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Kirwan Institute Shares Perspective on Race through Active Fall Schedule

Kirwan Institute leaders are sharing perspective on timely topics with a wide range of audiences this fall.

Kirwan Institute Executive Director John Powell spoke at the **Tides Momentum Leadership Conference** September 7-9 in San Francisco. His presentation, "'Race to the Center': Race and the Progressive Movement," examined how to ensure that the progressive movement is inclusive and moving the issue of race from the margin to the center. The presentation can be viewed at the following link:

http://fora.tv/2009/09/07/POWER_John_A_Powell_on_Opportunity_and_Race

The Kirwan Institute was a co-sponsor of the Building One America Summit held September 17-18 in Washington DC, to advocate innovative regional and metropolitan strategies to address some of our nation's most pressing problems.

<http://www.buildingoneamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/BOA-Flyer.pdf>

Kirwan Institute Executive Director John Powell will address the **Writers Guild and Screen Actors Guild** during a September 30 **panel discussion on unconscious bias** at the Writers Guild of Los Angeles. Panelists will explore how the brain processes information and how the need for quick decision often leads to faulty conclusions. **"Reading Between the Lines: Uncovering Unconscious Bias"** will be co-presented by the **Kirwan Institute**, the Writers Guild of America West, the Screen Actors Guild, Americans for American Values and Equal Justice Society. A reception following the panel will be introduced by TV and film producer and political and social activist **Norman Lear**. <http://www.wga.org/content/default.aspx?id=902>

Harvard University Professor William Julius Wilson will visit The Ohio State University campus October 15-16, where the well-known scholar on issues of race will make two public presentations and be involved in several additional discussions with faculty and students. The Kirwan Institute will host Wilson's visit with co-sponsors, the Department of Sociology and the Office of Minority Affairs. More information is available at: <http://kirwaninstitute.org/>

The Kirwan Institute is among co-sponsors of a **conference on school integration** to be held at Howard University School of Law in Washington D.C. on Friday, November 13. Entitled **"Reaffirming the Role of School Integration in K-12 Public Education Policy: A Conversation Among Policymakers, Advocates and**

Educators," the conference will bring together government officials with educators, civil rights advocates and scholars who support racially and economically integrated K-12 public schools. Racial and socioeconomic integration incentives in current and proposed federal policies, regulations and spending programs will be discussed. More information is available at:

<http://www.charleshamiltonhouston.org/Events/Event.aspx?id=100099>

The Kirwan Institute will host a fall gathering, **Racial Equity and Systems Thinking**, for a small group of systems experts and racial justice advocates. Drawing on the experience of experts who have applied systems approaches in other fields, the group will work to define how the racial justice community can best apply systems thinking and approaches to race work.

Fair credit and fair housing will be the topics of a series of facilitated discussions held in six cities this fall, **hosted by the Kirwan Institute** in collaboration with partner organizations. The work grew out of Kirwan's subprime lending and foreclosure research initiative, which pointed to the need to contextualize the housing crisis in a broader continuum of fair credit, fair banking, and consumer protection advocacy. The events will be held in Hartford, CT (Oct. 7); Seattle-Portland (Oct. 30); Austin, TX (Nov. 6); and Detroit, MI (Nov. 10); with additional sessions being scheduled in Oakland, CA; and New Orleans, LA. In addition, Kirwan will collaborate with Poverty & Race Research Action Council, La Raza, Center for Responsible Lending, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, and National Fair Housing Alliance to co-host a policy consensus-building discussion in Washington, DC on Nov. 18th to share ideas and define a policy and advocacy agenda. Additional information will soon be available on the Kirwan Web site.

The Kirwan Institute partners with people, communities, and institutions worldwide to think about, talk about, and act on race in ways that create and expand opportunity for all. For more information, go to: <http://kirwaninstitute.org/>.