

**PANEL PRESENTATION:** Race In Arkansas -  
2018 Benton County  
Black History Month

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION NWA** 

*Presents*

## **Race In Arkansas - 2018 Benton Co. Black History Month Event**

*Free to public • No pre-registration required • Light refreshments provided*

**When: Saturday, February 17, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Peterson Auditorium  
Shewmaker Center for Global Business  
Development on the campus of NWA  
Community College 1 College Dr., Bentonville**

### **SCHEDULE OF PRESENTERS\*** *(Audience Questions Welcomed)*

**9:00 A.M.–WELCOME**

“Hear about NWA Area Cities Declaring February 2018 to be Black History Month in Their City”

**9:15 - 9:45 a.m.–LISA CORRIGAN** will help us explore her new book, *Prison Power: How Prison Influenced the Movement for Black Liberation*.

**9:45 - 10:15 A.M.–RAVEN COOK** will share stories of significant persons in American Black History that will surprise us.

**10:15 - 10:45 A.M.–DR. CHARLES F. ROBINSON** will provide a discussion of *When Affirmative Action Was White*, by Ira Katznelson.

**10:45 - 11:15 A.M.–EVIN DEMIREL** will share excerpts from his new book, *African-American Athletes in Arkansas: Muhammad Ali’s Tour, Black Razorbacks & Other Forgotten Stories*.

**11:15 - 11:45 A.M.–DAVID SOLOMON** will share historian’s perspective of the Elaine Massacre.

**11:45 - 12:15 P.M.–DR. KYLE MILLER** will introduce us to the wonders of the Delta Cultural Center in Helena Arkansas for which he serves as Director.

**12:30 - 1:00 P.M.–DR. JAMES L. HAWKINS II** will talk to us “About That Statue” and other symbols in our culture.

*Be sure to see **Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art** exhibit,  
“Soul of a Nation, Art in the Age of Black Power” on display February 3 - April 23, 2018.*

Moderator – Jon Comstock, Former Benton County Circuit Judge  
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# About the Presenters

**Ms. Raven N. Cook** is the founder of *Foundations: Black History Educational Programming*. She is currently employed by Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, where she works in K-12 school programs as a museum educator in the Education Department. Ms. Cook has taught *Inspire 365: A Journey through Black Experience* since 2013 which seeks to educate all people in the discipline of the African American History.

**Dr. Lisa M. Corrigan** is an Associate Professor of Communication, Director of the Gender Studies Program, and Affiliate Faculty in both African & African American Studies and Latin American Studies in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas. She is a feminist rhetorical scholar who researches and teaches in the areas of social movement studies, the Black Power and civil rights movement, prison studies, feminist studies, the Cold War, and the history of public address.

**Evin Demirel** is a former Latin teacher and award-winning feature writer for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. He has written for the likes of the New York Times, Daily Beast, SLAM magazine and Arkansas Money & Politics. Evin is a Little Rock native and graduated from LR Central High and the University of Arkansas.

**Dr. James L. Hawkins, II, Ph.D., LPC**, is Professional Counselor and Marriage & Family Pastor for New Heights Church in Fayetteville. Statues memorializing Confederate soldiers and leaders pepper the southern landscape and have become not only a cultural lightning rod but also an opportunity to have a much-needed discussion about race and relationships. In this session we will have an honest discussion about symbols in our culture, the stories we tell ourselves, and how they serve to divide us and/or unite us.

**Dr. Kyle Miller, Ph.D.**, is the Director of the Delta Cultural Center, located in historic downtown Helena, Arkansas—a museum dedicated the history of the Arkansas Delta.

**Dr. Charles F. Robinson** is the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at the University of Arkansas and a Professor of History who has published four books, numerous articles and book chapters, and has earned many teaching and community service awards in his 18 years at the University. Having served previously as the former Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Dr. Robinson also has extensive experience in managing university compliances offices such as Title IX and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance. Over the course of his seven years as a senior-level administrator, Dr. Robinson has created a number of programs that have successfully increased college readiness and improved student retention rates, especially among low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented students. Dr. Robinson is originally from Houston, Texas, and has college degrees from both the University of Houston and Rice University.

**David Solomon** is the fourth generation of his family raised in Phillips County. A retired information technology executive, he has pursued an interest in the history of the Arkansas Delta, which has led him to become the founding co-chair of a committee that will dedicate a memorial in Helena on September 29, 2019 to all of those who died in the Elaine Massacre of 1919.



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