Healing the Wounds of History: North-South, Black-White

A Special Program on the Occasion of the American Civil War Sesquicentennial

Monday, December 12th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Kenney Auditorium
School of Advanced International Studies
The Johns Hopkins University
1740 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, DC 20036

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School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC
The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar, Richmond, VA
The John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, Tulsa, OK
African American Civil War Memorial and Museum, Washington, DC

Forum Details:
Three of America's most respected historians of the Civil War and its aftermath will discuss the persistence of resentment and unhealed wounds in the North/South relationship including those originating in the antebellum period, the Civil War, Reconstruction and post-Reconstruction and the impact of enduring resentments on the American political culture today. The panel will also discuss the prospects of establishing a Bipartisan, Bicameral Congressional Reconciliation Caucus geared toward national racial healing and reconciliation. And a distinguished Christian ethicist will assess the implications and challenges of the panel's presentations.

Speakers:
Edward L. Ayers
President, University of Richmond

David W. Blight
Class of 1954 Professor of American History and Director, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance & Abolition, Yale University

Frank Smith, Ph.D.
Director, African American Civil War Memorial and Museum, Washington, D.C.

Donald W. Shriver
President-Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Special Guest Speaker:
Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
United States Representative for the District of Columbia

Moderator:
Joseph Montville
Director, Program on Healing Historical Memory, School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University
Speaker Bios:

**Edward L. Ayers**
Edward is the President of the University of Richmond and former Dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia. His The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction (1992) was a finalist for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. And his In the Presence of Mine Enemies: Civil War in the Heart of America, 1859-1865 (2003), won the 2004 Bancroft Prize for Distinguished Book in American History from Columbia University and the 2004 Albert J. Beveridge Award from the American Historical Association.

**David W. Blight**
David is the Class of 1954 Professor of American History and Director, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance & Abolition at Yale University. He is the author of A Slave No More: Two Men Who Escaped to Freedom, Including their Narratives of Emancipation (2007), and Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory (2001) which won eight book awards including the Bancroft, the Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass prizes. Harvard has published his American Oracle: The Civil War in the Civil Rights Era.

**Frank Smith, Ph.D.**
Frank is the Founding Director of the African American Civil War Memorial Museum in Washington, D. C. He did the initial research to build the Nation's only monument listing the names of 209,145 African American soldiers and their white officers who joined President Lincoln in the Civil War to end slavery and keep America united under one flag. A former City Councilman in Washington DC, he was active in the civil rights movement with the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). In 2011 he was awarded the African American Experience Fund Lifetime Achievement Award and inducted into the Washington DC Hall of Fame.

**Donald W. Shriver**
Donald is President-Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary in New York City. A Presbyterian minister and respected public theologian, he is author of Honest Patriots: Loving a Country Enough to Remember Its Misdeeds (2005) which won the prestigious Grawemeyer Award in Religion in 2009.

**Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton**
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, now in her eleventh term as the Congresswoman for the District of Columbia, is the ranking member of the House Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. She also serves on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The Congresswoman is a tenured professor of law at Georgetown University. She received her bachelor's degree from Antioch College in Ohio, and earned her law degree and a master's degree in American Studies from Yale University.

**Moderator Bio:**

**Joseph Montville**
Joseph is a founder of the CPRF, retired diplomat and recently appointed Director of the Program on Healing Historical Memory at the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, a Commonwealth Center of Excellence, at George Mason University, will be moderator of the panel. He has written and spoken on white America’s moral debt to African Americans, but he is also interested in the tradition of Northern disdain for the South and southerners which long pre-dates the Civil War and seems to be reflected in so-called Red state resentments of Blue state America in the 21st century and in dysfunction in the Congress.