

Speaking Engagements

Last Updated Sunday, 19 April 2009

Baltimore, Maryland, DC-MD AFL/CIO State Federation: African-American History Celebration: Moderator: "Cultural Competency and Health Care Disparities." February 28, 2009

Gulfport, Florida: STETSON Law School: 100th Anniversary Celebration NAACP: "SOUND BITES OF PROTEST and the New American Agenda." February 10, 2009

Washington, DC – Obama Transition Headquarters: Presentation to White House Domestic Policy Advisor Melody Barnes and Staff: " Neighborhoods, Urban Policy and Black Community Priorities" (with NCBCP Black Women's Roundtable) January 14, 2009

Silver Spring, Maryland: UFCW Conference Presentation: "Public Speaking Skills;" November 7, 2009

Detroit, Michigan: Wayne State University/Marriott Hotel –Public Hearing Panelist EISENHOWER FORUM and HEARING, 40th Anniversary, KERNER COMMISSION REPORT AND UP-DATE, and Editorial Board Meetings with Detroit Free Press and Michigan Chronicle, October, 2008

Washington, DC- Convention Center Authors Row: Congressional Black Caucus' Legislative Conference: "Policy Relevance of SOUND BITES OF PROTEST," presentation and book signing. September 24, 2008

Jacksonville, Florida: Hyatt Hotel: Keynote Speech: "Labor Education and the African American Worker;" and Workshop: "Voter Mobilization: Lessons from 1988." August 13 – 15, 2008

International Transit Workers Federation (ITF) Women's School, "Gender, Feminism and Power," Winpisinger Center at Placid Harbor, Hollywood, Maryland, June 16, 2008

Las Vegas, Nevada: Communications Workers of America (CWA) Minority Caucus- "The Politics of Race, Gender and Trade Unionism in America" June 21, 2008

St. Louis Missouri, Plenary Session Presentation, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists 37th International Convention, Renaissance Grand Hotel: " The National Labor College: Unionism's Best Kept Secret," May 24, 2008.

Annapolis, Maryland: DC-MD State Federation AFL-CIO International Women's Day Celebration , Keynote Address of the Barbara Van Blake Speakers' Series "Women in Leadership: Changing the Landscape of America," March, 2008

Nation Labor College: Designed and Produced Ford Foundation Grant-Sponsored National Labor College Symposium:" The Action Agenda of African Americans and Women: Where Does Labor Fit In?" Feb, 29, 2008

Washington, DC - National Council of Negro Women, Moderated Salute / Reception for Arlene Holt Baker newly elected Executive Vice-President, AFL/CIO at NCNW, January 15, 2008

Facilitation for Sessions of Global Labor Organizing Conference, NLC December 10 -11, 2007 at National Labor College: Collaboration with AFL CIO\International Affairs Office

Washington, DC, National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) - Bi-Annual NCNW Convention Briefing: " Federal Policy and Washington Agency Performance -Rayburn House Office Building – Congressional Black Caucus Co-Sponsorship, December 3m 2007

Tampa , Florida - Hyatt Regency Hotel. Community Development Corporation of Tampa, Annual Luncheon Keynote Address: "Transforming Lives; Stabilizing Communities," October 16, 2007

St. Pete Beach, Florida, Trade Winds Hotel, Florida State AFL-CIO: Keynote: "The National Labor College: Organized Labor's Best Kept Secret." Oct. 2007

Orlando, Florida: Walt Disney World Hilton: Presenter: Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Inc. OICA 2007 Education, Training and Employment Conference: "Addressing and Eliminating Health Care Disparities in Our Communities" September, 11, 2007 ; and "National Labor College: Trade Unionism's Best Kept Secret."

Jacksonville, Florida; Crown Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront, A. Philip Randolph Institute's 39th Annual National Education Conference, Training Session: Lift Every Voice And Vote;, " and also Honored Author at Book Presentation and Signing; August 13- 17, 2009

National Labor College, Silver Spring, Maryland: American Federation of Public School Administrators: " Planning A Legislative Initiative and Understanding the Media; " July 17-19, 2007

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Illinois: Coalition of Black Trade Unionists 37th International Convention, National Women's Conference: Keynote Speaker:" Lessons Learned, New Strategies for Black Women Unionists " May 25, 2007

WIZR 930 AM Johnstown, NY: Salute to Labor - hosted by Jeff Stark and Paul Cole, with Dennis Hughes, President NYS AFL-CIO; Dr, Andy Coates, Physician for National Health Care; Guirremo Perez, Capital District LCLAA; Dr. Susan Schurman; President, National Labor College; and Dr. Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich; Center for Community and Economic Justice, Inc. and NLC. May 25, 2007

Double Tree Hotel, Philadelphia, PA.: Key Note Address, Institute for International Education US and Foreign Fulbright Scholars Convention: "Continuing The Legacy of Leadership in Our Lives"; March 15, 2007

Haslem's Book Store, St. Petersburg, FL: Meet the Author/Book Signing: Consensus and Compromise: Creating the First National Urban Policy Under President Carter, January 27, 2007

Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC: Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation; Forum Facilitator; RACE AND THE MEDIA, December 12, 2006

Lane Kirkland Center, National Labor College, Silver Spring, MD: Feminist Working Group, Co-Facilitator of Dialogue on A Women's Agenda, December 9 – 10, 2006

Orlando Florida, Rosen Center: Key Note Speaker, Florida Education Association Human Rights Awards Banquet, "Bring People Together – Imagine the Future" October 27, 2006

Hilton Bayfont Hotel St. Petersburg, Florida: Still Standing Life Time Civil Rights Achievements, Bayfront Hilton St. Petersburg Hotel, Moderator/M.C., Center for Community and Economic Justice, Inc. October23, 2006

Heckscher Museum, Huntington, N.Y: Samuel E. Miller Presentation for Community Development, June 15, 2006

National Press Club, Washington, DC: National Coalition for Black Civic Participation, Report on New Orleans Recovery Progress, National Panel Moderator, June 7, 2006

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA: Women, Action and the Media (WAM 2006) Conference, Presenter, April 1, 2006

University of Nebraska at Omaha, William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies: Keynote speaker for "Promoting the General Welfare" Conference, March 11, 2006.

