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Commemorate 400 Years of Perseverance

400th Commemoration Press Event and Yearlong Celebration Launch

Speaker Bios



Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, ASALH's National President and Chair of the History Department at Harvard University. She has been a tenured faculty member at Harvard since 1993, and she chaired the Department of African and African Americans Studies from 2006-2013. She is the founder and coordinator of that department's Social Engagement Initiative, an innovative pedagogy that combines rigorous academic work with on-the-ground experience.



Professor Gloria Browne-Marshall, ASALH 400th Commemorative Chair and Professor at John Jay College. She teaches classes in Constitutional Law, Race and the Law, Evidence, and Gender and Justice. She is a civil rights attorney who litigated cases for Southern Poverty Law Center in Alabama, Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Inc. She addresses audiences nationally and internationally and has spoken on issues of law and justice in Ghana, Rwanda, England, Wales, Canada, South Africa and before the United Nations in Geneva.



Mr. Brent Leggs, Director of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He is a Harvard Loeb Fellow and the author of *Preserving African American Historic Places*. He developed the Northeast African American Historic Places Outreach Program, and its theme, the *Business of Preservation*. He is the project manager for three National Treasures: Joe Frazier's Gym in Philadelphia, Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson, New Jersey, and Villa Lewaro in Irvington, New York.



Professor Spencer Crew, Professor of US History at George Mason University. Spencer Crew has worked in public history institutions for more than twenty-five years. He served as president of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center for six years and worked at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution for twenty years. Nine of those years he served as the director of NMAH. At each of those institutions he sought to make history accessible to the public through innovative and inclusive exhibitions and public programs.



Roger A. Fairfax, Senior Associate Dean and Research Professor of Law at George Washington Law School. Professor Fairfax teaches courses in criminal law, constitutional and adjudicatory criminal procedure, criminal litigation, prosecutorial and criminal defense ethics, and seminars on the grand jury, white-collar criminal investigations, criminal defense, and criminal justice policy. He conducts research on discretion in the criminal process, the grand jury, prosecutorial ethics, and criminal justice policy and reform. His scholarship has been published in edited books, including his own *Grand Jury 2.0: Modern Perspectives on the Grand Jury*,