I believe you would agree with me that despite significant progress in America’s stride toward racial equality, there remains much to be done. Racial disparities across a number of areas are blatant — education, employment, community violence, incarceration rates, and health and mental health outcomes.

As part of an attempt to address these and other race-related problems, the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and Center on Race and Social Problems have constructed a conference national in scope, “Race in America: Restructuring Inequality.”

This conference has as its goal to bring about greater racial equality for all Americans. It will bring together a group of multiracial scholars, researchers, students, leaders of industry, public officials, community leaders, and interested citizenry to create a solution-focused dialogue to work on ways to promote a more racially equitable society.

As the entire country struggles to recover from a major economic crisis, we believe it is an ideal time to restructure many of our existing systems rather than merely rebuilding them as they once were. Indeed, our present crisis affords us the opportunity to begin anew to create change that promotes greater racial equality.

In the effort to accomplish this goal, we have brought together many of the best thinkers and leaders in the area of race in America.

Please join us for what promises to be an important and historic event.

Sincerely yours,

Larry E. Davis
Dean and Donald M. Henderson Professor, University of Pittsburgh
School of Social Work
Director, Center on Race and Social Problems

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The minority majority: Imbalance in the Criminal Justice System

Minorities continue to be overrepresented in each stage of the criminal justice system. This session will address the extent, causes, and consequences of minority overrepresentation in the criminal justice system and strategies to reduce it.

Presenters:

Alfred Blumstein, J. Erik Jonsson University Professor of Urban Systems and Operations Research, Carnegie Mellon University
Marc Mauer, Executive Director, Sentencing Project, Washington, D.C.

The Color of Money: Economic Disparities among the Races

Among the industrialized nations, America has the widest economic gap between rich and poor. Wealth gaps are largest between Whites and African Americans, and these gaps have wide-ranging negative effects on the quality of life for poor populations. This session will address strategies to improve the accumulation of wealth among the poor.

Presenters:

Thomas Shapiro, Professor of Law and Social Policy, Brandeis University
Dalton Conley, Dean of Social Sciences, New York University

Family Matters: Strengthening the Fabric of Minority Families

Minority families face many challenges, such as high rates of poverty, single-parent households, and domestic discord and disruption. This session will focus on strategies to lessen these difficulties.

Presenters:

Ruth McRoy, Donahue and DiFelice Professor, School of Social Work, Boston College
Oliver Williams, Professor and Director, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, University of Minnesota

Sick and Tired: The Quality of Health Services for Minorities

Efforts to reduce racial disparities in health services have largely met with failure. This session will consider the status of these past strategies and advocate for the most successful ones.

Presenters:

Jeannette South-Paul, Andrew W. Mathieson Professor and Chair, Department of Family Medicine, University of Pittsburgh
Thomas A. LaVeist, William C. and Nancy F. Richardson Professor in Health Policy and Director, Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, Johns Hopkins University

Keynote address: Julian Bond

Julian Bond is a social activist, leader in the American Civil Rights Movement, politician, professor, and writer. While a student at Morehouse College during the early 1960s, Bond helped to found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He was appointed the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center and was elected to both houses of the Georgia legislature, serving a total of 20 years. Bond served as chairman of the board of NAACP, the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States, from 1998–2010.

This event is free and open to the general public.
In the Mix: Multiracial Demographics and Social Definitions of Race

Dramatic demographic changes in the United States have occurred in recent decades due to differential birth rates, immigration, shifting social definitions of race, and increasing numbers of multiracial classifications. This session will describe current and historical changes in racial identity, and provide strategies to move groups toward greater intergroup harmony.

Presenters: Howard Hogan, Associate Director for Demographic Programs, or Karen Humes, Assistant Division Chief for Special Population Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau
Patricia Gurin, Nancy Cantor Distinguished University Professor Emerita of Psychology and Women’s Studies, University of Michigan

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions: 2–5 p.m. University Club, 123 University Place

Community Relations: How Police Interact with Minorities

This session will address community distrust of police, police relations with the citizens they serve, and the destruction of minority communities through high incarceration rates. Strategies for reducing crime, arrests, and incarceration and improving neighborhood safety will be presented.

