



Combating Racial Injustice Workshop

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The Race and Social Policy Research Center
at Virginia Tech*

April 23, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton
Conference Center
Blacksburg, VA

Workshop Schedule

Saturday April 23, 2016

Solitude

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration/Check-in Upper Quad Foyer
	Continental Breakfast Upper Quad
9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	Welcome/Introduction to Workshop <i>Wornie Reed</i>
9:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Ban-the-Box Campaign <i>Penny Franklin</i>
9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	Felony Disenfranchisement Data <i>Wornie Reed</i>
9:50 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	Felony Disenfranchisement Issue <i>Joe Szakos</i>
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10:25 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Call to Combat this Injustice <i>Joe Szakos</i>
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Discussion Circles
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Reports from Discussion Circles
12:30 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.	Summary/Proposals <i>Joe Szakos</i>
12:50 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Wrap-up <i>Wornie Reed</i>
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Joe Szakos, executive director of Virginia Organizing since 1994. He was the founding coordinator of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth and has also done community organizing in Chicago and Hungary. Joe has a Masters degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration and is co-author, with his wife, Kristin Layng Szakos, of *We Make Change: Community Organizers Talk About What They Do—and Why*, published by Vanderbilt University Press in 2007. Joe and Kristin also edited *Lessons From the Field: Organizing in Rural Communities*, published by the American Institute for Social Justice/Social Policy Magazine in 2008.

Penny Franklin, a lift truck operator in Shipping Utility at Hubbell Lighting, serves on and is former chair of the Montgomery County Board of Education; member of the Virginia School Board Association Board of Directors; president of Local 82160 of the IUE/CWA; former board chair, now Area Chair of the Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County NAACP; and member of the national Executive Council of the IUE. She is co-founder of the Community Group, an African American civil society organization in Montgomery County; founding member of the New Mountain Climbers, the first giving circle in southwest Virginia, the first African American philanthropy in southwest Virginia.

Antwyne Calloway, Coalition for Social Empowerment, a membership group that designs and implements social welfare projects. Antwyne is currently the Systems Advocacy/Outreach Coordinator for Blue Ridge Independent Living Center. Previously he was Statewide Program and Training Director for Virginia CARES, Inc., and Director of the Dorcus Home, the only half-way home in Virginia that accepts long-term/violent offenders.

Andy Morikawa, Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance Fellow and Race and Social Policy Research Center Associate, serves as trustee on the boards of local, regional and international change nonprofits. He hosts a weekly radio program, *Talk at the Table* on WUVT-FM Blacksburg; and, serves on the organizing bodies of Community Voices, the Dialogue on Race, and Conversation NRV.

Sarah Ovink, Assistant Professor of Sociology, specializes in higher education, Latino/a sociology, immigration, and diversity. She is a recent recipient of the Career Award from the National Science Foundation, a five-year grant in support of the project, “Broadening Participation in STEM: Intersectional and Institutional Influences on Underrepresented Minorities’ College and Career Pathways in Longitudinal Perspective.”

Wornie Reed, Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies, is Director of the Race and Social Policy Research Center at Virginia Tech. Professor Reed has taught courses, conducted research, and published numerous articles and several books on medical care, health and illness, urban communities, and criminal and juvenile justice. He serves on the Steering Committee of the Montgomery County Dialogue on Race.

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