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)

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


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)


