

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

12:00 pm-2:00 pm	IAOHRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING 1st Floor Boardroom
2:00 pm-6:00 pm	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Khorassan
4:00 pm–5:00 pm	OPENING WELCOME & RECEPTION Starlight/Rooftop Dr. Alisa Warren, IAOHRA President Executive Director, Missouri Commission on Human Rights Percy Green, Civil Rights Activist Lynne Jackson, President/CEO of Dred Scott Heritage Foundation
5:00 pm-6:00 pm	ENTERTAINMENT Starlight/Rooftop Rhoda G.
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024	
7:30 am–5:00 pm	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Khorassan
7:00 am-8:15 am	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Khorassan West

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 (CONTINUED)	
8:00 am-9:00 am	OPENING CEREMONY
	Dr. Alisa Warren, IAOHRA President Executive Director, Missouri Commission on Human Rights Mayor Tishaura O. Jones, City of St. Louis
	Al Li, Chair, Missouri Commission on Human Rights
	OPENING REMARKS
Khorassan Main	Diane M. Shelley, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
	CONFERENCE OVERVIEW
	Diane Clements-Boyd, Conference Planning Committee Chair Evansville-Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission
9:15 am–10:15 am	OPENING PLENARY
Khorassan Main	The State of Civil and Human Rights: 60 Years After the Passage of the Civil Rights Act Speaker: Maya Wiley, President & CEO Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Introduction: Dr. Alisa Warren
10:15 am–10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 am-11:45 am	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Lindell A	Strategic Planning for the Future of Human Rights Presenter: Keith Scott, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>K.L. Scott & Associates</i>

After this session, participants will understand the importance of a data-driven approach to assessing your organization's current state, be able to identify and mitigate bias in the strategic planning process and know how to measure the value and impact of your strategic plan.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 (CONTINUED)	
Lindell B	Adjudicating Discrimination Complaints: Comparing the Process in Pennsylvania and West Virginia
	Presenters: Darlene Hemerka, Hearing Examiner Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
	Tamara Shehadeh-Cope, Hearing Examiner Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
	C. Joan Parker, Administrative Law Judge West Virginia Human Rights Commission
	Facilitator: Kenneth Gunn, Chicago Commission on Human Relations
This workshop will compare how discrimination cases are adjudicated in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It will include information about how discovery disputes are handled, the authority of the adjudicator and tips from the presenters about how to present cases. Audience members may ask questions throughout the session.	
	The History of Podlining & Housing Discrimination in St. Louis

The History of Redlining & Housing Discrimination in St. Louis Presenter: Rigel Oliveri, Esq., Isabelle Wade and Paul C. Lyda Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law

Facilitator: Dr. Dwayne James, St. Louis County Human Relations Commission

This session will provide a historical overview of the discriminatory housing and lending practices perpetuated in St. Louis over the last century, the effect these practices had on the population, and the legal precedents they generated. This history helps explain many of the demographic patterns—and housing challenges—in St. Louis today.

Lindell C

	2024 Legal Landscape of LGBTQIA Rights
Lindell D	Presenter: Steven Bryson, Esq., van der Veen, Hartshorn, Levin and Lindheim
	Facilitator: Keoki Kim, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission

Dive into the dynamic 2024 legal landscape of LGBTQIA rights with an intersectional approach. This interactive 75-minute workshop involves active participation, providing essential insights into recent case law, legislative changes, and effective advocacy strategies. Equip yourself with knowledge crucial for policy considerations and impactful, inclusive advocacy.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 (CONTINUED)	
	Partnerships for Peace/Engagement for Justice: Case studies on countering hate crimes in Philadelphia and on transforming community-police relations in Antelope Valley (Los Angeles County)
Regency	Presenters: Randy Duque, Deputy Director Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations
	Paul D. Smith, Senior Intergroup Relations Specialist L.A. County Commission on Human Relations
	Facilitator: Jean Kelleher, Alexandria Office of Human Rights

This breakout session will share valuable insights into (1) the multidisciplinary groups established by PCHR (the Philadelphia Interagency Civil Rights Taskforce and the City's Rapid Response Team) to address and prevent hate, with examples of how the PCHR accomplishes these tasks through these models of partnerships; and (2) the power of direct engagement with community, capturing stories/narratives, and utilizing them to advocate for healthier relations between community and law enforcement in a part of LA County which is unlike the rest of the region, with a history of deadly use of force and other community controversies involving the LA County Sheriff's Department stations in that area.

