

## **A Surprised Queenhood in the New Black Sun: The Life and Legacy of Gwendolyn Brooks**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

4:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

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In *A Surprised Queenhood in the New Black Sun*, award-winning author **Angela Jackson** traces the literary arc of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks within the context of Brooks' life and times. At Elmhurst, Jackson will talk about the book and read from her own Pulitzer-nominated volume of poetry, *It Seems Like a Mighty Long Time*.

The Genevieve Staudt Intercultural Lecture

## Chicagolandia: How Latinos Remade the Suburbs

**Antonio Ramirez**



**Antonio Ramirez** is a social justice advocate and associate professor of Latino history at Elgin Community College. At this year's César Chávez lecture at Elmhurst University, Ramirez will explain the Chicagolandia Oral History Project, which documents the lives, work and culture of Latinx suburban communities around Chicago while exploring the impact of those communities on the changing nature of Chicago and its suburbs.

*The César Chávez Intercultural Lecture*

**Wednesday, Sept. 13, 4:00 p.m.**

*Frick Center, Founders Lounge*

*Admission is free*

## **Liberation Access: Neurodiversity and Disability Justice in LGBTQ2IA Work**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual

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The William R. Johnson Intercultural Lecture

August Stockwell is a researcher, educator and the executive director of Upswing Advocates in Chicago, a nonprofit that provides trainings and research opportunities supporting the LGBTQ2IA community. A neurodivergent, queer, non-binary human, Stockwell also is associate director of research in the Applied Behavior Analysis Department of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Their research topics include gender, sexual behavior, mindfulness, non-monogamy, communication in relationships, neurodiversity, cultural considerations, and effective skill-building strategies.

## **A Blueprint for the Beloved Community**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

4:00 p.m.

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The Martin Luther King Jr. Intercultural Lecture

As a scholar, author and ordained minister, **Brad R. Braxton** explores the intersection of religion and social justice. He is the director of the Center for the Study of African American Religious Life and the supervisory curator of religion at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. In this talk, Braxton investigates the moral dimensions of effective public leadership.

## **Suited for a Cause: From College Project to Social Enterprise**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

4:00 p.m.

Irion Hall, Buik Recital Hall

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The Cesar Chavez Intercultural Lecture

**David Rojas Jr.** is the founder of TA98, a social enterprise that aims to decrease unemployment rates among 16-24-year-olds through entrepreneurship. TA98 has served more than 350 young adults throughout the West and South sides of Chicago, and has gathered more than \$250,000 worth of workforce development resources.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Intercultural Lecture: David Stovall, Ph.D.**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

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Join us for this year's MLK Intercultural Lecture, "Now is the Time for Critical Race Theory: Chaos, Community and Radical Propositions for Education."

David Stovall, Ph.D., is a faculty member in the Department of Criminology, Law and Justice at the University of Illinois Chicago. His scholarship investigates critical race theory, the relationship between housing and education, and the intersection of race, place and school.

**The Genevieve Staudt Lecture: Gayle E. Woloschak, Ph.D.**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

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Join us for the Genevieve Staudt Lecture for Women's History Month, "Nuclear Accidents, Disasters and the Future."

Gayle E. Woloschak, Ph.D., is a professor of radiation oncology and radiology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. Her research is focused on radiobiology and bionanotechnology, and she also leads Northwestern's Radiation Tissue Archives, which aids investigators from around the world who are looking to explore the effects of radiation.

**Living Our Values: How to Authentically Embrace Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as Individuals, Institutions, and A Community**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Schaible Science Center, Illinois Hall

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**Jacqueline Boyd** brings passion and expertise to the field of aging and LGBTQ+ advocacy. A speaker, facilitator and entrepreneur, Boyd is the owner of The Care Plan, the country's first care management company centered around the perspective and needs of LGBTQ+ older adults.

The William R. Johnson Intercultural Lecture

**Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021, 4:00 p.m.**

Schaible Science Center, Illinois Hall



## **César Chávez Intercultural Lecture: Jorge Mújica**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual

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As the strategic campaigns organizer at Arise Chicago, **Jorge Mújica** works with large groups of workers who are interested in organizing for long-term workplace improvements.

