

NAME OF EVENT: Founding Failures: Transformational Change and the Movements for Racial Equity

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: August 3, 2021 | 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. ET | Zoom

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: As our nation continues to grapple with the legacy of slavery and the racial caste system it created, activists have been calling for the long-overdue dismantling of systemic racism. ACS has joined a growing coalition of organizations and thought leaders calling for a truth, racial healing, and transformation commission to take a hard look at the role our legal systems and institutions have played in building and maintaining racial inequality. What should truth, racial healing, and transformation look like in the United States, and how do we get there? How can other countries' experiences with truth and reconciliation commissions inform our own? How does the growing movement for reparations fit into this work?

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

Welcome Remarks:

Russ Feingold, President, ACS

Panelists:

Dreisen Heath, Researcher/Advocate, Human Rights Watch

Dr. Yuvraj Joshi, Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia Allard School of Law

Zenita Wickham Hurley, Chief Counsel for Civil Rights, Maryland Office of the Attorney General

Zinelle October, Executive Vice President, ACS, *Moderator*

AGENDA OF CONFERENCE CALL:

5 minutes introduction

45 minutes speakers' presentations

20 minutes Q&A

5 minutes conclusion

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

Ta-Nehisi Coates, [*The Case for Reparations*](#), THE ATLANTIC (June 15, 2014)

Ana Faguy, [*One year in, Howard County Truth & Reconciliation group illuminates history of lynchings*](#), BALTIMORE SUN (Jan. 21, 2021)

Jordan Green, [*Can Greensboro Model a National Truth and Reconciliation Process?*](#), SOJOURNERS (Oct. 14, 2020)

H.R. 40: *Exploring the Path to Reparative Justice in America: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 117th Cong. (2021) ([written testimony](#) of Dreisen Heath)

Bonny Ibhawoh, [Do truth and conciliation commissions heal divided nations?](#), THE CONVERSATION (Jan. 23, 2019)

Yuvraj Joshi, [Racial Transition](#), 98 WASH. U. L. REV. 1181 (2021)

Yuvraj Joshi, [Affirmative Action as Transitional Justice](#), 2020 WISC. L. REV. 1 (2020)

Rachel Ramirez, [“No healing without the truth”: How a federal commission could help America understand systemic racism](#), VOX (Mar. 4, 2021)

Ovetta Wiggins, [Landmark commission begins tackling ‘unconfronted truth’ of racially motivated lynchings in Md.](#), WASH. POST. (Sept. 18, 2020)

APERTURE, [Truth and Reconciliation](#) (Apr. 25, 2018)

Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racial Intolerance, [Reparations for Racial Discrimination, Slavery, and Colonialism](#), U.N. Doc. A/74/321 (Aug. 21, 2019)

Video: [The urgent need for reconciliation in the United States: Bryan Stevenson](#), TED ARCHIVE (Aug. 15, 2017)

Podcast: All Things Considered, [Reparations Can – And Should – Take Many Forms, Says Human Rights Researcher](#) (Mar. 26, 2021)