

**NAME OF EVENT:** Reckoning with the Constitution

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**DATE | TIME | LOCATION:** March 2, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. ET | Briefing Call

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** As we continue to learn more about COVID-19, it has become clear that this pandemic is disparately impacting people of color, and in particular, the Black community. A recent report from *Mother Jones* shows that Black Americans have disproportionately contracted and died from the coronavirus. Attacks on voting rights, abortion rights, and fair housing have long targeted people of color and the resulting damage of those attacks has been exacerbated during this time of crisis. What direct and indirect harms are being done to communities of color by the pandemic and the government's response? What legal tools are available to address these disparities and where are there gaps? What should lawmakers consider as they attempt to craft a response to this crisis?

**SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:**

**Russ Feingold**, President, ACS, *Welcome Remarks*

**Luis Fuentes-Rohwer**, Class of 1950 Herman B. Wells Endowed Professor of Law, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

**Randall Kennedy**, Michael R. Klein Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

**Jason Mazzone**, Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Professor of Law, Illinois College of Law

**Tiffany Wright**, Adjunct Professor and Supervising Attorney, Civil Rights Clinic, Howard University School of Law

**Lindsay Langholz**, Director of Policy and Program, ACS, *Moderator*

**Zinelle October**, Executive Vice President, ACS, *Concluding Remarks*

**AGENDA OF CONFERENCE CALL:**

5 minutes introduction

45 minutes speakers' presentations

20 minutes Q&A

5 minutes conclusion

**MATERIALS FOR CALL:**

Luis Fuentes-Rohwer & Guy-Uriel Charles, [\*The U.S. Constitution Meets Democratic Theory: The Puzzling Cases of Puerto Rico and D.C.\*](#), Am. Const. Soc'y Issue Brief (Mar. 27, 2020)

Annette Gordon-Reed, [\*America's Original Sin\*](#), FOREIGN AFFAIRS (Jan./Feb. 2018)

Ariela Gross & Alejandro de la Fuente, [\*The history of slavery remains with us today\*](#), WASH. POST (Mar. 9, 2020)

Cheryl Harris, [\*Whiteness As Property\*](#), 106 HARV. L. REV. 1707 (1993)

Jason Mazzone, [\*The Bill of Rights in the early state courts\*](#), 92 MINN. L. REV. 1 (2007)

Jeffrey Ostler, [\*The Shameful Final Grievance of the Declaration of Independence\*](#), THE ATLANTIC (Feb. 8, 2020)

Justin Worland, [\*America's Long Overdue Awakening to Systemic Racism\*](#), TIME (June 11, 2020)

[\*A History of Violence: Institutional Racism in Our Criminal Legal System\*](#), AM. CONST. SOC'Y (June 5, 2020)

[\*Brief for Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Ctr., et al, as Amici Curiae Supporting Defendants-Appellants\*](#), People. v. Silas (2020) (No. A150512)

Video: [\*Reconstruction and the U.S. Supreme Court\*](#), CSPAN (May 3, 2019)

[\*The 1619 Project\*](#), N.Y. TIMES MAG. (last visited Feb. 27, 2021)

[\*The Civil Rights Cases\*](#), 109 U.S. 3 (1883)