



The Community Anti-Hate Taskforce is a collaboration between individuals from varied backgrounds who are committed to ending hatred and bias in this community. It is facilitated by the YWCAs of Elyria and Lorain.

The taskforce began as an affiliate of the Ohio Hate Crimes Working Group (US Attorney's Office) in 2005 and remains crucial today as hate crimes continue to occur at alarming rates. According to FBI data, reports of hate crimes have increased each year since 2015.

In this atmosphere of rising discord, our purpose is to promote understanding between the diverse communities of Lorain County in order to unite against hate-motivated violence and antagonism.

The Taskforce meets quarterly.

For information on becoming a member, contact the Elyria YWCA (440) 322-6308

Who Should Attend?

- Educators
- Law Enforcement
- School Administrators
- Agency Directors
- Students
- Clergy and Lay People
- Healthcare Providers
- Social Workers
- Community Leaders
- Business Leaders
- Attorneys
- Human Resource Professionals
- Parents

Thank you to our sponsors:

Community Foundation of Lorain County
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Presented in partnership with:

El Centro de Servicios Sociales
 Elyria and Lorain YWCAs
 Oberlin City Schools
 Lorain County Urban League
 League of Women Voters-Oberlin

FEATURING:



*Judge Francisco X. Dominguez
of El Paso TX;
Trustee, Oberlin College*
Keynote Speaker 4/30



*Rev Thomas L. Bowen, Director of
the office of Religious Affairs;
Office of the Mayor, D.C.*

Keynote 4/29

Confronting Hate: Creating Community

In schools, in society, and at work.

**Spitzer Conference Center
Lorain County Community
College**

Monday, April 29th
and
Tuesday, April 30th
9am-2pm



Day One

Confronting Hate...

In School

8:30– 9 a.m. Registration (Spitzer Lobby)

Opening Plenary “Otherism” Julia Shearson , CEO C.A.I.R.

Presentation: “Oberlin Phoenix Rise Above Hate” Dr. David Hall, Supt. Michael Scott,

Panel I. “A Year Later” Michael Scott, Lynn Tolbert, Kurt Russel, Traejen Chambers, and Mari Frost.

Panel II : Policy and Decision Makers

Bryan Koury, Lorain S.D.; John Carter, Oberlin S.D.; Heather Beck, Elyria S.D.

Talk Back—ALL

LUNCH

Welcome: Justin Herdman, US Attorney Northern District

Keynote: Min. Thomas Bowen

Panel III: Equity, Adequacy, H.B. 70 & Race

Eugene Saunders, Supt. Sandusky S.D.; Jeff Isaacs, Shaker S.D.; Susan Kaeser, LWV Lobby Corps; Merle Johnson, State Bd. of Ed.

2pm Close and Call to Action:

CREATE COMMUNITY!!

Day Two

Confronting Hate...

In Society, In the Workplace

8:30 –9 a.m. Registration (Spitzer Lobby)

Opening Plenary “Cel’s Story” Chief Rivera

Presentation: Undocumented and Unafraid!!

Anabel Barron and Jimmy Rodriguez

Panel I: ICE Raid on Corso Garden Center

Chief Cel Rivera, Anabel Barron, Jimmy Rodriguez, Prof. Steve Volk

Talk Back—ALL

LUNCH

Speaker: Judge Francisco X. Dominguez

Break Out Sessions

(Participants should select from the sessions below)

Inner Peace, Coping in a Hateful Society

“Soul Work” Denomination Collaborations

Teatime for Peace, How it Works!

Witnessing Whiteness: Become an Ally

Community Engaged Policing

Panel: Best Practices for Confronting Hate

Brian Fredricks, Consultant; Kenan Bishop, Equity Officer; April Stoltz, Kevin Clayton, Cleveland Cavaliers

3pm Close and Call to Action:

CREATE COMMUNITY!!

6 pm “Business in the Black” film screening, Club Our Space, Lorain—FREE

Thomas L. Bowen, M. Div. is the Director of the Mayor’s Office on African American Affairs and Religious Affairs, and the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys for the city of Wash. D. C. Bowen is a graduate of Morehouse College; ministerial and theological training from The Divinity School at the University of Chicago. He was ordained at the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Oberlin, Ohio. A native of Elyria, Ohio he was the youngest person elected to the Elyria Board of Education.

Julia Shearson serves as the Executive Director of the Cleveland Chapter of The Council of American Islamic Relations (C.A.I. R). Under her direction, C.A.I.R. has provided diversity training to over 1600 members of the Cleveland Police Department. Ms. Shearson has a Masters in Linguistics and Middle East Studies from Ohio University and Harvard respectively.

Virginia Simons, LISW; Ms. Simon has been a Family and Couples Therapist for over three decades. Before coming to Ohio and working with physicians at the Cleveland Clinic she was in private practice in Chicago. Ms. Simons spent four years in Chinle Arizona working among the Navajo people. She has also worked as a clinician with Oberlin College in student mental health services.

April Stoltz, Community Activist dedicated to building bridges and encouraging conversation about race, religion and politics. She is a volunteer with **Teatime for Peace**, a program of sharing a little tea and empathy. Participants meet, talk, sip and nosh and hopefully understand others.

Justin Herdman was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio on Aug. 21, 2017. He brings a depth and breadth of experience to his position representing the United States in court in Ohio’s northern 40 counties, including Cleveland, Toledo, Akron and Youngstown. Herdman was an Assistant United States Attorney from 2006 through 2013. Prior to becoming U.S. Attorney, Herdman was a partner at Jones Day, where he represented businesses and individuals under investigation.

Francisco X. Dominguez is elected state district judge of the 205th District Court, handling civil and felony criminal cases. Dominguez began his legal career with New York Legal Aid Society – Criminal Defense Division; represented farmworkers and garment workers as a staff attorney with Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc., and prosecuted employment discrimination cases with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Judge Dominguez is a 1989 graduate of Oberlin College and serves as an Alumni-Elected Trustee. He resides in El Paso, Texas.

Anabel Barron-Sanchez, LOIRA; An Immigration Specialist with El Centro De Servicios Sociales, Ms. Barron is an activist with personal experience in working with undocumented immigrants living in Lorain County. She has achieved national prominence for her work.

Anthony Brogdon, Filmmaker is a native of Detroit where he witnessed African-American economic decline in the Motor City. His film is about, The Rise of Black Businesses in America 1800’s to 1960’s.