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August 3, 2015

Dear Justice Seekers:

It is with great peace and joy that I welcome you to The Social Justice Institute. This convening of International Leaders and Fellows, on the campus of Boston University and its School of Theology, is to reinvigorate the prophetic call of equality. It is especially befitting that we are gathering in the midst of the 50th Anniversary of The Voting Rights Act.

As you **Fellows** gather to reflect on the interfaith leaders who debated, protested and collaborated on their diverse social, cultural and political views that helped pave the way to the historic signings of The Civil Rights Act and The Voting Rights Act, it is my hope that you consider this past while equipping your prophetic voices for the future. This convening comes at a time when the voice of the prophet is sorely needed to guide, lead and inspire, as we struggle to combine the best practices of the past with the new socio-economic methodologies to bring hope, help and healing to our communities and our nations.

I'm grateful that this incredible **Social Justice Dream Team** has come to lend their though leadership. From the daughter of *Rabbi Abraham Heschel*, who marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge with *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* to the great-grandson of *Minister Elijah Muhammad*; from the current U.S. Representative whose district was once held by Boston University Alum *Congresswoman Barbara Jordan* 59' to the president of the UUA of which *The Reverend James Reeb* who traveled from Boston was martyred in Selma. This Team is here to help us digest thought provoking issues such as: *Where Are the Prophets*, *#CharlestonSyllabus*, *Biblical Evidence in Opposition to Homosexuality*, *Condemnation of Blackness*, *the Prosperity Gospel*, *Cultural Competency*, *Affirming Same-Sex Marriage*, and *Jesus and the Poor*.

On Thursday, August 6, 2015, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the signing of The Voting Rights Act, we will hold a **Town Hall Meeting on Faith & Justice** with a distinguished panel. It will discuss how our pioneers of social justice understood the pleas of a marginalized people and led the charge for equality and how to effectively take action now.

I truly believe that "Every day, ordinary, people are responsible for justice. It's not a top-down or bottom-up... It's just people like you and me." And, for that reason, I'm grateful that you are here.

For justice sake,

Keith Magee
Director, The Social Justice Institute

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July 30, 2015

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to welcome all the participants in the Social Justice Institute who are gathering at Boston University this August. The specific intent of the Institute—to help reclaim the prophetic voice in public life as a means to address concerns of the least advantaged—is very consistent with the history and mission of Boston University and our School of Theology.

We are proud to have Martin Luther King, Jr. as an alumnus of Boston University. His legacy and the legacy of Boston University compel us to use our teaching, service, and research to search for ways to make our society more just and compassionate and to make Boston University inclusive and broadly representative.

This Institute powerfully contributes to our mission as an institution.

I hope you find the discussions, lectures, and opportunities for reflection to be meaningful and stimulating.

With gratitude for your service and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "B".

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2 July 2015

Dear Participants in the Social Justice Institute:

Welcome to the Institute and to Boston University. We are grateful for your participation and we especially thank the Reverend Keith Magee for his vision and leadership. The Institute promises to be a time of information and inspiration, and the Boston University School of Theology is honored to host you. We hope you will leave this place with a fierce determination to be prophetic witnesses for justice – renewed and equipped with wisdom about what is needed and what is possible.

In the United States, we have lived through a horrific year, filled with murder, death, and burning, especially focused on African American men and women. We have also witnessed horrific bullying of LGBTQ young people, some leading to suicide. And we have witnessed the continuing rise of poverty. According to 2012 census figures, 46.5 million people live in poverty in the United States (an all-time high), and that includes 21.8% of the nation's children under 18 years of age. The realities of poverty intersect with race (especially for Latino and African American peoples); gender (especially for households headed by women); and disabilities. We are one of the richest countries of the world and one of the poorest in caring for one another.

Until we can address the horrors of violence, discrimination, and economic deprivation, we cannot be a whole people. To do that requires honest engagement with our history, facing the ways that racism and other forms of elitism go "all the way down" in our society. When I was growing up as a white girl in the South, I was told that the Civil War was about states' rights and not about slavery. That was wrong! I knew that slavery was wrong, and I even knew that the "whites only" signs were wrong, but I had no grasp of how the practice of slavery had twisted the minds and spirits of my people. I had no idea that the practices of my lifetime, and those that went back to the U. S. colonies, both north and south, were based on racial injustice all the way down. I know better now. I have seen how Native Americans, African Americans, and immigrants from many lands have been persecuted over many centuries, often with appeal to religion to defend the persecution.

I should not be surprised by the massacre of 9 faithful Christian people in a Bible study. I should not be surprised at the racial epithets of the shooter, the blatant defenders of the shooter, the renewed burnings of black churches, or the renewed display of the Confederate war flag by large numbers of white people. I *am* surprised, however, but only because I cannot fathom such hatred and flagrant injustice. I still do not seem to grasp that racist and superiority attitudes live on in the depths of our society.

Fortunately, some surprises of recent months are more hope-filled. Recall the thousands of protesters calling for immigration reform, environmental justice, and marriage equality. Recall the nonviolent crowds calling for justice on the streets of Ferguson, Baltimore, and New York, and recall the family members and congregants of Mother Emanuel AME Church speaking words of forgiveness to the man who shot their loved ones. Prophetic witness lives on! The leaders of these movements are people steeped in the history and culture of their people. Many of them are deeply religious, and they are prepared spiritually and politically to prophesy.

My hope for this conference is that you will encounter important lessons of history, the empowering promises of your cultural and religious traditions, and your own potential to be advocates and leaders for social justice!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Elizabeth Moore".

