

1898 Foundation

The 1898 Foundation was organized in 1996 for the following purposes: "tell the story" of 1898 and its legacy, "honor the memory" of those who were killed or suffered in 1898 (as well as those who have worked for racial progress since those times), "heal the wounds" by continuing to work for reconciliation and "foster the hope" by envisioning an inclusive society.

The violence that occurred in Wilmington, NC, on November 10, 11, and 12, 1898, not only affected the state of North Carolina but the entire United States. The coup d'etat that occurred in the city of Wilmington was the only successful one that ever occurred in the United States. Many individuals were run out of town and told not to return. The impact of this tragic event still affects many areas of Southeastern North Carolina today.

A memorial park site is currently being established in the city of Wilmington. Ayokunle Odeleye, professor of Art at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, is the artist for the Memorial site. A book entitled MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER is also being published.

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Anthony Crawford Remembered Memorial Committee

The ACRMC is an independent organization assembled to honor the late Anthony P. Crawford, wealthy farmer, businessman and community leader, lynched in Abbeville, South Carolina by a crowd estimated to be between 200-400 citizens and government officials. He owned over 400 acres of prime cotton land--on which he incorporated The Abbeville School, for African American children. His lynching on October 21, 1916 serves as a reminder that those of us in the diaspora shall never forget our past struggles and those that laid down or lost their lives.

OUR AGENDA

To inform people about African American successes during post-Civil War Reconstruction and how it relates to the systematic dismantling of that success because of racial hatred or prejudice which continues across the country and how it relates to the system of Jim Crow

To act as a clearing house for those affected by lynchings, attempted lynchings and their families

To provide advocacy and advance the cases of those that lost property, businesses and land because of a lynching

To give a voice to those directly affected by lynching

To give dignity, honor and respect to the over 4,700 documented lynching victims and those that are un-documented and their families.

To call on local communities and governments to offer sincere apologies to those affected by lynchings and accept responsibility for government officials that turned a blind eye to individuals that should have been held accountable, arrested, tried, prosecuted and/or fired.

To actively participate in the organization and outreach efforts for a year 2006 March on Washington, DC in support of a "National Day of Atonement", a national monument to lynching victims and a congressional apology for not passing the "Anti-Lynching Bill"

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Anti-Defamation League

ADL fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry here and abroad, combats international terrorism, probes the roots of hatred, advocates before Congress, comes to the aid of victims of bigotry, develops educational programs, and serves as a public resource for government, media, law enforcement and the public, all toward the goals of countering and reducing hatred. With its National Headquarters in New York City, ADL has a network of Regional and Satellite Offices throughout America, and in Jerusalem, Vienna and Moscow.

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Anti-Prejudice Consortium (APC)

The Anti-Prejudice Consortium (APC) works to fight prejudice, increase tolerance and promote respect among all people. Our mission is to be a resource to and partner with middle schools and the community in the battle against prejudice, discrimination and intolerance. To date, we fund and administer two programs to do just that. The Power Over Prejudice (POP) Summit and the In School Follow Up (ISF) Program reach thousands of students and counselors each year. More than 5,000 students and 400 counselors from public, private and religious schools throughout metro Atlanta, have participated in the POP Summit. These ambassadors of tolerance have worked to bring the fight against prejudice to tens of thousands of students in our area. In addition, we have nearly 300 volunteers from the business, government and non-profit sectors of the community.

For more information about the Anti-Prejudice Consortium or our programs, please email us at: info@antiprejudice.org or call us at 678-547-0084.

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The Birmingham Pledge

Since its inception in 1998, the Birmingham Pledge has been signed by more than 100,000 world citizens on every continent of the globe. The Pledge is a simple and personal commitment to eliminate racism and prejudice one person at a time.

The Birmingham Pledge

I believe that every person has worth as an individual.

I believe that every person is entitled to dignity and respect, regardless of race or color.

I believe that every thought and every act of racial prejudice is harmful; if it is my thought or act, then it is harmful to me as well as to others.

Therefore, from this day forward I will strive daily to eliminate racial prejudice from my thoughts and actions.

I will discourage racial prejudice by others at every opportunity.

I will treat all people with dignity and respect; and I will strive daily to honor this pledge, knowing that the world will be a better place because of my effort

The Birmingham Pledge is a grassroots effort that has solidified into an organization with specific local and national programs and objectives. The Birmingham Pledge received tax-exempt status as a foundation in July 2000. Since that time, the Birmingham Pledge Foundation has formed strategic alliances and alliances with a diverse group of organizations, communities and educational institutions.

