## Newark Poverty Reduction Conference: Historical Perspectives and Strategies

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 Rutgers-Newark, Robeson Center 350 Martin Luther Kings Jr. Blvd., Newark, NJ 07102 9 am – 4 pm

9:00 am - 10 am: Opening Remarks

- Dr. Clement A. Price Rutgers-Newark -Board of Governors
  Distinguished Service Professor of History and Director of the
  Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience
  (IECME)
- 2. **Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno** Newark filmmakers/event coordinators and timekeepers
  - Presentation: Highlight clips from their Revolution '67 film with photos/audio clips from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) Justice Tour

**10 am - 11 am:** Scholars from the *Revolution '67* NJCH Justice Tour will each present a 5 minute PPT on poverty theme and questions:

- 1. **Dr. Leslie Wilson** (Moderator)- Montclair State University Joint appointment in History and the Center of Pedagogy
  - Poverty and its Impact on Educational Progress: focus on environmental racism
- 2. **Dr. Christina Collins** United Federation of Teachers Lead Researcher and Policy Coordinator
  - History of schools and/or youth in Newark
- 3. **Dr. Howard Gillette** Rutgers Camden Professor of History
  - Dual Housing Market on a regional basis
- 4. **Dr. Wayne Glasker** Rutgers-Camden Associate Professor of History and Director of the African American Studies Program
  - Solutions to Poverty: Urban Job Initiatives
- 5. **Dr. Mark Krasovic** Rutgers Newark Assistant Research Professor in the Graduate Program in American Studies
  - Thoughts from the War on Poverty in Newark (a historical framework)
- 6. **Dr. Thomas A. McCabe** Rutgers-Newark Visiting Professor in the History Department
  - Education in Newark Schools
- 7. **Dr. Chris Rasmussen** Fairleigh Dickinson University Associate Professor School of History and Political Science
  - Historical Dimensions: Violence in New Brunswick, NJ in 1967
- 8. **Dr. Bryant Simon** Temple University Director of American Studies/ Professor
  - Urban Renewal(s) "For whom are we rebuilding our cities?

**11:00 am – 12:00 am:** Scholar open dialogue with public audience, moderated by Dr. Leslie Wilson

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm:** Lunch Break

**Public Session: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm:** Screening of *Revolution '67* documentary film

**Private Session: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm:** Private Scholar Breakout Sessions to address solutions to poverty. Three groups of 2-3 scholars, with an assigned session leader, work to generate 3 solutions to reduce Newark's poverty rate by 10% in 10 years.

**2:30 pm - 3:30 pm:** Reconvening of Scholar Panelists in a public forum. Each Breakout Session Leader will present group's solutions. Top 5 Solutions List will be generated with recommendations listed in order of importance.

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm:** Scholar open dialogue with public audience, moderated by Dr. Leslie Wilson

- A list of the Top 5 Solutions to Newark Poverty will be compiled and disseminated via the Conference website
- All parts of event will be filmed and edited into a documentary