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Alicia Garza

Alicia Garza is someone who believes that black communities deserve what all communities deserve — to be powerful in every aspect of their lives. Garza is an innovator, strategist, internationally recognized organizer and writer. Currently, as the Strategy & Partnerships Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance, Alicia works to build power, placing domestic workers at the forefront of the movement we need to change the domestic work industry and to build an economy that places people over profits. With Opal Tometi and Patrisse Cullors, Alicia created the Black Lives Matter Global Network, with 40 chapters in 4 countries, to change the ways in which Black people are stripped of our humanity. Her book, The Purpose of Power: How We Come Together When We Fall Apart was released in October, 2020. In it, she warns you, as she will in real life — hashtags don’t start movements. People do.

Dr. Eddie S. Glaude Jr.

Eddie S. Glaude Jr. is an intellectual who speaks to the complex dynamics of the American experience. His most well-known books, Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul, and In a Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America, take a wide look at black communities, the difficulties of race in the United States, and the challenges our democracy face. He is an American critic in the tradition of James Baldwin and Ralph Waldo Emerson. In his writings, the country’s complexities, vulnerabilities, and the opportunities for hope come into full view. Hope that is, in one of his favorite quotes from W.E.B Du Bois, “not hopeless, but a bit unhopeful.”

Roland Martin

Over the course of a journalistic career that has seen him interview multiple U.S. presidents to the top athletes and entertainers in Hollywood, Roland S. Martin is a journalist who has always maintained a clear sense of his calling in this world.

Martin is the host and managing editor of #RolandMartinUnfiltered, the first daily online show in history focused on news and analysis of politics, entertainment, sports, and culture from an explicitly African American perspective. Martin has been showered with more than 30 awards for journalistic excellence, including being named the Journalist of the Year in 2013 by the National Association of Black Journalists for his extensive focus on voter suppression and other issues of concern to African Americans during the 2012 election. Roland Martin is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - https://rolandsmartin.com/about-roland-s-martin
Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

Rev. Dr. Barber is also the architect of the Moral Movement, which began with weekly Moral Monday protests at the North Carolina General Assembly in 2013 and recently relaunched again online in August 2020 under the banner of the Poor People’s Campaign. In 2018, Rev. Dr. Barber helped relaunch the Poor People’s Campaign—which was begun by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. Rev. Dr. Barber is regularly featured in media outlets such as MSNBC, CNN, the New York Times, Washington Post, and The Nation magazine, among others.

Rev. Dr. Barber was named one of 2020’s BET 100 Entertainers and Innovators, as a Social Justice Warrior, and he is one of the 2019 recipients of the North Carolina Award, the state’s highest civilian honor. Dr. Barber is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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Dondré Whitfield fulfills his life purpose by sharing his essence with others—as a loving husband, devoted father, engaged mentor, and as a skilled and passionate actor. A veteran, multiple Emmy nominated actor, he is popularly known for his role as Remy Newell in the award-winning television drama series Queen Sugar. Dondré’s deep commitment to activism and community reinvestment compels him to serve through mentorship opportunities. Inspiring men to discover their paths toward healthy manhood is one of his most gratifying experiences.

The Manhood Tour is a global movement committed to awakening the consciousness of men, delivering the key principles for effective and impactful leadership, and teaching them how to tap into their talents and live them in the highest degree.
Professor Melissa Harris-Perry is the Maya Angelou Presidential Chair at Wake Forest University where she teaches courses on American politics and elections at the intersections of race, place, and gender. Professor Harris-Perry is the Founder and President of the Anna Julia Cooper Center, an independent organization with a mission to advance justice and alleviate harm for women and girls of color in American higher education.

Committed to diversifying American journalism and mentoring emerging public voices, Professor Harris-Perry has developed and implemented innovative mentoring efforts including the Elle.com scholars program centering the stories of women and girls of color and BLACK ON CAMPUS, a national student journalism program in partnership with The Nation. Melissa Harris-Perry is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

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