Presenters: David Kennedy, Director, Center for Crime Prevention and Control, City University of New York
Robin Engel, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati and Director, University of Cincinnati Policing Institute

Help Wanted: Creating Equal Opportunities for Minorities

African Americans typically have twice the unemployment rate of Whites. The goal of this session is to improve employment and job prospects for minorities.

Presenters: Harry Holzer, Professor of Public Policy, Georgetown University
John Powell, Gregory H. Williams Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and Executive Director, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, The Ohio State University

Suspended Reality: Reducing School Discipline Problems

In many urban schools, more than half of the minority students are suspended at least once during the academic year. Suspensions greatly reduce school completion rates and increase involvement with the criminal justice system. This session will consider actions that schools, parents, and communities can take to reduce the number of student suspensions and expulsions.

Presenters: Russell Skiba, Professor in Counseling and Educational Psychology, Indiana University
Pedro Noguera, Professor of Teaching and Learning, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, New York University

Minority Health: The Social Factors that Determine Health Disparities

Health disparities extend beyond medical practice. They are caused by economic disparities, racial bias, education, and other social factors. This session will identify the social determinants of health disparities as well as ways to bring about greater equity in health for all Americans.

Presenters: David Williams, Florence and Laura Norman Professor of Public Health and Professor of African and African American Studies, Harvard University
Sarah Gehlert, E. Desmond Lee Professor of Racial and Ethnic Diversity, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis
Coming Together: Promoting Harmony among Racial Groups

People from different racial and ethnic groups often still have difficulty living and working together. This session will discuss changes in America’s racial attitudes and offer strategies that promote greater racial harmony and justice.

Presenters: Lawrence D. Bobo, W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University
Taeku Lee, Professor of Political Science and Law, University of California, Berkeley

Evening Event: 7 p.m.  Twentieth Century Club, 4201 Bigelow Boulevard

What is Economic Justice and How Do We Attain It?

Keynote address: Julianne Malveaux

Juliianne Malveaux is the 15th president of Bennett College for Women. An economist, author, and commentator, Malveaux has been recognized for her progressive and insightful observations. Her contributions to the public dialogue on issues such as race, culture, and gender and their economic impacts are shaping public opinion in 21st-century America.

This event is free and open to the general public.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Morning Concurrent Sessions: 9 a.m.–noon  University Club, 123 University Place

Is Justice Blind?: Raising Awareness of Racial Bias in Policing

This session will document biases in policing, such as racial profiling and the use of deadly force. It will offer strategies for increasing police awareness of racial bias and for reducing the actual instances of its occurrence.

Presenters: David Harris, Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh
Steven Raphael, Professor of Public Policy, Richard & Rhoda Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley

Causes, Consequences, and Cures: Ending the Spiral of Poverty

Currently one in five minority children and one quarter of minority adults live in poverty. This session will address recent thinking on the causes and consequences of poverty and the most efficacious ways to alleviate it.

Presenters: Mark Rank, Herbert S. Hadley Professor of Social Welfare, Washington University
Sheldon Danziger, Henry J. Meyer Distinguished University Professor of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Basic Training: Confronting the Achievement Gap in Schools

There are large differences in reading, math, and other basic skills between White, African American, and Hispanic students. This session will examine current thinking about the causes of these gaps and the best strategies for reducing them.

Presenters: Ronald Ferguson, Senior Lecturer in Education and Public Policy, Harvard University
Gary Orfield, Professor, Graduate School of Education and Director, Civil Rights Project, University of California, Los Angeles
Growing Old: The Unique Challenges Faced by Elderly Minorities

Major disparities exist in life outcomes for aged Americans. Overall, minorities have a lower quality of life and a shorter life expectancy. This session will address actions that can be taken to alter the realities that elderly minorities face.

Presenters:  
- James Jackson, Daniel Katz Distinguished University Professor of Psychology, University of Michigan  
- Kokos Markides, Professor and Director, Division of Sociomedical Sciences, University of Texas Medical Branch

Mental Health: Finding Solutions to the Problems Minorities Face

African and Asian Americans often are outsiders in a White culture, and this fact commonly produces stress as well as other mental health related problems. This session will review the frequency and types of mental health problems most commonly experienced by people of color. It also will consider the most effective interventions to address these problems.

