

***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:

1. **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. **Major Gerald Lewis** – New Jersey State Police, Commanding Officer, Office of Community Affairs
3. **Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno** – Newark filmmakers/event coordinators and timekeepers
 - Presentation: Highlight clips from their *Revolution '67* film with photos/clips from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) “Justice: A Dialogue Through Film” 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-Alliance of Charter Teachers and Staff, Lead Researcher and Policy Coordinator
 - *Education, Economics, and Poverty in Newark*
3. **Dr. Howard Gillette** - Rutgers - Camden - Professor of History
 - *Poverty in the Context of a Dual Housing Market*
4. **Dr. Wayne Glasker** – Rutgers-Camden - Associate Professor of History and Director of the African American Studies Program
 - *Reducing Poverty in Newark: Urban Job Initiatives*
5. **Dr. Thomas A. McCabe** - Rutgers-Newark - Visiting Professor in the History Department
 - *Education in Newark Schools: Miracle on High Street*

6. **Dr. Chris Rasmussen** - Fairleigh Dickinson University - Associate Professor School of History and Political Science
 - *Historical Dimensions of Violence: Anti-poverty Efforts in New Brunswick, 1967*

7. **Dr. Bryant Simon** - Temple University - Director of American Studies/ Professor
 - *Urban Renewal(s): "For Whom Are We Rebuilding Our Cities?" Learning About Newark From Atlantic City*

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