



Freedom March by Stuart Hamilton

TOWARD A NEW PARADIGM:
EQUALITY
OF JUSTICE AND
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- 6:30 **Welcome**
A.V. Huff, Ph.D., professor emeritus of history, Furman University
- 6:35 **The Evolving Meaning of "Civil Rights" in Contemporary America**
Rod Smolla, president, Furman University
- 7:20 Break and Refreshments
- 7:40 **Connections**
A.V. Huff
- 7:45 **A Conversation: Moving Forward on the Path to Equality in South Carolina**
Moderator:
Mark Quinn, director of public and member relations,
The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina
Panelists:
Isabel Wilkerson, author, *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*
Steve Morrison, co-lead counsel, *Abbeville School District v. State of South Carolina*
- 8:30 **Reception**

The program cover image is from a painting by Stuart Hamilton, M.D., founder and CEO of Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center and medical director of Select Health of South Carolina. Hamilton is a graduate of the Riley Institute's Diversity Leaders Initiative and a longtime civil rights activist. He has opened ten health centers throughout the Midlands of South Carolina and was one of the first to respond to the emerging health needs of Columbia's underserved population.

WHO'S WHO

A.V. Huff, Jr., is a retired professor of history and vice president of academic affairs and dean at Furman. He joined the Furman faculty in 1968. Before becoming chief academic officer in 1995, he served as William Montgomery Burnett Professor of History and chair of the department. Huff holds an A.B. degree with high honors in history from Wofford College, a B.D. degree from Yale University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Duke University.



A specialist on the history of the American South and of South Carolina, he has written and edited a number of books, including *The History of South Carolina in the Building of the Nation* and *Greenville: The History of the City and County in the South Carolina Piedmont*. He has served as chair of the South Carolina Commission on Archives and History, and has been a member of the editorial board of the *South Carolina Historical Magazine* and the advisory board of *The South Carolina Encyclopedia*. He is a United Methodist minister and has been historian of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Rod Smolla, president of Furman University, is nationally recognized as a scholar, teacher, advocate, and writer and is one of America's foremost experts on issues relating to freedom of speech, academic freedom, and freedom of the press. A native of the Chicago area, he is a 1975 graduate of Yale University and graduated first in his class from Duke University Law School in 1978. Prior to coming to Furman, Smolla served three years as dean and Roy L. Steinheimer Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University School of Law. He has also been dean and Allen Professor at the University of Richmond School of Law as well as director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law at the College of William & Mary.



Isabel Wilkerson, longtime national correspondent and former Chicago bureau chief of *The New York Times*, is the first black woman to win the Pulitzer Prize in journalism and the first black American to win for individual reporting.



Her first book, *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, won this year's National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction and was named one of the best books of 2010 by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Economist* and more than twenty other publications.

The book is the first comprehensive study of the migration of some six million African Americans from the South to the North and West during the first three-quarters of the twentieth century. Wilkerson devoted fifteen years to the book, unearthing important archival works and interviewing more than 1,200 people who lived through this watershed period in American history, the decades between the rise of Jim Crow and the onset and aftermath of the Civil Rights Era.

A professor of journalism and director of narrative nonfiction at Boston University, Wilkerson has also won the George Polk Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Hillman Book Prize, the Anisfield-Wolf Prize for Nonfiction and the Lynton History Prize conferred by Harvard and Columbia universities. Wilkerson received a B.A. in journalism from Howard University.

Mark Quinn is director of public and member relations for the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina. Prior to his move to the Electric Cooperatives, Quinn was host of ETV and ETV Radio's weekly news and public affairs program, *The Big Picture* and *The Big Picture on the Radio*. Among the highlights during his tenure with SCETV was his on-site coverage of both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions in the summer of 2008 and the statewide gubernatorial, congressional, and constitutional officer debates in 2010. Before joining SCETV in 2007, Quinn worked as a professional journalist in various on-air capacities for one of the most successful NBC affiliates in the country, WIS-TV. Quinn received a B.A. in journalism from the University of Houston.



Stephen G. Morrison, past president of the Defense Research Institute and of Lawyers for Civil Justice, is a partner in the Columbia office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. A highly regarded litigation lawyer, Morrison has tried more than 200 cases to jury verdict and has argued more than 60 appeals before state and federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. He has served as lead trial counsel in more than 20 states and four foreign countries. He was co-lead counsel in *Abbeville School District v. State of South Carolina*.



Morrison has served on the S.C. Bar Board of Governors and has served as past chairman of the S.C. Bar House of Delegates. He is dedicated to serving his community, supporting numerous civic, charitable, and arts organizations, including serving as past chairman of the boards of the Columbia Urban League, Historic Columbia Foundation, and Columbia Museum of Art.

In 1975, Morrison received a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law and a B.A. in business administration from the University of Michigan in 1971. He completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Graduate School of Business in 1997.

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Since its inauguration in 1999, the Riley Institute has developed a broad array of community leadership programs, symposia, and conferences designed to promote discussion and analysis of public policy issues. The institute also conducts research on education and other areas of public policy in South Carolina and nationally.

Through its promotion of engaged learning for students, leadership development, policy research, and conferences featuring internationally recognized speakers, the Riley Institute has established itself as an innovator in policy and public leadership. Learn more at rileyinstitute.org.

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RILEY INSTITUTE UPCOMING EVENTS

All events take place at Younts Conference Center

September 28: Deborah Horan

Is al-Jazeera Trumping American Media?

October 4: Diane Ravitch

Death and Life of the Great American School System

November 2: Governor John Baldacci

How and Why Congress Became Dysfunctional

November 15: Justice Rebecca Love Kourlis

Safeguarding Democracy: The Quest for an
Independent and Diverse Judiciary

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI) UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16: Registration begins for OLLI Fall course packages

August 18: Registration begins for OLLI Fall single courses

August 25: Herring Center for Lifelong Learning groundbreaking

September 8: Back to class reception at the deSantos Pavilion

September 12: Fall classes begin