

3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A MOMENT OR A MOVEMENT?

WHY BLACK LIVES MATTER
ON THE PATH TO
EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT
IN WASHINGTON, DC
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APRIL 5TH 2016
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Please join us for a dialogue establishing communities as decision-makers and instituting the right to the city in collective equitable development

The George Washington University
Cloyd Heck Marvin Center
800 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20052
Grand Ballroom, Third Floor
Foggy Bottom Metro - 32/H1 Bus



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Movement building is the focus of the third annual conference on equitable development in Washington, DC to be co-sponsored by [ONE DC](#) and [The George Washington University](#).

Bringing together residents from all parts of the DC area, organizers, students, developers, elected officials and all who are concerned with sustainable, equitable development, this conference will build on the ongoing efforts to create a more democratic and just community.

Conference will begin at 9:00 AM and includes:

Keynote discussion and interview with talk show host, writer and activist [Bill Fletcher, Jr.](#), followed by a Panel Discussion including: [Gail Taylor](#), Three Part Harmony Farm, [Dr. Lawrence Brown](#), Morgan State University, [Zach Komes](#), Roosevelt Institute GW, [Omolara Williams McCallister](#), Black Lives Matter DMV, [Rachelle Downs](#), Melanin Uprising, and moderated by activist [Eugene Puryear](#).

Lunch will be provided and DC Study Tours will follow. These walking tours will take participants to a variety of community sites in the District to explore resident leadership and the right to the city.

For more information, further details, and how to become a part of the movement, please contact: organizer@onedconline.org, tel: [202-232-2915](tel:202-232-2915), or visit: <http://go.gwu.edu/edc16>.

Third Annual Equitable Development Conference

A Moment or A Movement: Why Black Lives Matter on the Path to Equitable Development in Washington, DC

ONE DC and The George Washington University present the third annual equitable development conference, ***A Moment or A Movement: Why Black Lives Matter on the Path to Equitable Development in Washington, DC***, which will be held from 9am to 5pm on April 5, 2016 in Washington, DC at The George Washington University (GW). The conference will take place in GW's Marvin Center, 800 21st St., NW, in the Grand Ballroom located on the 3rd floor.

A Moment or A Movement will bring together residents from all parts of the DC area, organizers, students, developers, elected officials, and all who are concerned with sustainable, equitable development. This conference will build on the ongoing efforts to create more democratic and just communities in Washington, DC.

Bill Fletcher, Jr, an activist, columnist, and author of “*The Indispensable Ally: Black Workers and the Formation of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, 1934-1941,*” will kick off the conference with a **keynote discussion**. Fletcher will be interviewed by activist, Eugene Puryear.

The day will continue with a **panel discussion** on movements and actions focused on equitable development, racial justice, movement building, and the right to safe and affordable housing and communities.

The panel will be moderated by Eugene Puryear, and feature:

Gail Taylor, *Three Part Harmony Farm*

Dr. Lawrence Brown, *Morgan State University*

Zach Komes, *Roosevelt Institute GWU*

Omolara Williams McCallister, *Black Lives Matter*

Rachelle Downs, *Melanin Uprising*

The panel will emphasize audience interaction and engaging questions from attendees, stimulating compelling conversation and group dialogue for movement building and grassroots advocacy.

Lunch will be provided. Participants will then select from among four Study Tours throughout the District to explore firsthand the ways in which local organizers are changing the face of development and advocating for equitable growth within their communities. These tours revolve around the central ideas of equitable development, including the right to housing, the right to income, and anti-gentrification and acceptable community growth movements.

Tours will include:

- A walking tour of the Shaw neighborhood to engage participants in a community learning process about the displacement and resistance occurring in the Shaw neighborhood, the physical side of gentrification, and the process of standing up for equitable development.

- A walking tour to explore the efforts of the tenant association in the buildings which surround the Congress Heights Metro. The corporate owners of these buildings are attempting to clear out residents by removing the covenant requiring all units to be affordable for extremely low-income occupants. Tenants have organized an association asserting their rights and demanding affordable housing.
- A walking tour with members of the housing co-op at 14th and N St NW which will include the history of the co-op and the changes in the neighborhood over time. Residents and organizers will explain the co-op's economic structure and how it provides sustainable affordable housing based on the joint ownership of collected resources.
- A site visit in which participants will gather at the Black Worker's Center to learn about the ONE DC right to income movement and its history, be introduced to the National Black Worker's Center movement, as well as ONE DC's alternative economics/cooperative ownership analysis. This tour requires walking only to and from public transportation.

This annual conference is a national model for participatory action research led by and with the community, networking, and activism for equitable sustainable development principles and practice.

For more information, to register, and become a part of the greater movement for equitable development in the District, please contact: organizer@onedconline.org, tel:202-232-2915 and visit: <http://go.gwu.edu/edc16>.