Mary Elizabeth Moore
Dean and Professor of Theology and Education

The Social Justice Institute: Poverty, Race and Sexuality

Reclaiming the Prophetic Voices of the Movement

It was the prophetic voices of ecumenical faith leaders that became the catalyst for the Civil Rights movement for a 'Righteous America'. These faith leaders used their pulpits and sacred spaces to address the concerns for the least advantaged amongst them. As an American society founded on a hunger and thirst for religious freedom was turning a deaf ear to the pleas of a marginalized people, certain that God's creation suffered no stratification; there was a likeminded group, across racial identity, leading the charge for equality. These interfaith leaders debated, protested and collaborated on their like social, cultural and political views leading the way to the historic signing of the Civil Rights Act on July 2, 1964 and Voting Rights Act on August 6, 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. These "Acts" made near tangible the lofty ideals of the American experiment, rendering equality under the law a present reality for all people regardless of color, sex, or religious beliefs.

The Social Justice Institute is designed to reclaim the role of the prophetic voices in public life, pulpits and sacred spaces that are essential to continue to move forward issues of social justices. This 5 day intensive continuing education institute is designed to train seminarians, clergy and laity with diverse views and thought leadership through conversations, lectures, worship, and fellowship. The institute endeavors to deepen their thinking and preaching by gleaning from scholars and practitioners on poverty, race, religion, sexuality, and theology.

Boston University is a leading private research institution with two primary campuses in the heart of Boston and programs around the world. It traces its roots to the establishment of the Newbury Biblical Institute in Newbury, Vermont in 1839, and was chartered with the name "Boston University" by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1869. The University organized formal Centennial observances both in 1939 and 1989. Building and sustaining a vibrant community of scholars, students, and staff remains essential to our mission of contributing to, and preparing students to thrive in, an increasingly interconnected world.

Boston University School of Theology is one of about 15 university-based seminaries in the United States. It is a premiere small professional school nestled with access to all the resources of a country's fourth-largest private research university. It is home to some of the foremost religious thought leaders of our times to include Anna Shaw Howard, Howard Thurman, Samuel DeWitt Proctor, and Martin Luther King, Jr. The School's history of marrying academic rigor with social justice is still vital and effective nearly two centuries later. A major distinguishing factor of our School: we believe that to "want to change the world" is more than cliché-it is actually possible.

The Center for Practical Theology is a bridge between the scholarly resources, questions, and insights of a university-based theological seminary and the wisdom, questions, and traditions of communities of faith. It provides an infrastructure for sustaining, deepening, and expanding important relationships and connections between Boston University School of Theology and local congregations, denominational offices, and religious centers so that they may be more integrally incorporated into student learning and faculty teaching and research.

Town Hall on Faith & Justice:

50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Voting Rights Act

Thursday, August 6, 2015

Reception: 5 – 6 pm

Conversation with Distinguished Panelist: 6 – 8 pm

1965 Voting Rights Act Signing Re-enactment by Inner-City Youth Theater



In this March 21, 1965 file photo, Dr. Martin Luther King, foreground row, fifth from right, waves as marchers stream across the Alabama River on the first of a five day, 50-mile march to the state capitol at Montgomery, Ala. (AP Photo/File)

Location

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Profiles of Civil Rights Activists

In the name of justice for all of our sake



Dorothy Day, 1897-1980

Religious Figure, Women's Rights Activist, Anti-War Activist, Journalist

"We must talk about poverty,
because people insulated by their own comfort lose sight of it."

Prathia Hall, 1940-2002

Minister, Civil Rights Activist, Womanist Theologian

"I thought we were there (Mississippi) to say to the world
that if any of us has to die, it is not a redneck that shot us
but the whole society that had killed us."



Abraham Joshua Heschel, 1907-1972

Rabbi, Civil Rights Activist, Theologian

"Racism is man's gravest threat to man –
the maximum of hatred for a minimum of reason."

Martin Luther King Jr., 1929-1968

Minister, Civil Rights Activist, Humanitarian

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither
safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it
because conscience tells him it is right."





Anna Pauli Murray, 1910–1985

Priest, Civil Rights Activist, Attorney, Women's Rights Activist, Educator

"I sing of a new America. Separate from all others, yet enlarged and diminished by all others. I am the child of kings and serf, freemen and slave, having neither superiors nor inferiors, progeny of all colors, all cultures, all systems, all beliefs."

Samuel DeWitt Proctor, 1921-1997

Minister, Civil Rights Activist, Humanitarian, Educator

"The movement of the 60's has so much drama and impetus because the targets were so clear. The pain is still clear, but the target is amorphous. How, after all, do you march against sin?"



James Reeb, 1927-1965

Priest, Civil Rights Activist, Humanitarian, Housing Advocate

"I heard about the attack on innocent people. I couldn't just stand by."

Howard Thurman, 1899-1981

Minister, Civil Rights Activist, Theologian, Educator

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."



Schedule for the Week

Monday	August 3, 2015	Tuesday	August 4, 2015	Wednesday	August 5, 2015
9 am Registration		9 am Morning Reflection Joint with The Raices Latinas Leadership Institute		9 am Morning Reflection <i>Burns Stanfield</i> Greater Boston Interfaith Organization	
Howard Thurman Center		Howard Thurman Center		Howard Thurman Center	
10 am Welcome/Morning Worship <i>Austin Washington</i> The Social Justice Institute <i>Mary Elizabeth Moore</i> Boston University School of Theology		10 am King Lecture The Public Understanding of Religion: Social and Public Policy" <i>Andrew Davies</i> The Edward Cadbury Center for the Public Understanding of Religion, UK		10 am Lecture "The Social Gospel and the Civil Rights Movement" <i>Chris Evans</i> Boston University School of Theology	
Marsh Chapel		CAS313		CAS313	
11:00 am Breakout Reflection Please follow track		11:30 am Breakout Reflection Please follow track		11:30 am Breakout Reflection Please follow track	
12 pm Lunch Howard Thurman Center		12 pm Lunch Roundtable Howard Thurman Center		12 pm Lunch Roundtable Howard Thurman Center	
1 pm Opening Plenary "Reclaiming Prophetic Preaching: Where are the Prophets" <i>Marvin A. McMickle</i> Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School		1pm Lecture "Prosperity: The Ethics of Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements" <i>Jonathan Walton</i> Harvard Divinity School & The Memorial Church		1 pm Lecture "Biblical Opposition to Homosexuality: Inclusive Evidence" <i>Jamal-Dominique Hopkins</i> Institute for Advanced African American Christian Thought	
CAS313		CAS313		CAS313	
2:30 pm Break		2:30 pm Break		2:30 pm Break	
3 pm Proctor Lecture "The Imposing Preacher: Black Public Faith" <i>Adam Bond</i> Virginia Union University, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology		3 pm Lecture "The Poor With You Always? Owning It Christianity and Poverty" <i>Diana Swancutt</i> The Poverty Consortium & Boston University School of Theology		3 pm Lecture "Condemnation of Blackness: The Making of Modern Urban America" <i>Khalil Muhammad</i> Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture	
CAS313		CAS313		CAS313	
4:30 pm Breakout Reflection Please follow track		4:30 pm Breakout Reflection Please follow track		4:30 pm Breakout Reflection Please follow track	
6:30 pm Guest Speaker/Dinner <i>Ricardo Franco</i> Latino Protestant Congregation Project		6:30 pm Guest Speaker/Dinner <i>Lenny Lopez, MD</i> Harvard Medical School		6:30 pm Guest Speaker/Dinner <i>Pamela Lightsey</i> Boston University School of Theology	
The Terrace Lounge		The Terrace Lounge		The Terrace Lounge	

