

## 38TH ANNUAL BLACK WORLD CONFERENCE AT MSU-DENVER

*The Black Lives Matter Movement in the Context of the Covid-19 Pandemic*

### **Day One: Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

9:00 am Introduction to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Black World Conference

9:10 am – 10:10 am Presentation: *How Did We Get Here: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the African American Community*, by Dr. Melva Thompson-Robinson, Director, Center for Health Disparities Research; Social and Behavioral Health Program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

10:10 am – 10:45 am Presentation: *Reflections on 2020 Protests: Parallels between the Black Lives Matter Movement and the American Revolutionary Era*, by Dr. Devon A. Wright, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies at Metropolitan State University of Denver.

10:45 am – 10:55 am *A Brief Look At Colorado Black Media*, by Brandon Bornes, Founder of My Black Colorado <https://myblackcolorado.com/>

10:55 am – 11:00 am Introduction of Keynote Speaker, by Rev. Marcia L. Dyson, businesswoman, social activist, Founder of Women's Global Institute, and wife of Dr. Michael Eric Dyson.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Keynote Address: *Long Time Coming: Reckoning with Race in America*, by Dr. Michael Eric Dyson.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm ❖ Urban League Scholarship  
❖ Department of Africana Studies Scholarship Recipients.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Student-Centered Round Table on 2020 Experiences and 2021 Expectations: Hosted and moderated by MSU-Denver Africana Studies graduates.

**End of Day 1**

## **Day Two: Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

9:00 am Introduction to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Black World Conference

9:15 am – 10:15 am Presentation: *Pandemic Paralysis: A View of the Coronavirus Through the Prism of Systemic Racism*, by Rev. Dr. Timothy Tyler, social justice advocate and Pastor of Shorter Community African Methodist Episcopal Church in Denver, Colorado and Dr. Nita Mosby Tyler, Chief Catalyst and Founder of the Equity Project, LLC, The H.R. Shop LLC.

10:20 am – 11:15 am Presentation: *When You Look in the Mirror What Do You See? When I Look in the Mirror, I See...* (A Journey of Finding Self-Worth While Working on the March for Black Women Denver), by Tiya Trent, Co-founder and Organizer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual March for Black Women Denver, September 28, 2019 at the Colorado State Capitol.

11:20 am – 12:15 pm Presentation: COVID, Cops and Us: The Fight for Black Lives Living, by Brother Jeff Fard, multimedia journalist, historian, community organizer and Founder of Brother Jeff's Cultural Center.

12:20 pm – 2:00 pm Panel Discussion: *Colorado Black Activism 101: What Does the Movement for Black Lives in Colorado Look Like and How Can I Get Involved?*, moderated by Brother Jeff Fard, with Tiya Trent, Theo Wilson, public intellectual, poet, Executive Director of Shop Talk Live, Inc, and undercover infiltrator into the Alt-Right on the Internet, Shay J., local Denver activist, media personality, and entrepreneur, plus Mr. Hashim T. Coates, political strategist, US Vet, humanitarian, and activist.

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Interview with Jazz Trumpeter Terence Blanchard and other jazz musicians. Moderated by Elizabeth Macy McLean, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Ethnomusicology, Department of Music at Metropolitan State University of link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87285535512?pwd=Q0MvSkFPSiRMtFRxMmtNTHNLeHVWdz09>