A journalist and longtime advocate for worker and immigrant rights, Mújica will give this year's César Chávez Intercultural Lecture, Noticing Immigrants Just Because of COVID-19, on Sept. 23 in a virtual format.

## **Is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 20th Century Voice Relevant in the 21st Century?**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

4:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

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As senior pastor and teacher of the faith family of West Point Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, the **Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes** serves as a consultant to policymakers on statewide issues such as sensible gun laws, same-gender marriage and education funding reform. The nationally syndicated *Tom Joyner Morning Show* recently honored him with its Biggest Giver Award for community excellence. Dr. Jakes serves on the Elmhurst College Board of Trustees and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Board of International Preachers of Morehouse College.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Intercultural Lecture

**In Pursuit of Justice: Womanist Non-Binary Perspectives About Intersectionality, Trauma, Lament and Hope**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual

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A professor of theology and anthropology at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Linda Thomas' academic interests focus on cultural anthropology and its intersection with theology, ethics, and African-American and gender studies. Embodying a womanist perspective, Thomas aims to teach women and men to think critically and pursue social justice in a wide variety of contexts.

**The William R. Johnson Intercultural Lecture — From Stonewall to the White House: Media as a Weapon for Change**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

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Journalist, author and activist **Mark Segal** has long understood the power of the media as a vehicle for awareness and education about LGBTQIA+ issues. A participant in the Stonewall Riots in 1969, Segal went on to found the *Philadelphia Gay News*, and also is the author of the memoir *And Then I Danced: Traveling the Road to LGBT Equality*.

## **LGBTQIA+ Challenges: Inequities Across a Lifespan**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

4:00 p.m.

Schaible Science Center, Illinois Hall

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The William R. Johnson Intercultural Lecture

As the chief executive officer of SAGE, the oldest and largest organization in the country dedicated to serving LGBTQIA+ older adults, **Michael Adams** has used his expertise to improve opportunities and quality-of-life issues for millions of LGBTQIA+ older people across the country. Under Adams's leadership, SAGE has become the go-to organization on LGBTQIA+ aging issues on a national scale.

## Telling Our Stories: Moving Illinois Forward for LGBTQIA+ Justice

**Michael Ziri**



**Michael Ziri** is the director of public policy at Equality Illinois, the state's civil rights organization for LGBTQIA+ people. At this year's William R. Johnson Lecture at Elmhurst University, he will discuss legislative initiatives focused on equality in Illinois.

*The William R. Johnson Intercultural Lecture*

**Wednesday, Oct. 11, 4:00 p.m.**

*Frick Center, Founders Lounge*

*Admission is free*

## **MLK Intercultural Lecture — Black Suffragists and the Fight for Inclusion**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

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**Michelle Duster** is an author, professor, public historian, and champion of racial and gender equity. The great-granddaughter of journalist and activist Ida B. Wells, Duster has initiated numerous local, state and national initiatives to honor Wells and other African American female historical figures. Her most recent book, *Ida B. the Queen: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells*, was released in January of 2021.

## **The Area: Odyssey of a Neighborhood**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

4:00 p.m.

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The Area follows the five-year odyssey of a South Side Chicago neighborhood where more than 400 African-American families are being displaced by a multi-billion dollar freight company.

The documentary introduces us to homeowner-turned-activist Deborah Payne and the teenage friends who must start a new life across gang lines. A panel discussion with the filmmakers will follow the screening.



## **The César Chávez Intercultural Lecture — There is No Line: Demystifying Our Complex Immigration System**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

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As first deputy for community engagement in Chicago's Office of the Mayor and director of its Office of New Americans, **Nubia Willman** is responsible for immigration policy and programming throughout the city, to ensure that it remains a welcoming one. Her work includes leading the City's census efforts and working with community stakeholders to increase services and access for immigrant and refugee communities.

## **Lessons Learned From My Father**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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As a boy in the early 1960s, **Paul Chavez** joined his family on weekends in California's Central Valley farm towns, handing out leaflets and helping his father, Cesar Chavez, build the union that would become the United Farm Workers. Paul Chavez spent his entire life with the farm worker movement, and since 1991 has led the Cesar Chavez Foundation.

