

## **Durham City-County Committee on Confederate Monuments and Memorials**

**Stephanie Diane Ford** is a Durham-based filmmaker and digital video professional employed at a local financial institution. She received a B.S. in Business Administration and Marketing from Drexel University followed by training as an analyst in various project management roles for a global IT consulting firm. Ford currently helps produce a short film series documenting the historical significance of local banks and is engaged in archival and document research.

**Cynthia Greenlee** is a Durham-based historian and journalist. A North Carolina native, she specializes in the legal history of African-Americans and the South in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. After earning her doctorate from Duke, she served as postdoctoral research fellow at the Richards Civil War Era Center at Pennsylvania State University. She is also senior editor at Rewire.News, the leading publication about reproductive health, rights, and justice.

**Watson Jennison** is an associate professor of history at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. His research interests focus on the history of the U.S. South and the black experience in America. His first book, *Cultivating Race*, examines the history of race and slavery in Georgia from the colonial era to 1860. His current work explores Black America in the 1970s. He has been a resident of Durham since 2006.

**Robin Kirk (co-chair)** is a Faculty Co-Chair of the Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute and is a founding member of the Pauli Murray Project. An author and human rights advocate, Kirk formerly served as a senior researcher for Human Rights Watch. Kirk has lived in Durham since 1992 and raised two Durham natives.

**Barbara Lau** directs the Pauli Murray Project at the Duke Human Rights Center@the Franklin Humanities Institute where she connects her commitment to justice with her belief in the power of community practice. She also serves as Executive Director of the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice, a cultural start up focused on transforming Murray's childhood home into a national center. The Pauli Murray Family Home was named a National Historic Landmark in December 2016 and will be open to visitors in 2020.

**Susanna Lee** teaches the history of the American Civil War and Reconstruction at North Carolina State University. She earned her BA in History at the University of California, San Diego and her MA and PHD in History from the University of Virginia. Her book *Claiming the Union* focuses on southern citizenship after the Civil War. She is currently working on a book on the US-Dakota War. She lives in Trinity Park in Durham.

**Charmaine McKissick-Melton (co-chair)** is Associate Professor of Mass Communications at North Carolina Central University. She is the youngest daughter of Civil Rights leader Floyd McKissick, Sr., and she was involved with her family in many Civil Rights marches and the integration of Durham's elementary schools. Dr. McKissick-Melton shared meals with Civil Rights leaders from Martin Luther King, Jr. to Malcolm X, and she is steeped in the history of the movement.

**William O'Quinn** grew up on a Durham County tobacco farm, and after graduating from Southern High School and DTI became a builder, then antiquarian book dealer and collector. He manages his family's Panther Creek Farm in Durham County and works at RJ Tobacco. An avid reader of history, he traces his family back to Jamestown. He belongs to Durham's Pvt. Lorenzo Leigh Bennett Camp #773, Durham, NC, part of the North Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. O'Quinn has served as Camp Commander and Capitol Brigade Commander. He is also a reenactor for Company I, 6th Regiment North Carolina State Troops, Carolina Legion. He is a Board Member of the Cedar Fork Rifles Preservation Society, Inc., which partners with the North Carolina Museum of History.

**Jacob Rogers** is the CEO of Triangle Community Coalition, a pro-economic growth advocacy group specializing in land use policy and regulation. He advocates for economic development and strategic growth for companies and communities. Jacob has presented and supported proposals, plans, programs, and ideas to local municipalities, state legislators, members of Congress, federal agencies, and the public.

**Deondra Rose** is Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Political Science at Duke University. She is the author of *Citizens by Degree* (Oxford University Press, 2018), which examines the development of major U.S. higher education policies -- including the National Defense Education Act of 1958, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments--and their impact on the gender dynamics of American citizenship.

**Elizabeth Brooks Sappenfield** has served as President of Preservation Durham, our city's non-profit historic preservation advocacy organization, and has worked for Preservation North Carolina and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Raleigh, NC and for Architectural Heritage Foundation, a non-profit redeveloper of historic structures in Boston, MA. A native North Carolinian, Elizabeth was born and raised in Raleigh. She and her husband are proudly raising a family of three children in the Bull City.

**Dominique Walker** will receive a Master's degree in Public Administration from North Carolina Central University in 2018. Dominique has interned with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners where she focused on researching and publishing best practices of economic development by local governments. While an intern at the Durham City-County Planning Department, she participated in an economic assessment of the community around NCCU. Dominique also works with Duke University on a Lowndes County, Alabama, environmental justice project.