Thursday August 6, 2015	Friday August 7, 2015
9 am Morning Reflection <i>Sister Maureen Clark</i> MCI Framingham Howard Thurman Center	9 am Morning Reflection <i>Julian Cook</i> St. Mark Church Howard Thurman Center
10 am Thurman Lecture “Shifting the Narrative: The Black Church Affirming Gay Rights” <i>Delman Coates</i> Black Church Center for Justice and Equality & Mt. Ennon Church CAS313	10 am Fellows Reflection on Poverty, CAS220
11:30 am Breakout Reflection Please follow track	11:30 am Fellows Reflection on Race, CAS316
12 pm Lunch Roundtable Howard Thurman Center	12 pm Fellows Reflection on Sexuality, CAS318
1 pm Lecture “The Civil Rights Movement: #CharlestonSyllabus” <i>Chad Williams</i> Brandeis University African & African American Studies CAS313	1 pm Lunch & Closing Plenary “The Sound of The Trumpet: A Call to Action for the Prophetic” <i>Iva Carruthers</i> Samuel D. Proctor Leadership Conference Howard Thurman Center
2:30 pm Break	
3 pm Heschel Lecture “The Slippery yet Tenacious Nature of Racism: Critical Race Theory and its Implications” <i>Susannah Heschel</i> Dartmouth College CAS313	
4:30 pm Breakout Reflection Please follow track	
6:30 – 8:30 pm Town Hall Meeting: Faith & Justice 50 th Anniversary of Voting Rights Act BPS Bruce C. Bolling Building 2300 Washington Street Roxbury, MA 02119	*** Sunday Evening *** 5 pm – 9 pm Arrival & Room Check-in

TRACKS

Poverty will address the concepts of justice and obligation in both the public sector and faith traditions to foster discussion on the issues facing the (working) poor, popular perceptions and misperceptions of those living in poverty, and current policies affecting lower-income families and individuals. This track aims to explore the ways both the public sector and faith communities can affect our response to poverty and inform our understanding of justice. CAS220

Race will address the questions of whether racism is a thing of the past and if the United States is really "post-racial", along with analyzing how racism manifests and is sustained by individuals living within systems of power and privilege. This track aims to consider unconscious racial bias, awareness of privilege, and the impact of ideologies that sustain racism, including the colorblind ideology, moving us toward/ helping us achieve a more just society. CAS316

Sexuality will address the intersections of gender and sexuality in various religious and civil rights cultures, providing a space for open dialogue to identify and explore various philosophies and understandings. This track aims to offer individuals a space to collectively understand power and responsibility for the other in struggles of discrimination based on difference while owning the injustice within one's own belief system. CAS318

Lunch Roundtables

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Barbara Reynolds

Author & Journalist

The Women of the Movement: Sisters in the Struggle

Tens of thousands of women participated in the Civil Rights Movement but none of them marched in the procession with Dr. King, nor were invited to speak to the enormous crowd. Instead, these women were asked to march on an adjacent street with the wives of the male leaders. Dr. Reynolds will visit the central role that women played in planning the strategies, tactics and actions of the movement. She will explore the facts that many of the most iconic campaigns of the civil rights movement were coordinated by women, including nonviolent sit-ins at segregated lunch counters, forced school integration, and the voter registration drives of 1964's Freedom Summer. As the biographer of Mrs. Coretta Scott King, she will give a lens into her journey with Martin, reinforcing the role of women in the struggle for equality.

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Roger Brooks

Facing History & Ourselves

Cultural Competency: Jewish-African American Relations

Since the time of slavery, Blacks have in some ways identified themselves with the Jewish experience. Dr. Brooks will share thoughtful comparisons of the Jews in Egypt and that of African Americans in the American South. He will explore the depth of relationship from the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement, viewing those who formed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909, W.E.B. Dubois, Lillian Wald, Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch, Stephen Wise and Henry Malkewitz, to one year later other prominent Jewish and Black leaders creating the Urban League. Stressing the similarities rather than the differences between the Jewish and Black experience in America, he will engage in conversation about how both groups understood the benefit that America would gain by creating a society of merit, freedom of religion, and ethnic and racial identity.

Thursday, August 6, 2015

Alisha Lola Jones

Indiana University

A Peculiar People: Meaning, Masculinity, and Competence in Gendered Gospel Performance

Through analyzing the role of gospel music making in constructing and renegotiating gender identity among black men, Dr. Jones argues that through "peculiar" or gender-ambiguous performance, black men cultivate an aura of ambiguity, exhibit an ostensible absence of sexual preference, and thereby gain prestige in gospel music circles. By attending to the needs of fellow artists, clergy, and/or congregants, they also gain the protection and discretion of those in positions of power, who derive pleasure from their musical services and help to enforce a "don't ask, don't tell" arrangement. There is the notion that same-sex relationships constitute an open secret—one that is carefully guarded by those who elect to remain silent in the face of traditional theology, but musically noised by black men compelled to worship "in Spirit and in truth."