11:45 am–1:00 pm	PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON PLENARY SESSION
Khorassan Main	Key Civil and Human Rights Issues Facing our Nation Featured Speaker: Mauro Morales, Staff Director U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Facilitator: Dr. Alisa Warren, Missouri Human Rights Commission
	PANEL DISCUSSION A New Phase in U.S. History: Creating Government/Community Systems Against Hate
	Marik Xavier-Brier, Director of Civil Rights Evaluation U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
	Dr. Monica Lomeli, Manager of Hate Data Documentation Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations
	Robin Toma, Executive Director Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 (CONTINUED)	
1:15 pm-2:30 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Lindell A	Fighting Appraisal Bias at the State and Local Level Presenter: Sundeep Iyer, Director, New Jersey Division on Civil Rights Facilitator: Paul Booth, Cincinnati Office of Human Relations
To examine how state a	nd local agencies can use their authority to combat appraisal discrimination.
several hundred Cour polarizing topics using session will feature live	Equipping Government Employees for Constructive Conversations about Challenging Topics Presenters: Robert Sowell, Assistant Executive Director Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations April Johnson, Training Team Member Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations Facilitator: Jeffrey Lorick, Pinellas County Human Relations Commission rative project with County Department of Human Resources to equip thy employees for constructive dialogue of differing perspectives of current events in the Middle East for specific application scenarios. The experiences of a sample of techniques used in the training. Discussion
will include the planning process and specific examples of comments and feedback from training participants.	
Lindell C	Best Practices and Strategies for State and Local ADA Coordinators Presenter: Troy Balthazor, Director Great Plains Americans with Disabilities Act Center Facilitator: Tamie Dixon Tatum, City of Anderson Human Relations

This session will provide an understanding of the role of an ADA Coordinator.

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	Neurodiversity in the Workplace: How to Effectively Advocate for Yourself and Coworkers
Lindell D	Presenter: Leslie T. Tolliver, JD, SHRM-CP
	Human Resources Consultant, The Phoenix Group, STL
	Facilitator: Judy Dillanger, Louisville Human Relations Commission
This workshop provides practical strategies for advocating for neurodiversity in the workplace. Participants will learn to create an inclusive environment, communicate needs effectively, and promote policies supporting neurodivergent individuals. Enhance your workplace by leveraging the unique strengths of neurodiverse employees and fostering a culture of acceptance.	
	Inclusive Education at a Crossroads: Navigating Censorship and Promoting Diversity
Regency	Presenter: Tiffeni Fontno, Director, Peabody Library Vanderbilt University
	Facilitator: James Davis, City of Durham Neighborhood
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This workshop will feature panelists who have jointly engaged in partnership activities including fair housing planning, education & outreach, and enforcement activities with an emphasis on locally funded testing programs.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 (CONTINUED)			
4:00 pm-5:00 pm	PLENARY SESSION		
	Alaska Native Brotherhood Historical Fight Against Racism in Alaska		
Khorassan Main	Presenter: Marvin Adams, President Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 87		
	Facilitator: Keoki Kim, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission		
Presentation on the history of the Alaska Native Brotherhood from 1912 to the present, including a demonstration of the types of discrimination the Alaska Natives experienced led to the creation of the Alaska Native Brotherhood. This presentation includes the current organizational structure of ANB Camps in Alaska.			
	TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024		
7:30 am-8:30 am	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Khorassan West		
8:00 am-5:00 pm	HUMAN RIGHTS CULTURE TOUR		
Multicultural Lunch – International Institute of St. Louis 3401 Arsenal Street • St. Louis, MO 63118			
Speaker: Arrey	Speaker: Arrey Obenson, President & CEO, International Institute of St. Louis		
Speaker: Thomas Saenz, President & General Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)			
St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum 36 Millstone Campus Drive • St. Louis, MO 63146 Sponsor: Aroesty Allied, LLC			
Fair Housing Bus Tour Sponsor: St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Agency – Shelley v. Kraemer House – Pillars of the Valley			
	– Delmar Divide		
Dinner on Your Own			