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Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial Board

On the evening of June 15, 1920, three black men, wrongly accused of raping a white woman, were abducted from the Duluth, MN, City Jail. A mob numbering between five and ten thousand people savagely beat and tortured these three young men, then hanged them from a lamppost in the middle of Duluth's downtown.

The grim spectacle of the mob posing with the lynched men was then captured by a photographer, and then circulated as a postcard. At a time in America when the lynching of black men was all too common, it was widely agreed to be the most heinous lynching of 1920. Until recently, this event has been largely forgotten. The names of the three men, Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie were almost forgotten as well.

The Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial Committee was formed in June 2000. It was a culmination of years of individual people keeping the stories of what happened to Isaac McGhie, Elmer Jackson and Elias Clayton alive in their way.

The Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial Board and WDSE recently sponsored a gathering of community members, activists and civic leaders to discuss racism and its impact on the lives of those who live in the Twin Ports.

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Coalition to Remember the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot

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Overview: As the 100th anniversary of the Atlanta Race Riot approaches, the Coalition to Remember the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot is planning a series of initiatives and events to increase public awareness of this shameful episode in the city's history and inspire Atlantans to appreciate differences as opportunities to build community.

Background: During the summer of 1906, white fears of African Americans' increasing economic and social power, sensationalized rhetoric from white politicians, and unsubstantiated news stories about a black crime wave created a powder keg of racial tension in Atlanta. The powder keg exploded on the night of September 22nd in what became known as the Atlanta Race Riot. By the time the riot ended on September 25th, at least 25 blacks and two whites lay dead.

Over the years, the collective public memory of this act of terrorism has faded, but fears that arose from that violence have continued and have fed the racial attitudes that segregate our city. Coalition sponsored activities meant to restore the memory and move toward reconciliation include: an exhibit at the MLK Historic Site gallery, curriculum material about the riot in area schools, artistic expressions and a community-centered symposium sponsored by local colleges and universities.

Facing History and Ourselves

Facing History and Ourselves is a professional development program for teachers, across the United States and abroad...

who understand that their students' academic and emotional growth depends to a large degree on their own commitment to growing and learning. A non-profit educational organization that works with teachers of middle and high school students, Facing History helps teachers master important skills in classroom pedagogy: how to conduct a discussion in which students truly talk and listen to one another; how to raise controversial topics; how to establish a classroom atmosphere of trust.

Facing History and Ourselves is a framework for the intensive study of history...

a framework that recognizes genuine learning as a deeply personal enterprise. In a Facing History course, students gain exposure to sophisticated historical and literary texts, including an impressive array of primary source materials, and to a variety of intellectual and philosophical concepts. They learn how to make meaning of these materials and ideas--through critical reading, writing, speaking, and listening. As they sharpen their analytical skills, students see the complexities of history, and make appropriate connections between the past and the present.

Facing History and Ourselves is a civic education program...

that teaches about the privileges, the responsibilities and the skills of citizenship. Students learn about the values of democracy, in part, by examining a particular historical moment -- early twentieth century German society--in which democracy crumbled. By learning that that society's demise was caused largely by the choices made by ordinary citizens, students begin to understand the value of making responsible choices.

Facts and Figures

- Since its founding in 1976, more than 19,000 educators around the world have participated in Facing History workshops and/or week-long institutes;
- An estimated 1,600,000 students are reached each year through our educator network;
- Regional offices are located in Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Memphis, New York, San Francisco and Europe;
- Educators beyond the regional offices are served virtually by our

headquarters office in Brookline, MA;

How it works: in school

Facing History and Ourselves offers a model of professional development for educators that encompasses in-depth training, individualized follow-up support, and classroom resources. Facing History delivers this program to a national network of educators through our seven regional offices; major current initiatives in Colorado, Florida, Idaho, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina; and to hundreds of additional educators throughout Europe, Africa and Asia.

How it works: in the community

Facing History also reaches out to the larger community including students, parents, police officers, community activists, civic and religious leaders and other citizens. Activities include book clubs, workshops, symposia and conferences that are open to the general public. Research and development of new curricular materials, new and enhanced technology and numerous community initiatives enrich the core program and keep it current.

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Greensboro Truth and Community Reconciliation Project (Beloved Community Center)

The Greensboro Truth and Community Reconciliation Project is a broad community-based initiative that seeks to help Greensboro create a brighter future by earnestly engaging its past. It is the first attempt of its kind in the United States to initiate a process whereby a community can resolve painful and divisive aspects of its history in a spirit of truth-seeking, forgiveness, and transformation. One of the major components of the Project is the creation of an independent Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The findings of the Commission will serve as the basis for another major component of the Project: an extensive year-long community discussion that will constructively engage the confusion, division, and bitter feelings related to the events of November 3, 1979, and hopefully lead to greater understanding, reconciliation, justice, and trust in Greensboro. Initiated by the Beloved Community Center and the Greensboro Justice Fund, the Project is shaped and guided by the Local Task Force, a diverse coalition of Greensboro community leaders, and advised by the National Advisory Committee, a distinguished group of individuals from around the nation who provide insight and council to the Project.