The Social Justice Dream Team



Adam Bond is the Assistant Professor of Historical Studies at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University. He is an ordained minister in American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA). Bond also serves as ABCUSA Liaison at the School of Theology of Virginia Union. He maintains a commitment to the local church and denominational life within ABCUSA. He is also a member of the Board of Managers for the American Baptist Historical Society. His previous work includes producing Sunday school materials in *Journeys* for Judson Press and working six years on the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin staff. Bond is the author of the Judson Press book *I've Been Called: Now What?* and *The Imposing Preacher: Samuel DeWitt Proctor and Black Public Faith* (Fortress Press). Dr. Bond has an MDiv from Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, and MA and Ph.D. from Marquette University.

John M. Borders, III is the Bishop & Senior Pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church of Mattapan, MA. Pastor Borders has achieved many accolades on the local, national and international levels. In April of 2003, he was awarded the "Martin Luther King Jr. Preaching Fellowship" from Morehouse College. He is very influential in the Boston community with specific respect to Black – Jewish relations and is co-sponsor of the annual Black Jewish Seder in Boston. For more than 27 years he has been the host of "The Beacon Light", a radio broadcast on Salem Communications' WEZE Family 590am. Borders has a strong social commitment to the community. He was the first black chaplain in the history of the Suffolk County Jail and served for fifteen years as chaplain. Bishop Borders holds a diploma in religion from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary and has studied at Boston University School of Theology. He also holds honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from St. Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, FL and Maryland Theological Seminary of Baltimore, MD.

Roger Brooks is President and CEO of Facing History and Ourselves, a nonprofit organization that provides methods, tools, and coaching for educators worldwide who share the goal of creating a better, more informed, and more thoughtful society. Facing History educators help more than 3.4 million students annually make the essential connection between the histories of racism, prejudice, and antisemitism, and the moral choices they face in their own lives. Dr. Brooks is a world-renowned expert in early rabbinic culture, particularly in the third- through fifth-century tax codes that emphasized the relationships between incipient rabbinic culture, the Jews, their God, and Roman Imperial power. He is the author or editor of 6 books, numerous articles, and several volumes of translation and commentary on foundational Jewish texts. Dr. Brooks joined Facing History, following a long and distinguished tenure at Connecticut College as the Elie Wiesel Professor in the Department of Religious Studies (1991-2014). Brooks also served as Associate Dean of the Faculty (2003-2007), and Dean of the Faculty and Chief Academic Officer (2007-2014). He was named Elie Wiesel Professor Emeritus of Judaic studies at the college in 2015.

Iva Carruthers is the General Secretary of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (SDPC), a interdenominational organization within the African American faith tradition focused on social justice issues, and Professor Emeritus at Northeastern Illinois University. As founding CEO and a trustee of SDPC, she has steered the organization as a unique, influential and esteemed network of faith based advocates and activists, clergy and laity. As former director of the Black Theology Project, Dr. Carruthers has a long history of engagement in community development initiatives and social justice ministry, fostering interdenominational and interfaith dialogue in the United States, Caribbean, South America and Africa. She is also founder of Lois House, an urban retreat center, Chicago, Illinois. She currently serves as a Life Time Trustee for the Chicago Theological Seminary and trustee for The Kwame Nkrumah Academy, Chicago; American Baptist College, Nashville; Shared Interest, New York; Bread for the World, Washington, DC.

Maureen Clark is a Sister of St. Joseph of Baden from Pittsburgh, PA. Sister Maureen worked in the correction system for 13 years in Pittsburgh and then accepted a position as in the Massachusetts, where she has served for the last 26 years. Most of her time in corrections, serving in the capacity of the Catholic Chaplain, has been working with the female offender population. At Massachusetts Correctional Institute for Women in Framingham, MA and South Middlesex Correctional Center, Sister Maureen has created programs that help reconcile and reunify women with their children and families. She has served as Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Council of Chaplains. Her ministry embodies the mandate of Matthew 25 that “whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do unto me.” Sister Maureen has received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, in 2013.

Delman Coates is the Director of The Black Church Center for Justice and Equality and the Senior Pastor of Mt. Ennon Church of Clinton, MD. Under his leadership, the church has engaged in media advocacy and healthcare reform advocacy. In October 2009, Outreach Magazine named Mt. Ennon as one of the 100 Fastest Growing Congregations in the U.S. Coates is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Morehouse College Board of Preachers, the NAACP, a board member of the Parents Television Council, and a board member of the National Action Network. In the summer of 2008, The African American Pulpit honored him as one of the “20 To Watch.” In 2012, “The Root” honored Dr. Coates as one of their 100 African American achievers and influencers. In 2013, they selected him as one of their “Top 20 Black Preachers.” Dr. Coates holds a BA, Morehouse College, M.Div, Harvard Divinity School and M.Phil and Ph.D., Columbia University.

Julian Cook is the Senior Minister of the historic St. Mark Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Boston, MA. He is an ordained Baptist minister, pursuing dual standing in the United Church of Christ. He is a classically trained baritone vocalist whose gifts have afforded him a number of opportunities, including performing for notable figures like Rev. Jesse Jackson and Congressman John Lewis. In May 2009, Julian was named a U.S. Presidential Scholar of the Arts by President Barack Obama – the nation’s highest honor that can be awarded to pre-collegiate artists. Currently, he is a Dean’s Fellow and Mary Mcleod Bethune Scholar on full scholarship at Boston University School of Theology, where he is earning a Master of Divinity. He is the Research Assistant to Walter Earl Fluker, a renowned social ethicist and scholar on the lives of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Howard Thurman. Additionally, he serves as the Graduate Assistant at Boston University’s Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground - a student center committed to promoting Thurman’s principles. Reverend Cook is an honor graduate of Houghton College having majored in Music and Biblical Studies and minored in African American Studies.

