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WELCOMES

- Video: Who We Are & Our Vision
- Student Equity Agenda

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FACTS OF THE CASE

- Presentation on SFFA v. UNC
- David Hinojosa

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REFLECTING ON THE PAST

- A Lecture on the History of Chapel Hill & North Carolina || Geeta Kapur
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PANEL CONVERSATION

- A Conversation between Toby Posel, Danita Mason-Hogans & Amber Koonce to understand and envision the future of higher education

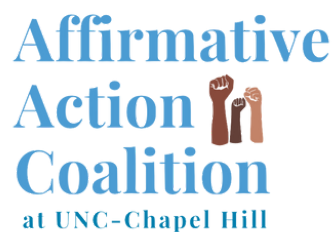
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IMPORTANCE OF CRITICAL ETHNIC STUDIES

- A Lecture on the History of Chapel Hill & North Carolina || Zachary Faircloth

12:30-12:45 PM

CLOSING REMARKS



SPEAKERS

ZACHARY FAIRCLOTH

Faircloth is a PhD Candidate at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in the Department of American Studies.

Combining critical ethnic and cultural studies, his work focuses on the interplay of race, culture, and environment in the Eastern Carolinas. His dissertation takes local history, material culture, and multispecies encounters in the region as important sites of worldbuilding and identity formation.

DAVID HINOJOSA

Hinojosa is recognized as a national leading litigator, advocate, and thought leader in the area of civil rights, specializing in educational impact litigation and policy.

Hinojosa served as lead counsel for multiracial students and alumni defending affirmative action in the landmark cases *Students for Fair Admissions v. University of North Carolina* and *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard*. He argued the UNC case in the Supreme Court.

At the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, he spearheads the organization's cutting-edge racial justice litigation, policy, and advocacy work in education in support of historically marginalized communities of color.

Hinojosa helped lead a successful challenge on behalf of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP branch in the historic school funding case *Leandro v. State of North Carolina*.

At the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), his litigation and policy work assisted in desegregating schools, cultivating English learner programs, preserving the Texas DREAM Act, and enforcing immigrant rights. He has argued cases before the First and Fifth Circuits, and the supreme courts of Colorado and Texas.

Well-published and a frequent speaker at conferences and in national and local media, Hinojosa earned his bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University and his law degree from the University of Texas.

GEETA N. KAPUR

graduated from the Kenan-Flagler Business School's undergraduate program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then pursued a calling to become a lawyer. She earned a Juris Doctorate Degree from the School of Law at UNC-Chapel Hill in 2003. A seasoned civil rights lawyer, Kapur has devoted her entire legal career of over twenty years to fighting for poor people and racial and ethnic minorities. She has argued landmark constitutional cases before the North Carolina Supreme Court and the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Kapur also provided written and oral testimony before the United States Senate and Congress on the school to prison pipeline and mass incarceration.

Attorney Kapur was the lead lawyer for the North Carolina NAACP's Moral Monday protests, led by Reverend William Barber. Her high-profile trial of two protestors resulted in the ruling that the building rules of the North Carolina legislature violated the First Amendment and led to the dismissal of hundreds of charges.

Reverend Dr. William Barber recognized her efforts by awarding her with the prestigious NC NAACP Humanitarian of the Year Award. Kapur has been repeatedly recognized by the National Trial Lawyers Association as one of the top 100 criminal defense lawyers in North Carolina.

Kapur realized that systemic change could not be achieved in the courtroom and took her passion to the classroom. She designed and taught a highly acclaimed course on race and law at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Campbell Law School in Raleigh where she has trained generations of future lawyers and policy makers.

Kapur's recent book - *To Drink from the Well: The Struggle for Equality at the Nation's Oldest Public University* - tells the buried and untold stories of slavery, segregation, and racial exclusion at her beloved alma mater, UNC Chapel Hill. The riveting book won a gold medal from the Independent Publisher Book Awards.

DANITA MASON-HOGANS

**MASON-HOGANS IS AN ORAL HISTORIAN,
MEMORY WORKER AND NATIVE OF CHAPEL HILL
NC,**

FROM A FAMILY OF SEVEN GENERATIONS OF "MOVEMENT PEOPLE". SHE USES ORAL HISTORIES TO ADVOCATE FOR POLICY CHANGE, AND WORKS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VETERANS OF THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (OR SNCC). SHE ALSO PARTNERS WITH TODAY'S ACTIVISTS TO CENTER EQUITY WHEN DOCUMENTING NATIONAL AND LOCAL MOVEMENT HISTORY. HER TED TALK PROVIDES AN EXPLANATION OF THE CRITICAL ORAL HISTORY METHODOLOGY WHICH SHE HELPED TO ADAPT.

DANITA HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE FIRST CHAPEL HILL CIVIL RIGHTS TASK FORCE, A PODCAST SERIES ON CHAPEL HILL HISTORY , THE CHAPEL HILL NINE MONUMENT, JAMES CATES MEMORIAL, AND FOUR DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT WOMEN IN THE LOCAL MOVEMENT. HER RECENT PROJECTS INCLUDE A COMMUNITY-WIDE REPARATIONS BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION WITH DR. SIMONA GOLDIN AND AUTHORS SANDY DARITY AND KIRSTEN MULLEN, WORK WITH THE UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, THE JAMES CATES SCHOLARS YOUNG HISTORY COLLECTIVE, AND A DOCUMENTARY WITH AL ROKER AND JOHN DEERE ENTITLED "GAINING GROUND, THE FIGHT FOR BLACK LAND." HER CURRENT AVOCATION IS FOR A NO-COST EDUCATION PROGRAM AND COST-FREE COLLEGE TUITION FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ENSLAVED LABORERS AT UNC.

AMBER M. KOONCE

KOONCE IS AN ASSISTANT COUNSEL. SHE JOINS LDF FROM FRIED, FRANK, HARRIS, SHRIVER & JACOBSON LLP, WHERE SHE MAINTAINED AN ACTIVE PRO BONO PRACTICE AS A LITIGATION ASSOCIATE. AMBER PREVIOUSLY CLERKED FOR THE HON. WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ON THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT AND WORKED AS A LUCE SCHOLAR FOR THE HUMANITARIAN LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

AS A COMMITTED ADVOCATE FOR INCARCERATED CHILDREN, AMBER CURRENTLY REPRESENTS AN INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGING A SENTENCE OF JUVENILE LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE. PRIOR TO LAW SCHOOL, AMBER WORKED WITH YOUTH DETAINED IN NORTH CAROLINA, GHANA, SCOTLAND, AND THE PHILIPPINES. WHILE IN LAW SCHOOL, AMBER WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND SAN FRANCISCO AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION CLINICS. AMBER FOUNDED THE INTERNATIONAL NON-PROFIT BEAUTYGAP, WHICH SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF GIRLS OF COLOR BY PROVIDING THEM WITH DOLLS OF COLOR. AMBER'S EFFORTS THROUGH BEAUTYGAP HAVE EARNED HER RECOGNITION BY TEDX, THE ROOT, GLAMOUR MAGAZINE, AND COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE, AMONG OTHERS.

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