

## Advocacy

Thursday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. – Scholars Speak Out! **Moral Mondays!** (@MoralMondays)

(See attached flyer)

### **MORAL MONDAYS:** Scholars Speak Out on North Carolina's New Social Movement

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 at 5:30 PM  
Global FedEx Center • University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
• Nelson Mandela Auditorium •  
301 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516 • Parking Available On-site at 5:00 PM  
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



#### JOIN US FOR AN ENGAGING DISCUSSION

Scholars from area universities will share insights on why North Carolina became such a big national news story this summer: what did the state legislature do that prompted 900 protesters to be arrested and thousands more to join weekly rallies? Why have so many people come together across old boundaries—age, race, religion, sexual orientation and more—in the Moral Mondays movement? And what does history tell us about how such movements have flourished in the past and how they can be sustained? What's next for North Carolina?

#### SCHOLAR PANELISTS INCLUDE:

Moderator: Jesse White, Jr., Director, Office of Economic and Business Development,  
Adjunct Professor of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill  
Kenneth (Andy) Andrews, Professor of Sociology, UNC-Chapel Hill  
Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, Julia Cherry Spruill Professor of History, UNC-Chapel Hill  
Willie Jennings, Associate Professor of Theology & Black Church Studies, Duke Divinity School  
Nancy MacLean, William H. Chate Professor of History & Public Policy, Duke University

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Key links: <http://www.naacpnc.org/> and  
<http://www.ncpolicywatch.com> Stay informed, get  
involved and don't let others do the heavy lifting for  
you! EVERY person makes a difference.

**Political Redesign.** "IT'S" been done before, so let's  
pay attention and participate. It is critical that we  
stay involved and have our voices heard.

[http://www.northcarolinahistory.org/encyclopedia/  
532/entry](http://www.northcarolinahistory.org/encyclopedia/532/entry)



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From Professor Jennifer Ho (English & Comparative Literature): For anyone who missed it in the N&O or on NPR, Orson Scott Card has been named to the UNC TV board of trustees: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/09/09/3180404/controversial-author-named-to.html> Card is problematic not just for his homophobia but also for his not-so-latent racism (and I am not invoking the "R" word lightly). Ho's letter to UNC TV ([viewer@unctv.org](mailto:viewer@unctv.org)):

To the management of UNC TV:

I just learned today that Greensboro writer and resident Orson Scott Card has been named by the NC Legislature to serve on the UNC TV board of trustees. As you should be well aware, Card is an open opponent to same sex marriage and has made numerous anti-gay, anti-queer, and homophobic remarks over the years, using his cultural and political capital to further his anti-queer agenda. He has also most recently called Obama a "dictator" and used coded racial language of "urban gangs" to imply that there will be a coming race war of black hordes rising up against white citizens. (See the quote in context in this N&O article: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/09/09/3180404/controversial-author-named-to.html>)

Although I am a relatively recent (10 years) resident in North Carolina, I am all too familiar with the history and discourse of racial antagonism and terrorism that has plagued this region. Card is part and parcel with a south that I thought was on the way out but seems to be ascendant, again.

Which is one reason I will no longer support or pledge money to UNC TV. And I hope the management takes a good long hard look at its values and priorities. Because when you start to alienate English professors, you're really not playing to your base.

**STEM for Underrepresented Youth.** From Dr. Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque DDS PhD, Associate Professor Department of Dental Ecology, School of Dentistry...

*On the closure of the UNC Chapel Hill NC-MSEN Pre-College Program (PCP): "The under representation of people of color in the STEM areas continues to be a challenge and UNC has been working to overcome this. I recently received notification that the UNC NC Math and Science education network pre-college program that targets minority middle and high school students will be closing after 27 years. This program is critical to pipeline building and for many of the students is a first exposure to mathematics and science research and the first opportunity to consider exploring math/science as a career."*

*If you are interested in learning more and/or assisting in this important effort, please contact Dr. Webster-Cyriaque at [jwebster@email.unc.edu](mailto:jwebster@email.unc.edu).*

**Saturday, October 5 - Black Male Student Symposium.** We are very proud of our students who continue to support the advancement of Black males on campus! Kudos to Kehinde Adeoti, Mycal Brickhouse, Jeremy Martin, and Michael Dyson -- the founders of "**Carolina Men Advocating for Learning, Empowerment, and Success**" (aka Carolina MALES). Taking the Reins: M.A.L.E.S. (Maximizing Achievement, Leadership, Excellence, and Scholarship) is a student-led effort to continue the momentum that has spread across campus to better address the academic needs of underrepresented male students. For more information contact Tony Patterson – [tony\\_patterson@unc.edu](mailto:tony_patterson@unc.edu)

**Article of Interest** - HBCUs Hit Hard by NCAA Sanctions



The National Collegiate Athletic Association released its latest Academic Progress Rates (APR) for colleges and universities. The ratings are calculated using eligibility, retention, and graduation rates of student athletes. Teams that do not reach certain thresholds of academic success are penalized by the NCAA.

Eighteen teams were penalized by being declared ineligible for postseason competition in the 2013-14 academic year. Of these 18 teams, 15 were teams at historically Black colleges and universities. While HBCUs are bearing the brunt of the most stringent sanctions, the NCAA states that the average APR rate for HBCUs has risen 15 points over the past two years. NCAA Executive Vice President Bernard Franklin, stated "Over time, these institutions will continue to flourish and meet the needs of their student-athletes."

The sports teams facing sanctions at HBCUs are:

**Alabama State University:** baseball, football, men's basketball, women's volleyball

**Florida A&M University:** women's volleyball

**Grambling State University:** men's basketball

**Mississippi Valley State University:** baseball, football, men's basketball

**Norfolk State University:** men's indoor track, men's outdoor track

**Savannah State University:** football

**Southern University:** men's indoor track, men's outdoor track

**University of Arkansas Pine Bluff:** men's basketball

## How To Fight Racial Bias When It's Silent and Subtle

Calvin Lai and Brian Nosek at the University of Virginia recently challenged scientists to come up with ways to ameliorate such biases. The idea, said Harvard University psychologist Mahzarin Banaji, one of the researchers, was to evaluate whether there were rapid-fire ways to disable stereotypes. Groups of scientists "raced" one another to see if their favorite techniques worked. All the scientists focused on reducing unconscious racial bias against blacks. Listen to the interview:

<http://www.nhpr.org/post/how-fight-racial-bias-when-its-silent-and-subtle>



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***“In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.” ~ M. Williamson***