Andrew Davies is the Director of Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion and Professor of Biblical Interpretation, University of Birmingham, England. A biblical scholar by training, his interests are primarily on the impact of sacred texts and religious belief upon culture and society. He has written and lectured widely on cultural approaches to the Bible, contemporary forms of Christian worship and expression (most notably including Pentecostalism) and more recently on Christian engagement in the fields of culture and social and public policy. He is Principal Investigator for a major AHRC-supported project, 'Megachurches and Social Engagement in London', a £720k, three year project to investigate the social engagement activities of the UK's largest churches, working with a team of three research fellows and an international co-investigator. Dr. Davies has led a variety of educational research and development projects for the University of Birmingham, including its flagship interdisciplinary and employability activity, 'The Birmingham Project', where he is responsible for developing and sustaining the University's relationships with major international businesses such as IBM, Jaguar LandRover, PwC and KPMG.

Chris Evans is the Professor of History of Christianity & Methodist Studies at the Boston University School of Theology. He came to Boston in 2010 after several years on the faculty of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School where he served as Professor of Church History. His teaching and scholarship focuses on the history of Christianity, American religion, United Methodist history, and ministry studies. He is the author of several books, articles, and reviews including, *The Faith of Fifty Million: Baseball, Religion, and American Culture* (co-edited with William R. Herzog II), *The Kingdom is Always but Coming: a Life of Walter Rauschenbusch* that received an Award of Merit for the best work in history/biography from *Christianity Today* magazine and *Liberalism without Illusions: Renewing an American Christian Tradition*. His most recent book, *Histories of American Christianity: an Introduction*, was published by Baylor University Press, in 2013. An ordained elder in the Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Dr. Evans has lectured, preached, and taught in numerous church and professional settings and has been a presenter at several academic conferences.

Ricardo Franco is a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry at Boston University School of Theology. He is a Colombian, ordained Presbyterian minister who has worked with Latin@ immigrant communities in the United States and Central America for more than a decade. His focus of interest and research is in Latin@ Spirituality, particularly the experience of immigration as locus for theological reflection on the spiritual practices of these communities. The Latino Protestant Congregations Project (LPC) is a nationwide study of Latino Protestants in the United States designed to illuminate the variety and complexity of Latino Protestant congregations and their worship practices through a qualitative approach. The research seeks to draw data from all strands of Protestantism (Evangelical, Pentecostal, and Mainline), to be attentive to generational dynamics (new immigrants to well-established Hispanics), and to notice alternative liturgical structures (language dominance, places of worship, styles of music and preaching). Reverend Ricardo Franco will be working with scholars from across the country over the next two years as he contributes research on Latin@ Protestant congregations in the New England region.

Susannah Heschel is the Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College. Her scholarship focuses on Jewish-Christian relations in Germany during the 19th and 20th centuries, the history of biblical scholarship, and the history of anti-Semitism. Her numerous publications include a prize-winning monograph, *Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus* (University of Chicago Press), which won a National Jewish Book Award, and *The Aryan Jesus: Christianity, Nazis and the Bible* (Princeton University Press). She has also edited several volumes, starting with *On Being a Jewish Feminist*, published in 1983, and more recently, *Betrayal: German Churches and the Holocaust*, with Robert P. Ericksen, and *Insider/Outsider: American Jews and Multiculturalism*, with David Biale and Michael Galchinsky. Several years ago she published a volume of her father's essays, *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Essays of Abraham Joshua Heschel*, with a biographical introduction. For the years of '97-'98 Dr. Heschel was a Rockefeller Fellow at the National Humanities Center, and received a Carnegie Foundation Fellowship in Islamic Studies in 2008, and later received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2013. Dr. Heschel is the recipient of several honorary doctorates, national awards and fellowships.

Jamal-Dominique Hopkins is the President & C.E.O. of the Institute for Advanced African American Christian Thought and Research Fellow at the Cooley Center of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He is also the Founder and Director of J.D. Institute (www.jdinstitute.org), a public intellectual institute engaged in social and cultural thought from a biblical perspective. He is an international Bible scholar and only *known* expert of African Descent on the Dead Sea Scrolls and Qumran Studies wherein he has appeared, lectured and presented research on various related topics at such institutions as *Princeton Theological Seminary*, *Emory University*, The W.E.B. Du Bois Society at *Harvard University*, the *University of Edinburgh* (Scotland), *Trinity College Dublin* (Ireland), *Oberlin College* and the *Interdenominational Theological Center*, where he was former Department Chair and Associate Professor of Biblical Studies. He is also an ordained minister. Dr. Hopkins was academically trained in the United Kingdom, completing his Ph.D. at the *University of Manchester*. A 2010 Wabash Center Fellow, Hopkins has served on the graduate faculty at the *University of Memphis* and as a visiting lecturer at *McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University* in Atlanta, GA.

Sheila Jackson Lee is an influential and forceful voice in the United States House of Representatives. She is serving her eleventh term representing the 18th Congressional District of Texas, centered in Houston, which is the energy capital of the world. She has served on various Committees including the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, and Judiciary. In the 110th and 111th Congress, Congresswoman Jackson Lee served as Chairwoman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection. As Chairwoman, Congresswoman Jackson Lee was a leader in support of enhanced technology, better intelligence, increased airplane cargo inspections, increased security for railroads, and implementation of the 9/11 Commission report. She has also served as the Ranking Member of the Border and Maritime Subcommittee. Congresswoman Jackson Lee is also a senior Member of the House Judiciary Committee. She is now the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations – the first woman to ever hold that position on the Committee. She earned a B.A. in Political Science from Yale University with honors, followed by a J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School.