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Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission

The Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission is an independent body of seven highly respected individuals appointed through a democratic and community-wide nomination and selection process. Drawing on similar efforts from around the world, the Commission is the first of its kind in the United States. Its mission, as stated in its Mandate, is to examine "the context, causes, sequence and consequence of the events of November 3, 1979" for the purpose of healing transformation for the community.

The specific goals of the Commission are:
healing and reconciliation of the community
clarifying the confusion and reconciling the fragmentation caused by these events and their aftermath
acknowledging and recognizing people's feelings
helping to facilitate positive changes in social consciousness and community institutions

The Commission will accomplish its mission through two interrelated programs: research and civic engagement. The research component deals with the task of establishing an accurate public record of what occurred on Nov. 3, 1979, while seeking the multiple truths of how those events were caused and interpreted, and what the consequences were for the community. The research relies primarily upon statements to the Commission, although it also involves document-based research. The civic engagement program addresses the need to educate, inform and involve the public in the truth-seeking, truth-telling and reconciliation process.

The Commission's final product will be a report on its findings, including specific recommendations for the Greensboro community and its institutions on how to make greater strides toward concrete healing, reconciliation and restorative justice.

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Organization function:

We organized on Easter of 2004 to commemorate the upcoming anniversary of the assassination of Lt. Col. Lemuel Penn. He was murdered by members of the Ku Klux Klan at the Broad River Bridge in Madison County, Georgia, as he was driving back home to Washington, D.C. after a refresher course at Ft. Benning. The killers were caught by the FBI, but acquitted by a local jury. The federal government stepped in and prosecuted them for civil rights violations, the first such use of the newly enacted civil rights law.

This major historical event was willfully "forgotten" locally until we organized a memorial service in honor of Lemuel Penn. At a packed church in Madison County, we celebrated him with speeches and Southern gospel music, from both black and white traditions. Our love offering raised more than enough of our share of the money to install a bronze historic marker, sanctioned by the Ga. Historic Society, to be placed at the bridge where he was killed.

Over the next year, I submitted all the required information to the Historic Society: primary and secondary source materials, slide presentation, DOT permission, etc., and we were approved for the marker. It will be installed later this year, at which time we will have another memorial service to unveil it. We hope to continue as a committee that gives a Lemuel Penn scholarship every year to a local graduating senior who wants to go into the teaching field.

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In 1993, over 100 church pastors and civic leaders gathered to discuss how racial issues were negatively affecting the Christian community and the general population of Mississippi. The group, representing black and white churches from almost every denomination, met to create a statewide effort to bring about racial reconciliation. Mission Mississippi was created as a result of these meetings. By the end of that year, a "Reconciliation Rally" was held at the Mississippi Memorial Stadium in Jackson with over 24,000 people in attendance. For the past thirteen years, Mission Mississippi has worked to bring about racial unity throughout the state.

The 1993 rally was not the culmination of a vision, but the beginning of a movement. Mission Mississippi provides opportunities for racial reconciliation by sponsoring several different events and activities. Mission Mississippi also promotes awareness of its goals by taking the message of racial reconciliation to churches and other groups across the state that may have traditionally dismissed the topic.

Each Tuesday and Thursday morning, a different church, business or organization hosts a prayer breakfast as a demonstration of its commitment to bring together the Christian community in all parts of Jackson. More than 120 churches have hosted a Tuesday or Thursday prayer breakfast over the past two years. The goal of Mission Mississippi is to replicate its success in the state capital, and throughout all parts of the state. Hundreds of people have attended other Mission Mississippi events. Each month, a group of black and white businessmen gather downtown for breakfast. A number of local restaurants give discounts to white and black couples dining together on "Two and Two Together Night." Black and white churches are making concerted efforts to bridge racial gaps and overcome racial tension. Thousands of people in churches, businesses and schools across Mississippi are being exposed to the message of racial reconciliation for the first time. Mission Mississippi believes reconciliation has occurred when two people who might have otherwise avoided each other find themselves spending time together without any agenda

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On July 25, 1946, four young African Americans -- George & Mae Murray Dorsey and Roger & Dorothy Malcom -- were shot hundreds of times by 12 to 15 unmasked white men in broad daylight at the Moore's Ford bridge spanning the Apalachee River, 60 miles east of Atlanta, Georgia. These killings, for which no one was ever prosecuted, enraged President Harry Truman and led to historic changes but were quickly forgotten in Oconee and Walton Counties where they occurred.

