

# WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

# MLK Day of Civic Engagement CONFERENCE



FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022  
9:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

**Keynote Presentation**  
**"Critical Race Theory and a Country in Crisis" by Dr. Nyle Fort**  
followed by faculty-led panel presentations.



*Dr. Nyle Fort, Columbia University Professor*

Dr. Fort's presentation addresses recent attacks on Critical Race Theory as the latest example of an age-old American crisis: the denial of our ugly past and the many ways it haunts our present moment. This dynamic talk both explains the continued relevance of race and racism in America while insisting on a more just future for people of all races and identities. Join us for a meaningful way to engage the legacy of Dr. King and leave with a deeper sense of what Critical Race theory offers, including its capacity to help heal our nation's racial wound.

## Conference Schedule

**9:25 a.m. Zoom Opens**  
**9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks**  
**9:45 a.m. Keynote Presentation**  
**10:45 a.m. Break Out Panel Sessions**  
**12 p.m. Conference Announcements & Survey**

## Venue

**Zoom Meeting ID: 990 0218 1784**  
**Passcode: 2022**

**Students will break out into two unique panel presentations each moderated by Dr. Mark Ellis and Dr. Djanna Hill**

## Panel Moderators



**Dr. Mark Ellis**

Director,  
American  
Democracy Project



**Dr. Djanna Hill**

Chairperson,  
Community and  
Social Justice  
Studies

## Conference Committee



**Mari Rodriguez**

Associate  
Director, CASL



**Yolany Gonell**

Director  
Student Diversity  
& Inclusion



**Dr. David Jones**

Chief Diversity  
Officer

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This conference experience is eligible for credit towards the Social Justice Leadership Badge and the Civic Engagement Badge.

**Conference Collaborators: Campus Activities, Service & Leadership, the Center for Diversity & Inclusion, American Democracy Project, Office of the President, and the Department of Community and Social Justice Studies**