Alisha Lola Jones is an Assistant Professor in Ethnomusicology in the Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology at Indiana University. She is presently working on a manuscript entitled “We Are a Peculiar People: Meaning, Masculinity, and Competence in Gendered Gospel Performance” in the ethnomusicology program at the University of Chicago. In her dissertation write-up year, Jones received academic acclaim and support from an Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship; the Joint Residential Fellowship from the University of Chicago’s Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture and the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality; a Martin Marty Junior Fellowship; a Franke Institute for the Humanities Affiliated Fellowship; and a Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowship. Jones’ research interests include musical masculinities, music and theology, business and the music industry, music and mysticism, Western European art music, vocal pedagogies of the world, and African-American music. Dr. Jones is a graduate of Oberlin Conservatory (Bachelor of Music), and Yale Divinity School (Master of Divinity), Yale Institute of Sacred Music (ISM) and University of Chicago (Doctor of Philosophy).

Pamela Lightsey is an Associate Dean and Clinical Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology & Practice at Boston University’s School of Theology. A scholar, social justice activist, Dr. Lightsey is a military veteran whose academic and research interests include: classical and contemporary just war theory, Womanist theology, Queer theory and theology, and African American religious history. An ordained elder in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, Pamela has pastored an urban church on the south side of Chicago, has done work for several UM general agencies and has strong connections within several mainline denominations. She has been a member of the Pan Methodist Commission for the last two quadrennials. She has been a leading advocate for LGBTQ rights consistently calling for an end to the United Methodist Church’s discriminatory polity related to ordination, church membership and marriage rights. She has helped draft petitions, written open letters to highlight leading African American scholars and clergy who support LGBTQ causes, and offered her expertise in Queer Theology to several workshop and seminar events. She currently co-chairs the American Academy of Religion’s Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group.

Lenny López is Senior Faculty at the Disparities Solutions Center at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is also an internist trained at the Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH), who completed the Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy at the Harvard School of Public Health and a Hospital Medicine fellowship at BWH. He joined the Mongan Institute for Health Policy (MIHP) after his research fellowship in General Internal Medicine at MGH. With an ultimate goal of reducing healthcare disparities in cardiovascular disease and diabetes, his current research addresses issues relating to patient safety and language barriers, optimizing primary care clinical services for Latinos with cultural and linguistic barriers, and using health information technology to decrease disparities. He also teaches medical students and residents, with lectures and preceptorships. Dr. López received his medical degree from University of Pennsylvania, and completed his residency at Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. At Harvard University, he received a Master of Divinity and a Master of Public Health.

Keith L. Magee is the Director of The Social Justice Institute, Distinguished Senior Fellow of Social Justice and Religion, The Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion, University of Birmingham, England and Visiting Scholar, Boston University School of Theology. He is a committed theologian, social justice and poverty scholar. His vast studies have taken him through the prestigious halls of Ohio University, University of Pennsylvania, London School of Oriental and African Studies, Georgetown University, Grace International College, and Harvard Divinity School, being conferred the doctorate of theology. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, member of the International Association for Religious Freedom and American Academy of Religion, and an inductee into the Morehouse College MLK Jr. Collegiums of Scholars. As a dyslexic, one of his most significant accomplishments is the co-founding of the Multicultural Initiative at Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity. Dr. Magee is the author of *A Prayer for Our Children*, Lulu Publishing, August 2014 and the forthcoming *Restoring Hope 50 Years of Remembering, Retelling and Reframing the Movement*, December 2015.

Marvin A. McMickle is the President and Professor of Church Leadership as well as the Director of Black Church Studies for Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. One of the most respected preachers in the nation, Dr. McMickle served as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio for nearly twenty-five years before becoming president of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, New York in January 2012. Under his guidance, the church established a ministry for people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS, the first of its kind in the country. He also oversaw ministries in the areas of job training, hunger, addiction and financial assistance, as well as a tithing program in which the congregation annually tithed out 10 percent of its income to the community. No stranger to academia, McMickle previously served as professor of homiletics at Ashland Theological Seminary and spent a semester as a visiting professor at Yale Divinity School. He has taught at Case Western Reserve, Cleveland State, Princeton and Fordham universities. Dr. McMickle has authored more than a dozen books to his credit, including resources on preaching, ministry, and African American history.

Mary Elizabeth Moore is the Dean of the School of Theology and Professor of Theology and Education, Boston University. She is the first woman to hold the position of Dean at the Boston University School of Theology, and is the fifth woman to hold a presidential role at a United Methodist Church theological school. Her passion is to journey with others to cultivate deeper faith, compassionate humanity, and a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world. Her books include: *Teaching as a Sacramental Act*; *Ministering with the Earth*; *Covenant and Call*; *Teaching from the Heart*; and *The United Methodist Diaconate* (co-authored); plus three edited volumes, *Children, Youth, and Spirituality in a Troubling World*; *Practical Theology and Hermeneutics*; and *A Living Tradition: Critical Recovery of the Wesleyan Heritage*. She has engaged in interreligious relationship-building in local, professional, and academic settings and is presently working on a project to develop interreligious approaches to practical theology. Dr. Moore was formerly a professor of religion and education at the Claremont School of Theology, as well as Emory University, where she served as the director of the Women in Theology and Ministry Program.

Peter Morales is the President of the Unitarian Universal Association. The Rev. Peter Morales began his second four-year term as president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in June 2013. As president, he is responsible to the UUA Board of Trustees for administering staff and programs that serve its more than 1,000 member congregations. He also acts as principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for the UUA. Morales, the first Latino, was elected on a platform of growth and multiculturalism. Public witness is central to Morales' presidency; he is especially passionate about immigration reform and environmental justice. Prior to his election, Morales served as the Senior Minister at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, Colorado, one the UUA's largest and fastest growing congregations. He has also served on the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA) Executive Committee, as the first person to carry its anti-racism, anti-oppression, multiculturalism portfolio. Before entering the ministry, Rev. Morales was a Fulbright lecturer in Spain, a newspaper editor and publisher in Oregon, a Knight International Press Fellow in Peru, and a regional manager in California state government.