Finally, in 1991, Clinton Adams, a witness to the murders told his story to the FBI. Only 10 years old at the time, Adams had been on the run for 45 years fearing for his life because of what he saw. In 1992, the Atlanta Constitution finally told Adams' story and the history of the event. Five years later, the Oconee Enterprise, Walton Tribune and the Athens Daily News also retold the story.

Civil rights worker Robert Howard of Social Circle, Georgia led four efforts to "do something" about the events at Moore's Ford. Seeds planted by Bobby, the Walton County NAACP and others germinated in the late 1990s. In August 1997, a large biracial group of Georgians formed the Moore's Ford Memorial Committee to commemorate the Dorseys and Malcoms. They incorporated and acquired non-profit status to boost fund raising and create a permanent, living memorial.

The Moore's Ford Memorial Committee is committed to telling the story, honoring the dead, promoting healing and social justice, and creating a living memorial to the victims of this horrible crime.

Several hundred Georgians searched for the missing graves of the lynch victims. Finding 3 of 4, they worked 25 days to restore two cemeteries. Songfests, joint church services and covered dish meals built unity among the group, and an art exhibit raised public awareness about the killings.

A major component of our work now is the granting of Moore's Ford Memorial Scholarships. Each year, 1 student from each of the area high schools in Walton, Oconee and Athens-Clarke counties is awarded a scholarship for promoting racial reconciliation and justice.

The Philadelphia Coalition

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Purpose of The Philadelphia Coalition

The broad-based, multi-racial task force is charged with planning the public commemoration on June 20, 2004, planning an appropriate public memorial to the civil rights workers in Neshoba County and establishing a perpetual structure that will foster racial harmony and reconciliation.

The Rosewood Heritage Foundation

In 1995, a group of family members of the homesteaders of Rosewood, Florida, decided to establish "The Rosewood Heritage Foundation" to provide a unique approach to educating against prejudice, racism, and stereotyping in our pluralistic society.

The mission of The Rosewood Heritage Foundation is:
to provide information and services which will assist in shaping the future,
to promote an understanding of diversity and encourage the practice of
democratic and moral values, and to conduct research of the Rosewood
Massacre and the history of race relations in Florida, through educational
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Southern Truth and Reconciliation responds to requests from communities with histories of lynching and other communal forms of racial and ethnic violence. When Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who chaired the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, left his visiting professorship at Emory University, he challenged the United States to address its history of racial violence with an effort equivalent to that of the South African process. S.T.A.R. was founded in 2003 as a response to Tutu's challenge.

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S.T.A.R. partners with communities to adapt the truth and reconciliation process to local needs, on the premise that truth-telling and acknowledgement by all stakeholders must precede healing, reconciliation, and justice for the entire community.

Statement of Intent

- To "connect-the-dots" between past human rights abuses and current affairs so that observers and participants see the direct relationship between truth-speaking about the past and reconciliation in the present.
- To use truth-speaking, story-telling, dialogue, education, reconciliation, policy recommendations, and other public resources, in order to process incidents of racial and ethnic violence in local communities of the South.
- To help design and implement truth and reconciliation forums for community organizations, academic groups, governmental agencies, and civic groups including faith communities.
- To develop models not only for such forums, but also for a variety of programs, events, activities, and ways of facilitating conversation that communities may use to acknowledge the past and to have meaningful dialogue about present day issues.
- To develop a "menu of options" from which constituent communities might discover and develop their own ideas for community-building events, programs and activities to promote restorative justice, healing, and dialogue.

William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation

Founded in 1999, the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation is based at the University of Mississippi. It fosters reconciliation and civic renewal wherever people suffer as a result of discrimination or alienation. The Institute identifies and disseminates information on effective models of cooperation. It supports leadership and community development through outreach projects in partnerships spanning local communities, policy-makers, and education institutions. The Institute's non-partisan work is grounded in the equal participation of University representatives and local community members to discover and apply constructive responses to past and continuing inequities caused by exclusion.

The Winter Institute has worked in towns and counties throughout the state of Mississippi, including Philadelphia/Neshoba County, McComb, Rome, Drew, Greenwood, and the Gulf Coast. Our work is dependent on what local people see as their communities' challenges. We have assisted with endeavors ranging from oral history projects, documentary films on civil rights history, the Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner murder trial, curriculum development and educational support, community development grants, and public memorials and commemorations.

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