The 25th Anniversary Cesar Chavez Intercultural Lecture

**Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m.**

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

**Randal Maurice Jelks** is an awarding-winning professor of American studies and African and African American studies at [the University of Kansas](#).

Jelks will present this year's **Martin Luther King Jr.** lecture, "Dear Martin: How Do We Build Democracy in an Anti-democratic Age?," on Wednesday, February 8. Professor Jelks is the author of two award-winning books, *African Americans in the Furniture City: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Grand Rapids* (2006); and *Benjamin Elijah Mays, Schoolmaster of the Movement: A Biography* (2012), winner of the 2013 Lillian Smith Book Award and the 2013 Literary Award from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

Co-editor of the journal *American Studies*, Professor Jelks holds courtesy appointments in history and religious studies, and also is an ordained member of the Presbyterian clergy. His research and writing interests are in the areas of American religious histories, African diaspora religions, and religion and American social movements.

Professor Jelks' talk will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, in the Science Center of Illinois Hall. Admission is \$10 for the general public and free for Elmhurst College students, faculty, staff and alumni.

**Ryan Thoreson**'s work focuses on transnational advocacy around LGBT rights, LGBT youth issues in the U.S. and internationally, and the balance of religious liberty and sexual rights.

Thoreson, the Yale Law School Robert L. Bernstein International Human Rights Fellow at Human Rights Watch, will present Transnational LGBT Activism: Working for Sexual Rights Worldwide on Wednesday, October 11, at Elmhurst College. He is this year's William R. Johnson Intercultural Lecturer.

Before joining Human Rights Watch, Thoreson clerked for the Hon. Scott M. Matheson Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and was a research fellow at OutRight Action International. He is the author of *Transnational LGBT Activism: Working for Sexual Rights Worldwide* (University of Minnesota Press, 2014), and teaches about sexuality, law and politics as an adjunct assistant professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Thoreson's talk will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, in the Founders Lounge.

## **Gender-Based Environmental Shame: A Problem for Everyone**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

4:00 p.m.

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The Genevieve Staudt Intercultural Lecture

**Sarah Fredericks** studies how guilt and shame affect the way we think and behave in response to environmental sustainability issues. An assistant professor of environmental ethics at the University of Chicago, her research focuses on sustainability, sustainable energy, environmental guilt and shame, and environmental justice; and her work draws on pragmatic and comparative religious ethics.

## **Canaries In A Mine: Trans\* Educators' Multiple Roles in Higher Education**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

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The William R. Johnson Intercultural Lecture

**Dr. S. Simmons** highlights the stories of trans\* people in post-secondary education. A full-time lecturer at the University of Chicago, Simmons explores the discrimination, invisibility, harassment as well as community, solidarity and resistance experienced by/with trans\* educators. The goal: to illuminate expanded concepts of gender, identity and experiences in the hope that we all can live, learn and work in affirming, liberating environments.

## **Painful Past or Present Politics: An Examination of My Own Life in a Racially Polarized Chicago**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Sherry Williams is the founder and president of the Bronzeville/Black Chicagoan Historical Society, and an activist committed to making green space more accessible to minoritized people living on Chicago's South Side. An avid naturalist who shares history through her projects, Williams developed a bird oasis at the Pullman State Historic Site, and an African heritage garden and migratory bird oasis at the Stephen Douglas Tomb Site in Bronzeville.

## **Mental Health Trauma, College Access and Immigration Politics**

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

4:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

### **Contact Information**

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 26 for the Cesar Chavez Intercultural Lecture featuring Tanya Cabrera.

Cabrera is associate director of equity and inclusion for undocumented students at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has served since 2011 as chair of the Illinois DREAM Fund Commission, a role she believes will set the platform for educational access and degree attainment for undocumented students in Illinois and across the U.S.



## **The Genevieve Staudt Intercultural Lecture — Race, Gender and Nation, and the Politics of Belonging**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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The Genevieve Staudt Intercultural Lecture

The Rev. **Vanessa Lovelace**, Ph.D., is associate dean and associate professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa. She also is co-editor of *Womanist Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse*, and has published articles in many edited volumes, including *The Hebrew Bible: Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives*, *Women and the Society of Biblical Literature*, and *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Bible and Gender Studies*.