FRIDAY, April 15

7:30 – 8:00 am: Ecumenical Service  Clark Chapel, First Floor, Led by TBD (All conference attendees are welcome)

9:00 – 9:20 am: Registration  Lobby, First Floor

9:20 – 10:20 am: Opening Plenary  The Fierce Urgency of Now: Chicago Freedom 50 Years  Chapel, Fourth Floor

Bernard Lafayette Jr., Distinguished Senior Scholar in Residence at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology, chair of the national board of SCLC, and the author of In Peace and Freedom: My Journey in Selma and editor and contributor to The Chicago Freedom Movement: Martin Luther King Jr. and Civil Rights Activism in the North (Civil Rights and Struggle)

10:30 – 11:45 am: The Movement/Moment  Chapel, Fourth Floor - Prexy Nesbitt, Professor at Columbia College, Starsky Wilson, President, Deaconess Foundation, Bernadine Dohrn*, Professor of Law at Northwestern University, Traci Blackmon, Executive Minister of Justice Witness Ministries for the United Church of Christ, Christophe Ringer (facilitator), Professor at Chicago Theological Seminary

11:45 am – 1:00 pm: Lunch  Dining Hall, Fourth Floor

• Networking  (all conference attendees; Dining Hall, Fourth Floor)
• Lunch Chat with Klonsky Brothers  (for those who have pre-registered; Room TBD)
• Lunch Chat with Black Girl Om,  (for those who have pre-registered; Room TBD)
• Lunch Chat with Jamie Kalven*,  (for those who have pre-registered; Room 118)
• Lunch Chat with Luis Gutierrez*,  (for those who have pre-registered; Room TBD)
• Lunch Q&A with Mary Lou Finley, editors and contributors of The Chicago Freedom Movement: Martin Luther King Jr. and Civil Rights Activism in the North (Civil Rights and Struggle)
• Admissions  (for admitted students and those interested in applying; Room 214)

12:30 – 1:00 pm: Jumaa Prayer  Learning Commons, Third Floor

Tahir Abdullah*  (All conference attendees are welcome)

1:05 – 2:30 pm: Afternoon Institutes

• Fund the Movement: Models, Messaging & Money  Room 217  Panel of activists currently engaged in funding models for the movement. Speakers include the Rev. Starsky Wilson, CEO & President, Deaconess Foundation, Joy Messinger, Program Officer, Third Wave Fund, Eric Ward*, Program Officer, Ford Foundation, and Taj James*, Founder and CEO, Movement Strategies Center

• A Tale of Two Tensions  Room 232  A session that explores social issues through the power-privilege and oppression framework of social justice movements, and a interfaith framework centered on the preserving positive relationships. What questions do each raise that can enrich the other and how do we enter into and navigate the tension between them? This workshop is presented by CTS’s ECommunity Cohort of students.

• Beloved Community or Battlefield: Strategies for Change  Room 327  Activism in faith communities. The Rev. Neichelle Guidry*, Associate Pastor to Young Adults at Trinity United Church, Rachel Laser Social Justice Coalition Builder in Divisive Cultural and Religious Issues, the Rev. Traci Blackmon*, and Rabbi Susan Talve*, Central Reform Congregation

• Frame the Issues: The Arc Towards Justice  Room 219  Susan Thistlethwaite Professor Theology and President Emeritus Chicago Theological Seminary and Kelly Brown Douglas*, Professor of Religion at Goucher College examine justice, race and women’s bodies.

• Kingian Nonviolence: Six Steps & Six Principles, Pt. 1 & Pt. 2  Led by certified Kingian trainers, Mary Lou Finley, a sociologist and professor emeritus at Antioch University Seattle and coauthor of Doing Democracy: the MAP Model for Organizing Social Movements and Pam Smith, a longtime Chicago consultant who served as press secretary to Jesse Jackson’s 1988 presidential campaign and Barack Obama’s primary campaign for the US Senate. Smith teaches US history at Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona. Finley and Smith are editors and contributors to The Chicago Freedom Movement: Martin Luther King Jr. and Civil Rights Activism in the North (Civil Rights and Struggle).

• Activate your House  JCUA* and Interfaith Worker Justice* will provide strategies and tools for clergy and lay leaders to assist their congregants to engage in peaceful protest, activism, and/or effective tools to support issues they care about.

2:35 – 3:00 pm: Performance by TBD & Break/Snacks  Chapel, Fourth Floor

3:00 – 4:25 pm: Afternoon Institutes (workshops repeat; see descriptions above)

4:30 – 4:55 pm: Light Reception & Cash Bar  Dining Hall, Fourth Floor

5:00 – 6:00 pm: Reflection and Lecture: Mapping a Movement  Chapel, Fourth Floor

Dr. Sherman Jackson, King Faisal Chair in Islamic Thought and Culture and Professor of Religion and American Studies and Ethnicity at University of Southern California

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SATURDAY, April 16

7:30 - 8:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service  Clark Chapel, First Floor  Susan Talve* (All conference attendees are welcome)

8:40 - 9:00 am: Welcome & Introductions  Chapel, Fourth Floor  Norman Williams, Chair, CTS Board of Trustees

9:00 - 10:20 am: Facing Islam: Race and National Security in the Current Global/Local Moment  Chapel, Fourth Floor  Moderator: Dr. Sherman Jackson  Panelists: Linda Sarsour, Suad Abdul Khabir*, Reza Aslan, Azeem Ibrahim*

11:30 am - 11:55 pm: Tools for Transformation Training Workshops

- Message your Movement---Media and Crisis Management  Workshop Pt. 1 & Pt. 2  Natalie Moore (WBEZ), Kathy Chaney (National Association of Black Journalists, Chicago Chapter), Laura Willard* (Upworthy), Zoe Samudzi (UCSF). Social media, print, and digital experts will provide tools for engaging the media your institutional response and specific something to manage your message in crisis.


12:00 - 12:45 pm: Lunch: Radical Self-Love and Collective Wellness Practices as a Means of Resisting Institutional/Systemic Harm  Dining Hall, Fourth Floor  Led by Black Girl in Om. Guided meditation allowing participants to experience what it means to stay grounded and stay present amidst daily madness. A conversation follows about the importance of collective/individual wellness in a world with institutionalized conditions that oppose our very existence.

12:55 - 2:20 pm: Tools for Transformation Training Workshops (workshops repeat; see descriptions above)

2:45 - 3:45 pm: Call to Action  Chapel, Fourth Floor  Michael Eric Dyson, American academic, author, and radio host, professor of Sociology at Georgetown University

Benediction  
Dr. Scott Haldeman, Assoc. Prof. of Worship, with other CTS faculty and students

REMINDERS

CONFERENCE HASHTAG: #RIOTcon

AMENITIES: Free Wi-Fi on campus. Guest login password: RIOTcon2016. We also have an ATM located on the 3rd floor.

RIOTcon MERCHANDISE: Stop by the 3rd floor RIOTcon Store for t-shirts, and more! Cash, check, or credit card welcome!

SEMINARY COOP BOOKSTORE: This independent bookstore, which shared space with CTS for many years, will be on-site on Saturday and will have copies of our speakers’ books as well as others relating to civil rights and social justice.

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