

# healing history

Memory, Legacy and Social Change



**International Conference**

**Richmond, Virginia  
April 6–9, 2015**



**APRIL 2015** marks 150 years since **Emancipation** and the end of the **American Civil War**, as well as the 50th anniversary of the **Selma-to-Montgomery Civil Rights march** and the passing of the **Voting Rights Act**. Despite great strides toward **racial healing**, the wounds of history and systemic racism and discrimination along ethnic or religious lines continue to hinder efforts to **build healthy, inclusive communities** in societies around the world.

What can we, as a **global community**, learn about how to heal history, understand the legacies that keep us apart and generate energy for **building healthy inclusive societies**?

This conference seeks to **build trust and constructive partnerships** across race, class, politics and religion through **honest conversation**. It will make explicit the link between **change in individuals' attitudes and behaviors** and change in the structures of society.

## WHY RICHMOND

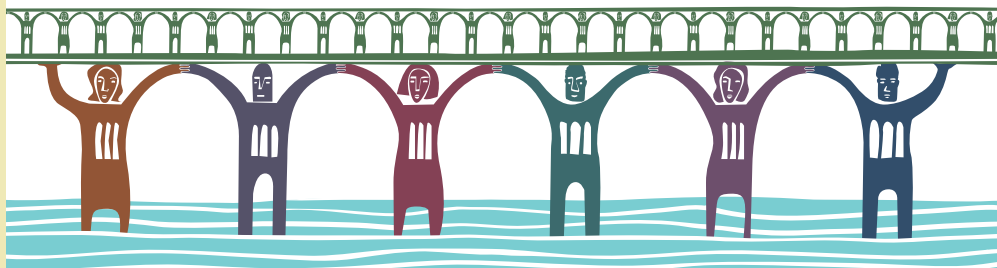
Despite its history of slavery, its role as capital of the Confederacy and a leader of Massive Resistance to integration, Richmond has become a seedbed for racial healing, dialogue and teambuilding across traditional divides. It provided a model for racial healing for the country with the first “walk through history” and Virginia was the first state to apologize for its support of slavery. Richmond’s recent commitment to address the growing challenge of poverty and structural inequality has made national news.

## WHO WILL ATTEND

Racial healing and equity practitioners, scholars, grass-roots leaders, students, representatives from business and government, and participants from South Africa, Mexico, UK, Netherlands, Cambodia, Egypt, India, Canada, Brazil and from cities across the US who are grappling with similar issues.

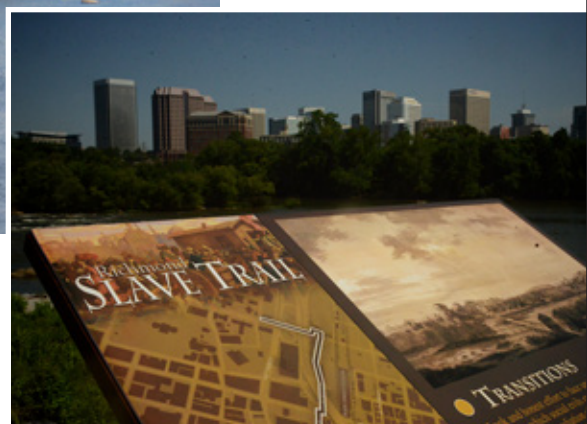
## THE LOCATION

Activities will take place at the University of Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth University, the Library of Virginia, and historical sites related to the city’s racial history. Hotel accommodations are reserved at the Omni Hotel. Event transportation provided.





What happens when people from around the world come together to talk about overcoming racism? This conversation started in 2013 when 225 people from 34 countries met at a Healing History conference in Caux, Switzerland, to explore healing, community building and racial equity.



A feature of the conference will be a walk along the Richmond Slave Trail (above) which commemorates the massive downriver trade of enslaved Africans that made the city the epicenter of the domestic slave trade. The walk also includes the Reconciliation Statue placed to memorialize the triangular trade between Europe, Africa and America.



## HOW TO REGISTER

For more information and to register, visit <http://us.iofc.org/HH2015>

For inquiries, call 804-358-1764 or email [info@us.iofc.org](mailto:info@us.iofc.org)

## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

6:00 pm — 9:00 pm

Opening reception and conference overview — University of Richmond

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

9:00 am — 10:30 am

Plenary: “Connecting Memory, Legacy and Social Change”  
University of Richmond

11:00 am — 12:30 pm

Breakout sessions

- *Museums & public history sites for education and healing*
- *Overcoming implicit bias in education*
- *Creating inclusive economies*
- *Identity, immigration and citizenship*

12:45 pm — 4:00 pm

Walking through Richmond’s history — the historic Slave Trail, the Reconciliation Statue, “To Be Sold” exhibition at the Library of Virginia, American Civil War Museum and other sites

8:00 pm — 9:30 pm

“Living in the Aftermath of Slavery & Apartheid: Reflections from the US & South Africa.” — Public forum with Dr. Edward Ayers and leading historians — Library of Virginia

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 am — 10:30 am

Plenary: “Inequity In Our Time” — Virginia Commonwealth University

11:00 am — 12:30 pm

Breakout sessions

- *Linking racial history & systems change*
- *Community wealth building*
- *Social determinants of health*
- *Unearthing Whiteness: Developing a Literacy for Racial Justice?*

12:30 pm — 2:00 pm

“Overcoming Inequity in the Criminal Justice System” — Public forum

8:00 pm — 9:30 pm

“Implicit Bias” — Public forum featuring the “Within our lifetime network”  
Virginia Commonwealth University

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 am — 10:30 am

Plenary: “Mobilizing the Moveable Middle” — University of Richmond

11:00 am — 12:30 pm

Breakout sessions

- *Social media for constructive dialogue*
- *Housing & education policy for social diversity*
- *How minority communities can collaborate*

6:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Closing dinner and action steps — University of Richmond

*For program updates and exact locations,  
please visit the website at <http://us.iofc.org/HH2015>*

## JOIN THE GLOBAL CONVERSATION

- **Plenaries on connecting history, memory and social change; addressing implicit bias and inequity; and creating strategies for mobilization.**
- **Breakout sessions on the role of museums and public history sites; community wealth building and inclusive economies; identity, immigration and citizenship; the social determinants of health; and overcoming inequities in education, housing, criminal justice systems and other areas of public policy.**
- **Interaction with the Richmond community through dialogues and visits to historical sites.**
- **Networking opportunities with smaller groups to process topics more deeply through stories, personal reflection and relationship building.**



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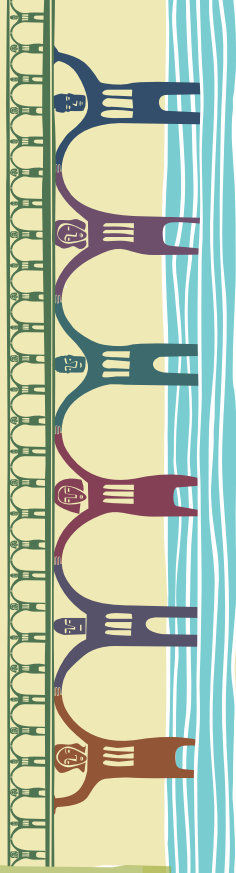
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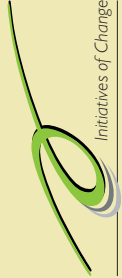
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