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 (CONTINUED)	
7:30 pm	Chase Park Plaza Cinema, Auditorium 3 Speaker: Jordan Long, MA, JD, Senior Associate Director <i>Human Rights Program, The Carter Center</i> "Principles That Never Change: A video message from The Carter Center in Partnership with Skoll Foundation" Free Movie Night – Origin, Produced & Directed by Ava DuVernay Based on the book Caste: The Origins of Our <i>Discontents</i> by Isabel Wilkerson
	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024
7:30 am–8:30 am	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Khorassan West
8:15 am-9:15 am	REGIONAL MEETINGS Atlantic Region, Jim Stowe, Regional Representative Lindell A Midwest Region, Angela Phelps-White, Regional Representative Lindell B Southern Region, Jeffery Lorick, Regional Representative Lindell C Western Region, Keoki Kim, Regional Representative Lindell D
9:30 am-10:30 am	PLENARY SESSION
Khorassan Main	International Human Rights Panel Presenters: Dr. Alisa Warren, IAOHRA President Lisa Borden, Senior Policy Counsel, International Advocacy Southern Poverty Law Center Maude Fournier, Human Rights Officer United Nations Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights Facilitator: Robin Toma, Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024 (CONTINUED)	
10:45 am–11:45 am	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Lindell A	It's Deeper than DEI: Health Equity Means Recognizing Our Wholeness and Humanity
	Presenter: Jannah Bierens, MPH, MA Racial/Health Equity Consultant, PHREEEDOM, LLC.
	Facilitator: James Davis, City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services
impact of power imbal rooted legacy to currer impacting our health a our communities as dis problem and; Recogniz	on, participants will be able to: Reflect on historic and current systemic lance engrained deeply in the foundation of the United States; Connect in tinequities across every system, sector, and social determinant of health and wellbeing; Explore how dehumanization and disconnection show up in parity and within our institutions as burn out culture that perpetuates the the that health equity requires humility and transformation toward human- ractices to shift power and honor health as a human right for all.
The Racial Wealth Gap Simulation	
Lindell B	Presenter: Joshua V. Barr, Chief Strategist & President Raising The Barr, LLC.
	Facilitator: Antonio Maldonado, Missouri Human Rights Commission
equity, housing opportu	xercise that helps attendees understand the connections between racial Inities for those who have been historically marginalized by hunger, poverty, I first step for people unaware of structural inequality, a support tool for

those who want a deeper understanding of structural inequality, and a source of information for experts who want to know the quantifiable economic impact of each policy that has widened today's racial hunger, income, and wealth divides. Following the exercise, there will be a discussion and presentation.

Lindell C	A General Introduction to Fair Housing Law
	Presenter: Michael Seng, Professor University of Illinois Chicago Law School
	Facilitator: Kenneth Gunn, Chicago Commission on Human Relations

This session will take new commissioners and investigators through the basics of fair housing law. It will cover the important provisions of federal law involving protected classes, covered properties, and prohibited practices. It will compare federal protections with some of the statutory protections in state and local laws.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024 (CONTINUED)	
Lindell D	Proven Methods for Effective Experiential Training on Awareness and Management of Bias
	Presenters: Robert Sowell, Assistant Executive Director Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations
	April Johnson, Training Team Manager Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations
	Facilitator: Karen Aroesty, Aroesty Allied, LLC
Participants will know specific tools they can use in delivering experiential training on implicit bias and other related topics to advance equity.	
Regency	The Legacy of Celia, an Enslaved Woman Convicted of Murdering Her Abuser
	Presenters: Pamela Westbrooks-Hodge, Justice for Celia Coalition Leader, 3rd Great Granddaughter of Celia and Robert Newsom
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	Nancy Fogle-Compos, 4th Great Granddaughter of Robert Newsom and Elizabeth Gwinn Newsom
	and Elizabeth Gwinn Newsom Dr. Nichol Allen, Museum Studies and History Professor

The Justice for Celia Coalition of the Celia Newsom Legacy Foundation will delve into Celia's story. Celia was an enslaved Fulton, Missouri woman unjustly executed for the self-defense murder of her sexually abusive enslaver on December 21, 1855. The session will explore Celia's short life, the court trial, and the fate of her enslaved daughters fathered by her Enslaver (Robert Newsom). The session also includes perspectives of white descendants of Robert Newsom and his wife, Elizabeth Gwinn Newsom who share Newsom DNA with Celia's descendants. Participants will also hear from the creator of the Celia Portrait, Solomon Thurman, Jr. on his portrait journey and work with scholars across the country to leverage Celia's plight to bring light to women's issues. The workshop ends with a review of the 5-point plan to bring modern-day justice and honor to Celia.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024 (CONTINUED)	
12:00 pm–1:15 pm	LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON Khorassan Main
	"Leading Through Uncertainty: Embracing Change and Building Resilience"
	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Yemi Akande-Bartsch, President/CEO Focus St. Louis
	Moderator: Dr. LaShone M. Gibson, Independent Academic Researcher & Author
	Facilitator: Dr. Alisa Warren, Missouri Human Rights Commission

This plenary delves into the critical role of empathy in leadership amid today's polarized society. Dr. Yemi Akande-Bartsch emphasizes the importance of understanding and inclusive leadership as vital tools for bridging divides within communities and organizations. Drawing from her extensive experience in civic leadership and organizational development, Akande-Bartsch provides actionable strategies for leaders to foster a culture of empathy and collaboration. Through compelling anecdotes and practical insights, she highlights the transformative power of diverse perspectives and the need for leaders to actively engage in building connections that transcend differences. The address concludes with a powerful call to action, encouraging leaders to embrace empathy as a cornerstone of their approach to create more cohesive and resilient communities. The session will also feature a moderated discussion and Q&A led by Dr. LaShone Gibson.

