

**The Historic Impact of Reverend Al Sharpton's Activism:  
63 Years of Life, 50 Years of Service  
Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism  
Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

**PROGRAM**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Opening Remarks**

- Dr. Jamal Watson, Executive Editor, *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* & Convener of Symposium
- Lee C. Bollinger, President, Columbia University

**9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. | A Multi-Perspective Lens on Reverend Al Sharpton's Activism**

**Moderator:** Dr. Jamal Watson, Executive Editor, *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*

**Panelists:**

- Angela Rye, CNN Commentator and CEO of IMPACT Strategies
- Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Chairman of National Action Network and Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church
- Maya Wiley, New School University, Senior Vice President of Social Justice & Henry Cohen Professor at The New School

**10:40 - 11:40 a.m. | The King Movement Goes North: Operation Breadbasket and the Fight for Civil Rights**

**Moderator:** Karen Hunter, Award-Winning Journalist and Talk Show Host, Sirius XM Radio

**Panelists:**

- Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., Founder/President Rainbow/Push
- Reverend Dr. Calvin Morris, Scholar/Activist
- Reverend John Scott, Pastor, St. John's Baptist Church in Harlem
- Reverend Herbert Daughtry, National Presiding Minister of the House of the Lord Churches
- Dr. Hazel Dukes, New York State NAACP

## **11:45 - 12:40 p.m. | A Theology Towards Social Justice**

**Moderator:** Jennifer Jones Austin, CEO, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

**Panelists:**

- Reverend Michael Walrond, Jr. Pastor, First Corinthian Baptist Church
- Dr. Obery Hendricks, Columbia University
- Reverend Steffie Bartley, Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church
- Reverend David Jefferson, Sr., Senior Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church

## **12:45-1:40 p.m. | Lunch Break**

## **1:45 - 2:35 p.m. | From Demonstration to Legislation: Legislative Reforms and Political Gains**

**Moderator:** Keith L.T Wright, New York County Democrats

**Panelists:**

- Honorable Charles B. Rangel, Former Congressman, Harlem, NY
- Honorable David Paterson, Former Governor, New York
- Honorable Marc Morial, Former Mayor, New Orleans & President, and CEO, National Urban League
- Dr. Christina Greer, Professor of Political Science, Fordham University
- Honorable Fernando Ferrer, Former Bronx. NY President

## **2:40 - 3:45 p.m. | Using the Media to Craft a Social Justice Message**

**Moderator:** Errol Louis, Host, NY1

**Opening Remarks:** Michelle Ebanks, President, Essence

**Panelists:**

- Joy Ann Reid, MSNBC Host
- Symone Sanders, CNN Commentator
- Charles Ellison, Correspondent, The Root.com & Radio Host, WURD, Philadelphia

**3:50 - 4:40 p.m. | The Voices of the Victims**

**Moderator:** Minister Kirsten John Foy, National Action Network

**Panelists:**

- William Bell, Father of Sean Bell
- Kadiatou Diallo, Amadou Diallo's mother
- Korey Wise, Central Park Five
- Iris Baez, mother of Anthony Baez
- Shianne Norman, mother of Lloyd Morgan, Jr.

**4:40 - 5:00 p.m. | Closing Remarks by Reverend Al Sharpton**