National Labor College, Silver Spring, MD: Eisenhower Foundation Forum on Patriotism, Democracy and Common Sense, “ It’s Time to Break the Silence.,” April 28, 2005 public forum.

National Congress for Community Economic Development, Annual Institute, “Race and Diversity in Community Development: A Retrospective View,” Keynote, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 13, 2004

- Chicago State University, Chicago, Illinois: National Counter and Alternative Platform Convention, Third World Press and Network, “Urban Development Priorities” July 17, 2004.
- Syracuse University, Black Graduate Students’ Association and Dept. of African-American Studies, “Shake the Vote: Strengthen the Movement”, April 20, 2004, Syracuse, New York
- National Council of Negro Women, National Conference, “Addressing Federal Policies” Washington, DC. December 3, 2003
- NAACP, Alexandria, VA., Dinner Keynote, “Dismantling Injustice,” October 19, 2003
- 40th Anniversary March on Washington; Civil Rights Teach-In, “The Tree of Injustice,” Washington, DC, August 23, 2003
- Eisenhower Foundation Symposium, Alternatives to American Foreign and Domestic Policy Since September 11: “Breaking the Silence of Betrayal,”, July 2, 2003, Hogan & Hartson Conference Center, Washington, DC
- Blacks In Government, Keynote, Seattle, Washington, “Moving the Urban Agenda” May, 2003
- African American Cultural Complex, Raleigh, N.C., Keynote, “Women Of Note,” May, 2003, “ Black Women in the Political Process”
- University of Virginia, Institute for Public History and Darden Graduate School of Business Administration, “Exploration in Black Leadership” Video Project, Charlottesville, Va., October 1, 2003
- Virginia Commonwealth University, “Celebrating Difference and Understanding Racism,” VCU Multicultural Forum, Richmond, Va., April 9, 2003
- California Black Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Conference, Keynote “Building Leaders in African American Communities.” March 2003
- Howard University Law School, “Reflections on the First Anniversary of 9/11: Race and Justice,” Washington, Sept. 2002.
- The Sentencing Project, National Symposium on Felony Disenfranchisement, panelist, “Felony Disenfranchisement: the Case of Black Women,” Washington, Oct. 2002
- US State Department Foreign Affairs Chapter of Blacks in Government, Newsmaker Forum “The Interface: African American Leadership and American Foreign Policy.” Washington, Feb. 2002
- International Association of Black Professionals in International Affairs. Opening Plenary moderator “Empowering the Emerging Majority Before and Beyond September 11th.” Washington, Feb. 2002
- Howard University Law School, Guest speaker on “The Durban Conference,” Washington, Jan. 2002
- Blacks in Government, Keynote “The State of the Union of Black Students in Science and Technology,” Oakridge, Tennessee, Feb. 2002
- American University, guest lecturer , Semester in Washington, “Transforming Communities,” Washington, Dec. 2001
- National Education Association, Joint Conference on Concerns of Minorities and Women. Moderator, “Policy implications in education, economics and social program of disparate sentencing on Latino and African American women,” June 2001, Los Angeles
- Benedict College, Presenter, 14th Annual Black History Teleconference “The Struggle Continues,” a production of the South Carolina Educational Television Network in affiliation with PBS, February 2001, Columbia, South Carolina
- University of the District of Columbia, Convocation Address, Washington, Sept. 2001
- Salisbury State University, Featured speaker, “The Power of the Black Vote in the Upcoming Election,” October 2000, Salisbury, Maryland

The Fielding Institute, Keynote, Annual National Conference for Doctoral Candidates, “Social Change and Public Leadership.” July 2000. Alexandria, Virginia

Cheyney University, Commencement Speaker, “Always Look a Gift Horse in the Eye: Things Are Not Always as they Seem,” May 2000, Cheyney, Pennsylvania

National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Panelist, “Policy in the New Century.” March 2000, Washington

National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, 25th National Conference, Host for plenary session “Highlighting African American Leaders,” February 2000, Washington

The Aspen Institute, Intelligence Fellows Program, Intelligence 2000: Assuring Security in an Open Society, Speaker on race relations in America, August 1999, Wye River, Maryland

U.S. Library of Congress, Annual African American History Month Observance, Keynote, “The Next Millennium: Second Verse of the Dream,” February 1999, Washington

Public Affairs Council, 1999 Public Affairs Institute, Lecturer, Continuing Education Program, January 1999, San Diego.; California: Rancho Bernardo

Voorhees College, Founders Day, Speaker, April 1998, Denmark; South Carolina

Howard University, Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Program, Speaker, March 1998, Washington

University of Minnesota Law School, Institute on Race and Poverty, Panel Moderator/Presenter, December 1997, Minneapolis

Fisk University, Race Relations Institute, Keynote Speaker and also Panel Moderator: Decendents of African Descendent-Icons: W.E.B. DuBois, Richard Wright, Langston Hughes; Ralph Ellison; Marcus Garvey; July 1997, Nashville, Tennessee

North Carolina Central University, Convocation Day Speaker, “Facing an Uncertain Future from Strength,” October 1993, Durham, North Carolina