Khalil Gibran Muhammad is the Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. He was an Assistant Professor of History at Indiana University for five years. While there, he wrote the book *The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime and the Making of Modern Urban America*. Dr. Muhammad is now working on his second book, *Disappearing Acts: The End of White Criminality in the Age of Jim Crow*, which traces the historical roots of the changing demographics of crime and punishment so evident today. His work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *The Nation*, *New Yorker*, *Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, and *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, as well as on *Moyers & Company*, MSNBC, C-SPAN, NPR, Pacifica Radio, and Radio One. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in economics and earned his Ph.D. in American history from Rutgers University, specializing in 20th century and African-American history. Dr. Muhammad is the great-grandson of Elijah Muhammad, and son of Ozier Muhammad, a Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* photographer.

Barbara A. Reynolds is an ordained minister, award-winning journalist, author and has appeared on such major television shows as the "Oprah Winfrey Show," and "Tony Brown's Journal." She was a founding editorial board member and columnist with USA Today. Her books include: "Jesse Jackson: America's David," an unauthorized biography; "And Still We Rise: Interviews with 50 African-American Role models;" "No, I Won't Shut Up! 30 years of Telling It Like It Is;" "Out of Hell and Living Well: Healing from the Inside Out." In August, 2007, she released her fifth book, called: "Doing Good in the Hood: The Life, Leadership & Legacy of Bishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr. Attracted to spirituality, Dr. Reynolds attended Howard University Divinity School in 1988. Reynolds was ordained as a minister in 1993 after a spiritual experience at the Door of No Return in Senegal, and then earned her D. Min. from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Reynolds serves as a minister at Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Washington, D.C. and is the founder of Harriet's Children, an organization that assists women who abused alcohol and drugs.

Burns Stanfield is the President of The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization and the Senior Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Stanfield has been the pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in South Boston for the past twenty years. At Fourth Church, Stanfield has been credited with leading a diminished urban congregation into a vital ministry with a strong community presence. A recent book by the PC (USA) features Fourth Church as one of twelve “turnaround churches” which exemplifies excellent urban ministry. Stanfield teaches at Harvard Divinity School and Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, and has spoken, performed or taught at various theological conferences across the country. Rev. Stanfield has a CD of original music and is president of both the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation and the Vinton Street Hope Initiative. He’s also active with other South Boston neighborhood groups. Burns and Lorraine Stanfield live in Milton and have three children; and they all love to make music.

Diana Swancutt is the Director of the Boston Poverty Consortium and Research Associate Professor of Bible, Religion, and Global Justice at Boston University’s School of Theology. Dr. Swancutt is also a Global Justice Fellow at Yale University. A professor of religion and history, cultural commentator, and human rights activist, Diana’s current work focuses on domestic poverty elimination, economics, and civil rights. An award and grant-winning historian of emergent Christianity under the Roman Empire, her study has focused on the impact of imperialism, ethnic identity, enslavement, and economic relations on early Christian identity formation, especially in the Jesus Movement and Pauline communities. As a cultural commentator and human rights activist, Diana is especially interested in the power and use of the Bible in the present, in religious communities, in politics, and in the wider culture. Dr. Swancutt has written especially on the culture wars over gender and sexuality; current projects focus on gender, poverty and economics. She earned her Ph.D. from Duke University.

Jonathan Walton is the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals & the Pusey Minister at The Memorial Church at Harvard. Dr. Walton also serves as Professor of Religion and Society at Harvard University. Formerly an assistant professor of religious studies at the University of California, Riverside, Professor Walton’s research addresses the intersections of religion, politics, and media culture. He is the author of *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism*. He has also published widely in scholarly journals such as *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* and *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*. His work and insights have also been featured in several national and international news outlets including the *New York Times*, CNN, and the BBC. Walton earned his Ph.D. in Religion & Society and MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary. He also holds a BA in Political Science from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Walton serves on several professional boards and committees, which include the Board of Trustees at Princeton Theological Seminary, and the National Advisory Board of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics at Washington University in St. Louis.

Austin Bess Washington is a third year student at Boston University's School of Theology, pursuing a Master of Divinity degree on the Global and Community Engagement track. A former professional athlete, having played with the Chicago Fire, Austin came to Boston to discover his place in formal ministry. He serves as Seminarian-in-Residence at The Berachah Church in Dorchester, MA, where he is also a member. Austin serves as Seminarian. He is also an Instructor at the Nellie Constance Yarborough Bible Institute. Additionally, he serves as the Research Assistant to Keith Magee, who's a social justice and religion scholar. He has worked alongside Dr. Magee in the development and planning of The Social Justice Institute and with his research on the Prosperity Gospel and its Impact on the Poor, along with the on-going research on the public theology of Samuel DeWitt Proctor. With an interest in poverty studies, Austin is in his final year at BUSTh where he's focusing on economics, ethics and conflict transformation. Minister Austin Washington is a graduate of Gonzaga University.

Chad Williams is the Chair of the Department of African and Afro-American Studies and an Associate Professor at Brandeis University. He previously taught at Hamilton College. His courses have spanned U.S., African American and African diaspora history and race, war and society, African American intellectual history, and the New Negro, specifically. He is widely recognized as an expert on African Americans and World War I. His first book, *Torchbearers of Democracy: African American Soldiers in the World War I Era*, was published by the University of North Carolina Press. It was widely praised as a landmark study winning the 2011 Liberty Legacy Foundation Award from the Organization of American Historians, the 2011 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for Military History and designation as a 2011 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title. He has earned fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Ford Foundation and Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Dr. Williams earned a BA from UCLA with honors in History and African American Studies and received both his MA and Ph.D. in History from Princeton University.

Important Information

On Campus Arrival

Fellows can arrive on campus at Boston University on Sunday 2 August 2015 beginning at 3 pm until 8 pm. There will be registration staff onsite at: Boston University Student Village One, 10 Buick Street, Boston, MA 02215.

Monday morning registration will begin at 9 am in the Howard Thurman Center located at: The George Sherman Union, 775 Commonwealth Avenue, Lower Level, Boston, MA, 02215.

