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THE 41ST ANNUAL MARION THOMPSON WRIGHT LECTURE SERIES

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“At every step of this wondrous journey...not everything was lost. Responsibility cannot be lost, it can only be abdicated. If one refuses abdication, one begins again.”

—James Baldwin, Just Above My Head, 1979

Program

Saturday
February 20, 2021
9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. EST

9:30 Blessing
Chief Vincent Mann – Chief of the Turtle Clan, Ramapough Lenape Nation; Water Protector and Community Organizer

9:35 Welcome to MTW #41
Jack Tchen – Director Clement A. Price Institute

9:45 Black National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

9:50 Opening Remarks
Ras J. Baraka – Mayor of the City of Newark
Nancy Cantor – Chancellor, Rutgers University - Newark
Jonathan Holloway – President, Rutgers University

10:10 Marion Thompson Wright Speakers
Bill Fletcher Jr.
Cara Page
Alicia Garza

11:15 Discussion
Barbara Ransby with Bill Fletcher Jr., Cara Page, and Alicia Garza.

12:15 Performance
Reverend Lennox Yearwood, Jr. – President and Founder, Hip Hop Caucus

12:25 Presentation of Giles R. Wright Award
New Jersey Historical Commission

12:30 Performance
Helena D. Lewis – Poet

12:45 Thank You and Closing Remarks
Jack Tchen
Jacqueline Mattis – Rutgers - Newark SASN Dean

Speakers

Alicia Garza, Principal at Black Futures Lab, author of The Purpose of Power: How We Come Together When We Fall Apart, and co-creator of #BlackLivesMatter.

Cara Page, Black Queer Feminist cultural/memory worker, curator, and organizer focusing on holding the Medical Industrial Complex accountable.

Bill Fletcher Jr., Author of “They’re Bankrupting Us!”: And Twenty Other Myths About Unions; labor organizer; syndicated columnist; senior scholar with the Institute for Policy Studies; and editorial board member of BlackCommentator.com.

Barbara Ransby, John D. MacArthur Chair, and Distinguished Professor, in the Departments of African American Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies, and History at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

About the Marion Thompson Wright Lecture Series

The Annual Marion Thompson Wright Lecture (MTW) series was co-founded in 1981 by Clement A. Price, Giles R. Wright, and the MTW Study Club, who launched the series with the conviction that understanding the historical context of racism would aid in organizing struggles building a beloved community and a better world.

In her honor, the Marion Thompson Wright Lecture Series brings outstanding thinkers and doers of African and African American life and history, Diverse, civically engaged, and devoted to life-long learning, the MTW Series is one of the nation’s most distinguished and longest running lectures. The Clement A. Price Institute is devoted to building deep historical justice in our region and beyond.

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