive Director, DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCCADV)

**Sheila Hankins**, Co-Director, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, University of Minnesota

**Gaylynn Burroughs**, Policy Director, Feminist Majority Foundation

**Tricia Bent-Goodley**, Ph.D., LICSW, Professor and Director, Howard University Interpersonal Violence Prevention Program

**Darlene Johnson**, Associate Director, Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice

*Wealthy Track*

**Entrepreneurship: Building Multiple Streams of Income to Build Your Financial Freedom**

**Moderator**

**Michelle Mitchell DuBois**, Founding Partner of Values Partnerships, Former Policy Advisory, Office of the General Counsel, U. S. Department of Commerce

**Rene Redwood**, CEO, Redwood Enterprises, LLC

**Darlene Bullock**, SDB Program Officer/WOSB Advocate, Small & Disadvantaged Businesses, Homeland Security

**Cynthia Harrison**, Small Business Program Coordinator, Operation Hope

**Suzanne Burks**, President, The Burks Companies, Inc.

**Rosa Maymi**, Project Advisor, Consumer & Work Issues, AARP

*Wisdom Track*

**Human Trafficking: Impacting Women & Girls in the US & Abroad**

**Moderator**

**Ebonee Rice**, Associate Director, International Black Women's Public Policy Institute

**Lead Discussants**

**Lisa Ashe**, DO, Medical Director, Clinical Decisions Unit, Doctors Community Hospital

**Helen Butler**, Executive Director, Georgia Coalition for the Peoples Agenda, Convener, Atlanta BWR

**Nicole Lee**, President, TransAfrica

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Melanie L. Campbell

**Greetings**

**Debra Speed**, Executive Director, Public Policy & Strategic Alliances, Verizon Communications

**Winifred Watson-Florence**, President and Founder of Language Learning Connection and Consultant, AARP

**Musical Tribute**

**Latosha “Love” Brown**, Performer & Cultural Artist, Recipient, White House Champion of Change, Advisor, ACBCP

**Keynote Speaker**

**Susan L. Taylor**, Founder, National CARES Mentoring Movement, Editor-In-Chief Emeritus, ESSENCE

**PANEL**

***Educating Our Girls to Compete in a Global Economy through S.T.E.M., Leadership Development, Access & Opportunity***

**Moderator**

**Dr. Avis Jones-DeWeever**, President & CEO, Incite Unlimited

**Panelists**

**Rev. Marcia Dyson**, Founder & CEO, Women’s Global Initiative, M & M Dyson

**Reagan Flowers**, PhD, President and CEO  
C-STEM Teacher & Student Support Services, Inc.

**Zakiya Carr Johnson**, Director, Race, Ethnicity, and Social Inclusion in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U. S. Department of State

**2:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

**WELLNESS BREAK**

**2:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Organizing & Training Sessions (Strategy Sessions)**

**Creating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Health Care Work Force through ACA and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)**

**Facilitator**

**Tekisha Everette**, PhD, Managing Director, Federal Government Affairs, America Diabetes Association

**Lead Discussants**

**Ashley Allison**, J.D., M.Ed., National Director of Partner Engagement and Outreach, Enroll America

**Dr. Claire Nelson**, President & CEO, Institute for Caribbean Studies

**L. Toni Lewis**, MD, Chair, SEIU Healthcare, Physician Chair, SEIU Healthcare, International Vice President, SEIU

**The Movement for An Economic Women's Agenda Has Begun! Join the Movement for Minimum Wage, Paid Sick Days, Paid Leave and Equal Pay**

**Facilitator**

**Carol Joyner**, Director, Labor Project for Working Families

**Lead Discussants**

**Wendy Chun-Hoon**, DC Director, Family Values @ Work

**Danielle Atkinson**, Director, Mothering Justice & Convener, Detroit BWR

**Power of Sister Vote! Issues Will Drive the Election of 2014: Minimum Wage, Voting Rights, Reproductive Rights & Justice, Stand Your Ground, Workers' Rights to Name a Few**

**Facilitator**

Letetia Daniels Jackson, Program Manager, Groundswell Fund

**Lead Discussants**

**Monifa Bandele**, Sr. Campaign Manager, MomsRising

**Lisa Fager Bediako**, Senior Advisor, Black Youth Vote, NCBCP

**Tanya Clay House**, Public Policy Director, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

**Ifoma Ike**, Esq., Founder and Chief Problem Solver at Ike Professionals LLC

**Carol McDonald**, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Planned Parenthood Action Fund

**Making College Affordable for the Next Generation**

*Mobilizing parents and students to ensure financial equity for educational access*

**Facilitator**

**Sonia Jarvis**, Esq., Distinguished Lecturer, School of Public Affairs, Baruch College

**Lead Discussants**



**Edith Bartley**, Vice President of Government Relations, Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund

**Illai Kenney**, Howard University Student/Black Youth Vote Representative

**Zakiya Smith**, Strategy Director, Lumina Foundation

**4:15 pm – 5:30 pm**

**Sister Circle Closing Session**

**Moderator**

**Salandra Benton**, Convener, Florida Coalition on Black Civic Participation and FL BWR and State Field Director, FL AFL-CIO

**Organizing Session Report Outs**

**Closing Speaker**

**Dee Marshall**, Founder, Girlfriends Pray, Principal, Raising the Bar, LLC, Certified Coach, International Speaker, TV Lifestyle Personality

**5:30 pm – Until**

**Free Night to Enjoy the City**

**\*\*Agenda subject to change**

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<b>8:30 am – 9:30 am</b>	<b>Faith &amp; Social Justice Opening Session</b>
	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Faith Bynoe</b> , BWR Resource Development & BWR Summit Coordinator
	<b>Facilitators</b> <b>Melissa Princess Best</b> , Executive Director, R.O.Y.A.L. (Readying Our Young Aspiring Aspiring <b>Charneice Fox-Richardson</b> , Founding Partner and Creative Director, Straight No Chaser Productions
<b>9:30 am – 9:45 am</b>	<b>WELLNESS BREAK</b>
<b>9:45 am – 10:45 am</b>	<b><i>Wealthy Track</i></b> <b>Entrepreneurship: Building Your Own Business</b>
	<b>Facilitator</b> <b>Melissa Princess Best</b> , Executive Director, R.O.Y.A.L. (Readying Our Young Aspiring Leaders
	<b>Presenter</b> <b>DeAnna Mayo</b> , Founder & Owner of My Sweet Tooth, LLC (a cookie company)
<b>10:45 am – 11:00 am</b>	<b>WELLNESS BREAK</b>
<b>11:00 am – 12 Noon</b>	<b><i>Wise Track</i></b> <b>Girls Technology/STEM Education</b> <b>Kimberly C Gaines</b> , Creative Director, Sondai Expressions <b>Lystranne Maynard-Smith, PhD</b> , Howard University, Department of Chemistry
<b>12 Noon – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>WELLNESS BREAK</b>
<b>12:30 pm – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Women &amp; Girls Global Empowerment &amp; Business Lunch Plenary</b>
<b>2:30 pm – 3:30 pm</b>	<b><i>Health and Wellness Track</i></b> <b>Girls Health &amp; Wellness: Sexual Health &amp; Technology</b>
	<b>Facilitator</b> <b>Charneice Fox-Richardson</b> , Founding Partner and Creative Director, Straight No Chaser Productions
<b>3:30 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Girls Rap Session</b>