Social Justice Institute Welcome Center/Howard Thurman Center

The Social Justice Institute is pleased that The Howard Thurman Center (HTC) will serve as host of the Welcome Center for Fellows for the week. The HTC is located at:

The George Sherman Union, 775 Commonwealth Avenue, Lower Level, Boston, MA, 02215.

It is a place of gathering, refreshing and reflecting in the vein of Thurman's "Common Ground".

Housing

Fellows will be housed in Boston University Student Village One located at 10 Buick Street, Boston, MA. Each apartment style dormitory is equipped with 2 single bedrooms, 1 bathroom, kitchen, living room and dining space. Each room has a single bed, dresser/closet space, desk and chair. The kitchen area includes a full-size refrigerator, stove/oven, and microwave. Living/dining room furniture includes comfortable sofa, lounge chairs, coffee table, end table, television stand, lamps, round kitchen table, and upholstered dining chairs. On the first floor, there is the Buick Street Market & Café and Dunkin Donuts. There are also vending machines.

Meals

Fellows will have access to breakfast at their leisure in **Student Village Two**, 33 Harry Agganis Way, which is adjacent to Student Village One. Lunch will be served daily at the **Howard Thurman Center** located at **George Sherman Union**, 775 Commonwealth Avenue, *Lower Level*. Dinner will be served daily at **The Terrace Lounge** also in the George Sherman Union, however it is located on *2nd level*.

**Dinner may also be made available in other locations as others are asking to host dinners for the Fellows.*

Wifi

The BU Guest network allows visitors to access the Internet through BU's wireless network. To access BU Guest simply select it from your list of available networks. You will then be prompted to 'Request a Guest' account. After you complete the registration process, you will be provided with a Guest username and password, which you can then use to log in.

On Campus Libraries

Mugar Memorial Library provides resources for study, teaching, and research. Within our seven stories, you'll find more than 2.2 million items. Aside from extensive holdings in books, journals, and periodicals, the libraries subscribe to a wealth of online journals, databases, and resources.

Location:

771 Commonwealth Avenue

Summer hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 11 pm

Friday – Saturday, 8 am – 5 pm

Sunday, 10 am – 11 pm

The School of Theology Library primarily serves the STH community with graduate level collections to support the courses you will take and several significant research level collections. STH holdings number over 150,000 volumes including print, audio, video, microfilm and a rapidly growing collection of electronic resources.

Location:

STH Building, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor

Summer hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Transportation

Boston University Shuttle Service is available in front of Student Village Two, which is adjacent to Student Village One. The Shuttle Schedule will be made available in your welcome package upon check-in.

Directions

Coming by Plane-Boston Logan International Airport

Taxi

Taking a taxi from Logan to Boston University will cost approximately \$30 to \$35. If you do not have cash, please check that the taxi you take from the airport has the ability for you to pay by credit card. Most taxis do at this point, but some do not. It is better to know before you begin your ride.

Public Transportation (The “T”)

- Please see the MBTA website for the most up-to-date information. [MBTA Website](#)
- If you choose to ride the T (the Boston subway/streetcar system) from the airport, take the free Airport Shuttle Bus from outside the airport terminal to the Airport T-stop on the Blue Line.
- You will need to buy a ticket (\$2.00) and take the Blue Line inbound to the Government Center Stop.
- When you get to Government Center, change to the Green Line “B” Train (“outbound” toward Boston College).
- Take the Green Line “B” to the Boston University Central Stop, which is the third stop above ground after Kenmore.

Coming by Train

South Station

- If you come into South Station, take the Red Line T (Boston’s subway/streetcar system) inbound to Park Street Station. You will need to buy a ticket (\$2.00).
- When you get to Park Street, go upstairs to the outbound Green Line.
- Take the “B” (Boston College) train to the Boston University Central Stop—it’s the third stop above ground after Kenmore.
- If you come into North Station, take the Green Line inbound. You will need to buy a ticket (\$2.00).
- If the subway/trolley is not a “B” Line (Boston College), change at Park Street Station to the “B” Line.
- Take the “B” (Boston College) train to the Boston University Central Stop—it’s the third stop above ground after Kenmore.

Coming by Car via the Massachusetts Turnpike

From the Massachusetts Turnpike, take Exit #18 (Cambridge-Allston) to the left.

- Follow the signage for Cambridge after going through the toll booth.
- At the stop light (the Guest Quarters Suite Hotel is on your right), take a right onto Storrow Drive. The Charles River is now on your left.
- Follow Storrow Drive to the second exit on the right (Kenmore Square-Commonwealth Avenue).

Public Transportation

If you will have a car during your stay in Boston, and if you are staying a distance from the School of Theology, you may choose to park at a convenient area and take public transportation. The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) operates many bus and subway/streetcar (nicknamed the “T”) lines. If you board the T above ground, you will need either a ticket or exactly \$2.00. Exact change is not required if you board the “T” underground.

Take the Green Line “B” to the Boston University Central Stop—it’s the third stop above ground after Kenmore.

Parking

If you are in need of daily parking please contact cpt@bu.edu that we might assist you in securing a parking pass.

Important Numbers

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Boston University School of Theology: 617.353.3050

Center for Practical Theology: 617.358.3885

Howard Thurman Center: 617.353.4745

Beverly Jackson (Assistant to Dr. Magee): 617.905.3650

Emergencies

*Campus Police, 617.353.2121

**911



Two men share shade on a hot August day at the March on Washington, 1963. Robert Romer remembers that there was "a good feeling in the air" the day of the March on Washington. He recalls that, "it was very much, of course, a mixed white and black crowd and everybody was—friendly."

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In 1961, the Freedom Riders, a dedicated group of men and women, black and white, young and old (many from university and college campuses) across the country boarded buses, trains and planes bound for the deep South to challenge that region's outdated Jim Crow laws and the non-compliance with a US Supreme Court decision already three years old that prohibited segregation in all interstate public transportation facilities.



Freedom Riders who left by train from California and Arrested in Houston, Texas. Group Shot of Houston Freedom Riders (8/61)