1:30 pm-2:30 pm	PLENARY SESSION
Khorassan Main	EEOC Legal Update
	Presenter: David Davis, St. Louis District Director U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
	Facilitator: Carol Johnson, City of Fort Worth/AOSD

Join us for a review of recent court decisions, and EEOC regulations and enforcement guidance impacting the workplace.

3:00 pm–5:00 pm	IAOHRA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Regency (Open to All Member Agencies)
	ELECTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIONS
	Dr. Alisa Warren, IAOHRA President

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024 (CONTINUED)	
	AWARDS DINNER Khorassan Main
6:30–8:00 pm	Mistress of Ceremonies: Carol Daniel, Sr. Producer and Host, Nine PBS
	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Pedro Noguera

Pedro Noguera, PhD, is one of the country's most important voices on education reform, diversity, and the achievement gap. An award-winning educator, author and activist, he is the Emery Stoops and Joyce King Stoops Dean of the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education. His research focuses on the ways in which schools are influenced by social and economic conditions, as well as by demographic trends in local, regional and global contexts. He has published over 250 research articles in academic journals, book chapters in edited volumes, research reports and editorials in major newspapers. He serves on the boards of numerous national and local organizations, including the Economic Policy Institute, the National Equity Project and The Nation. Noguera appears as a regular commentator on educational issues on several national media outlets, and his editorials on educational issues have appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Dallas Morning News, and Los Angeles Times.

Prior to being appointed Dean of the USC Rossier School of Education, Noguera served as a Distinguished Professor of Education at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. Before joining the faculty at UCLA, he served as a tenured professor and holder of endowed chairs at New York University (2004–2015), Harvard University (2000–2003) and the University of California, Berkeley (1990–2000).

Noguera was recently appointed to serve as a special advisor to the governor of New Mexico on education policy. He also advises the state departments of education in Washington, Oregon and Nevada.

8:00 pm-10:00 pm	UNITY CELEBRATION: ENTERTAINMENT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024	
8:00 am–9:00 am	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Khorassan West
8:00 am–8:15 am	SWEARING-IN OF OFFICERS Khorassan Main

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024 (CONTINUED) 8:30 am-9:30 am **PLENARY SESSION Building Black Wealth/PAVE Presenters: Stella Adams,** Principal, S J Adams Consulting Bryan D. Snoddy, Division Director Civil Rights Division Texas Workforce Commission Cleveland L. Horton II, Interim Director, Maryland Commission on Civil Rights Khorassan Main Moderator: Melody Taylor, Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of Policy, Legislative Initiatives, and Outreach of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD Executive Director, PAVE Facilitator: Diane Clements-Boyd, Evansville-Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission The Biden-Harris Administration has created several national initiatives to address the

The Biden-Harris Administration has created several national initiatives to address the homeownership and wealth disparities experienced by African Americans and Hispanic households compared to White Households. This session will prepare fair housing, human rights, and human relations professionals to combat these disparities and root out appraisal bias utilizing data from Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) and the Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity (PAVE) initiative.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024 (CONTINUED)		
10:30 am-11:30 am	PLENARY SESSION	
Khorassan Main	Future Proofing Your Office from Attacks Presenter: Joshua V. Barr, Chief Strategist & President	
	Raising The Barr, LLC	
	Facilitator: Shadrach Mensah, Evansville-Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission	

In the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd, we saw a number of commitments from both the government and the business community to address the inequities and injustices in our systems. There was a hope that there would be radical systemic changes that would accompany those verbal commitments. But as history has continued to demonstrate, a wave of counter-revolution always follows every period of progress. With the rulings regarding affirmative action and gerrymandering by the Supreme Court and the ongoing wave against critical race theory, LGBTQ initiatives and DEI work, civil and human rights offices can get caught in the crossfires of these measures and be negatively impacted via budget cuts, office closures, or ostracization. Civil rights offices should not sit idly by believing that they are immune to what's going on. Utilizing examples from his work at both the local and state levels as well as his federal consultancy work, this keynote address will give attendees ideas on how to fortify and strengthen civil and human rights offices to make them a vital part of governmental work rather than just a corner of the work that is regulated to help certain groups of people and not all people in the community.

