



MEDIA ALERT:

MITCHELVILLE CONFIRMS PRESENTERS FOR ANNUAL FORUM

“NOW WHAT?” as a Virtual Forum Will Explore Athletes and Activism, Voting Rights, Disparities in the Criminal Justice System and Anti-Racism

What:

2020 has presented several challenges for America. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted schools, businesses, and the lives of millions of citizens. It has changed our interaction with each other and has forced us to connect digitally to function. The deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbury, Breonna Taylor, and others have caused a new introspection on race, racial profiling, and the criminal justice system. The economic downshift has closed long-standing businesses and has negatively impacted the financial standing of the country. As America and the world look to move forward and adjust, Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park wants to spark conversation on how that happens. The Forum will take place virtually on October 21 – 22, 2020 on Historic Mitchelville Platforms from 3 PM until 6 PM. The registration cost is free, thanks to the generous support of sponsors, but registration is required via exploremitchelville.org.

Mitchelville’s annual forum explores historic and contemporary issues in 21st century America, including citizenship, opportunity, freedom, and democracy. Discussion at the forum is beneficial to educators and community leaders. This year’s presenters include –

- Dr. Angie Beeman
Associate Professor of Sociology – Baruch College - CUNY
- S.Y. Bowland
Director – Practitioners Research and Scholarship Institute (PRASI)
- Michelle Clemon
Founder – Clemons Consulting Group
- Reena Denise Evers-Everette
Executive Director – Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute
- Sandy Gillis
Executive Director - Deep Well
- Dr. Saida Grundy
Assistant Professor of Sociology and African American Studies – Boston University



- Victoria Justice
Associate Warden (Retired) – Federal Correctional Institution Williamsburg
- Deanna Reed
Mayor of Harrisburg, Virginia, and Co-Founder of Woke Vote
- Frank Rodriguez
Superintendent - Beaufort County Public Schools
- Damion Thomas
Museum Curator– National Museum of African American Heritage and Culture

Who:

The Mitchelville Preservation Project, Inc., is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization whose mission is to replicate, preserve, and sustain a historically significant site and to educate the public about the sacrifice, resilience, and perseverance of the freedmen of Mitchelville and to share the story of how these brave men and women planted strong and enduring familial roots for generations of future African-Americans. Set against the natural backdrop of Hilton Head Island, The Mitchelville Preservation Project will become the Lowcountry's jewel Civil War attraction.

When:

October 21 -22, 2020

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Where:

www.exploremitchelville.org, pre-registration is required.

For more information about this event call 843-255-7301.