Presenters:  
- King Davis, Professor and the Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy, University of Texas at Austin  
- DJ Ida, Executive Director, National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions: 2–5 p.m. University Club, 123 University Place

Refocus and Reform: Changing Direction in Urban Schools

Little progress has been made in improving the quality of education for minority students in urban schools. This session will consider major efforts to transform urban education for minority students.

Presenters:  
- John Wallace, Philip Hallen Professor of Community Health and Social Justice, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh  
- Marta Tienda, Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs, Princeton University

In the System: The Disproportionality of Race in Child Welfare

Children of color enter America’s child welfare system at high rates and stay in the system for long periods of time. The goal of this session is to both understand and reduce the overrepresentation of minority youth in the child welfare system.

Presenters:  
- William C. Bell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Casey Family Programs  
- Terry Cross, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

The Bigger Issue: Obesity in Minority Communities

More than one third of minorities are obese. This session will identify specific causes and implications of obesity among this population as well as discuss actions to reduce or prevent it.

Presenters:  
- Monica A. Baskin, Associate Professor, Division of Preventative Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
- Goutham Rao, Associate Professor, Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
The White Way?: Discussing Racial Privilege and White Advantage
Whites generally have taken for granted their racial privileges. This session will discuss the advantages that Whites have received and the approaches for creating greater equality.

Presenters: Joe Feagin, Ella C. McFadden Professor in Sociology, Texas A&M University
Charles Gallagher, Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, La Salle University

From the Start: Identifying Disparities in Children’s and Adults’ Mental Health
Minority children in particular tend to have greater mental health problems than White children. This session will summarize the research on racial disparities in mental health and prescribe solutions to these problems.

Presenters: Oscar A. Barbarin III, L. Richardson and Emily Preyer Bicentennial Professor for Strengthening Families, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
David Takeuchi, Professor and Associate Dean for Research, School of Social Work, University of Washington

Evening Event: 7 p.m. Soldiers and Sailors Military Museum and Memorial, 4141 Fifth Avenue
Panel Discussion: Post-racial America—Does It and Should It Exist?
The election of America’s first Black president has caused some people to argue that America is now color-blind and there is no reason for race-focused initiatives. This panel will discuss whether America is now—or should strive to be—a color-blind society.

Moderator: Alex Castellanos, Partner, National Media Inc. and Guest Commentator, CNN
Panelists: Abigail Thernstrom, Adjunct Scholar, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy and Vice-chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Professor of Sociology, Duke University
Ben Jealous, President and CEO, NAACP
Tony Norman, Columnist, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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SUNDAY, JUNE 6
Complimentary Breakfast: 7 a.m., and Checkout Location: TBD

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The City of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh has the character of a metropolitan city while maintaining a small-town atmosphere. Formed of diverse neighborhoods that have maintained their own history and traditions, it is a city with many quaint shops, ethnic restaurants, and lush parks. Pittsburgh also features a variety of cultural and sports attractions. Professional ballet and opera companies, a noted symphony orchestra, the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, numerous theaters, and concerts by touring bands are a sample of the cultural events in the city. Professional football, baseball, and hockey teams call the city home as well as several top collegiate sports teams.
Center on Race and Social Problems

In 2002, the School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh established the Center on Race and Social Problems (CRSP). CRSP, which was the first race-research center to be housed in a school of social work, has six foci: economic disparities; educational disparities; interracial group relations; mental health; youth, families, and elderly; and criminal justice. The main activities are promoting research, mentoring young scholars, and disseminating knowledge. CRSP fosters research by organizing research advisory panels, funding pilot studies, and assisting with applications for outside funding.

CRSP mentors young scholars through postdoctoral fellowships and guidance by senior faculty. Additionally, CRSP disseminates knowledge through a lecture series, conferences, summer institutes, courses, international programs, and academic publications.
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Ranked 14th in the country, the school is known nationally for its Center on Race and Social Problems, its model training and research programs in child welfare, and as a leader in social work education.

**Where to Stay in Pittsburgh**

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