



CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE  
**BROWN V. BOARD OF  
EDUCATION DECISION  
70TH ANNIVERSARY**



**JUNE 24 - 28, 2024**

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**"I BELIEVE THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT MY OWN RIGHTS  
IS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS."  
~ PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, 5/19/53**

The National Archives and Records Administration and the National Park Service are teaming up to host an inspiring civil rights conference. This event not only commemorates the groundbreaking Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision but also dives into the broader tapestry of civil rights in America. As President from 1953–1961, Eisenhower served during a time of tremendous change for civil and human rights in America. The Eisenhower Administration passed the first civil rights legislation since Reconstruction and created the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The conference will welcome a host of presenters including historians, civil rights leaders, civil rights attorneys, personal stories from those who lived it, and more.

## What to Expect:

- **Historical Insights:** Explore the legacy of Brown v. Board of Education, a pivotal moment that reshaped our nation's path toward equality.
- **Diverse Perspectives:** Hear from historians, civil rights leaders, attorneys, and firsthand witnesses who lived through this transformative era.
- **Collaborating Partners:** We're proud to partner with institutions like the Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and more.

## Conference Partners

- Clinton Presidential Library and Museum
- Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site
- Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park
- Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum
- U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
- StoryCorps

## Conference Sponsors

- Humanities Kansas
- Eisenhower Memorial Commission
- Eisenhower Foundation

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## DAY 1: SETTING THE STAGE

Monday, June 24, 3:30pm-6pm

VIRTUAL ONLY



3:30 – 4:00 PM

### **STORYCORPS**

Presentation on Desegregation Stories.



4:00 – 5:00 PM

### **MAURO MORALES**

*U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Staff Director*

The Legacy of Brown and the creation of the USCCR.



5:00 – 6:00 PM

### **SHAWN LEIGH ALEXANDER**

*University of Kansas, Professor and Chair of African and African American Studies, Director of the Langston Hughes Center*

Civil rights from the founding of the nation to the Brown decision.

## DAY 2: LEGAL ARGUMENT

Tuesday, June 25, 9:30am-2:30pm

EISENHOWER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, ABILENE, KS AND VIRTUAL LIVE-STREAM



9:30 – 10:00 AM

### **WELCOME/OVERVIEW**

StoryCorps presentation and live public program at Eisenhower Library, streamed to the public and other sites.



10:00 – 11:00 AM

### **DR. MICAH W. KUBIC**

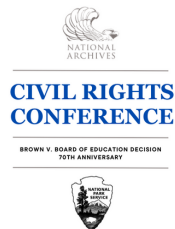
*ACLU, Executive Director*

What are Civil Rights?

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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## **BREAK**

Onsite participants get lunch.



12:00 – 1:00 PM

## **JEFFREY D. JACKSON**

*Washburn University School of Law, Dean, Professor of Law*

What Does Brown v Board Say?



1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

## **BREAK**



1:30 – 2:30 PM

## **PANEL DISCUSSION**

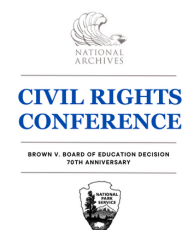
*Moderated by Joy Murphy*

Reflections of Integration: Telling the Lesser Known Stories

**DAY 3: BROWN V. BOARD DECISION  
IN DEPTH**

*Wednesday, June 26, 9:30am–8:00pm*

[BROWN V. BOARD, NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, TOPEKA, KS AND VIRTUAL LIVE-STREAM](#)



9:30 – 10:00 AM

## **WELCOME/OVERVIEW**

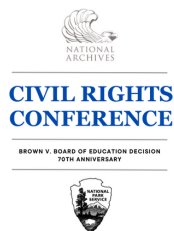
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## **DR. VALERIE MENDOZA**

Beyond Brown: Mexican Struggles for Equality Before and After  
Brown v Board



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## **CHERYL BROWN HENDERSON**

*Brown Foundation for Educational Equity, Excellence and Research,  
Founding President*

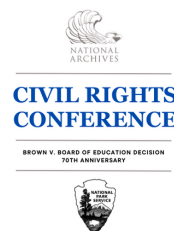
Keynote Lunch



1:30 – 3:00 PM

## **TEACHER REFLECTION/SITE TOUR**

Teachers at Clinton Presidential Library go to Little Rock Central  
High School NHS to tour school and visitor center.



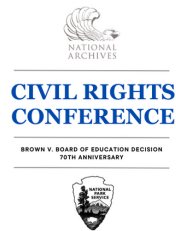
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## **RECEPTION**

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6:30 – 8:00 PM

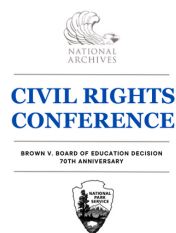
## **PUBLIC PROGRAM AT CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

Lesser-known stories connected to well-known stories. The New Orleans Four and the North Little Rock Six.

### **DAY 4: DESEGREGATION STRUGGLES BEYOND LITTLE ROCK**

*Thursday, June 27, 9:30am–7:00pm*

CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, LITTLE ROCK, AR AND VIRTUAL LIVE-STREAM



9:30 – 10:00 AM

## **LIVE PUBLIC PROGRAM AT CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

StoryCorps presentation and live public program at Clinton Presidential Library, streamed to the public and other sites.

10:00 – 11:00 AM

## **ZOE BURKHOLDER**

*Montclair State University, Professor of Educational Foundations,  
Founding Director of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights  
Education Project*

Black Teachers Matter: The Impact of Brown v Board of Education  
on Black Teachers outside of the South



11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

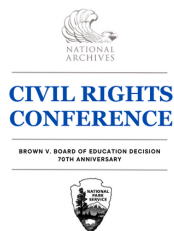
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*Moderated by Jay Barth*

Hoxie School Desegregation



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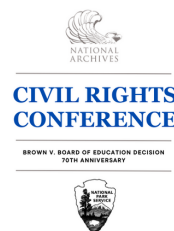


1:30 – 2:30 PM

## **DAVID TURK**

*U.S. National Marshals Service*

Role of U.S. Marshals Service in Enforcing Brown v. Board



6:00 – 7:00 PM

## **PUBLIC PROGRAM AT CLINTON LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

*Moderated by Brian Schwieger*

Landmark Cases of Racial Injustice: Scott v. Sanford and Plessy v. Ferguson

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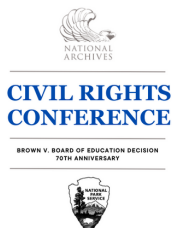


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**DAY 5: BEYOND BROWN**

*Friday, June 28, 9:30am-11am*

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9:30 – 10:00 AM  
**WELCOME/OVERVIEW**

Live-streamed to the public.



10:00 – 11:00 AM  
**DARA BYRNE, PHD**

*Macaulay Honors College, Dean*

The Unfinished Agenda of Brown v. Board



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