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New York City observes the 400th anniversary of 1619

“Acknowledging our history by telling our stories is the surest path to an equitable future.” - Dr. Mindy Fulilove, 400 Years of Inequality Co-Chair

New York, NY – This October, in honor of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Africans sold into bondage in North America, nearly 50 notable organizations across New York City are holding observances to better understand and end systemic inequality in America. These many universities, theaters, and art centers are some of the city’s leading community organizations and span demographics, including **Columbia University, Carnegie Hall, Harlem Stage, Socrates Sculpture Park, Brooklyn Public Library, The New School, The Cooper Union, Pratt, La MaMa Theater**, and more.

On **October 12th**, socially engaged youth from the **Uptown Team Dreamers** are participating in **A Hike for a Just Future**, a march for equality from Washington Heights to Union Square. Other highlights include MacArthur Genius Award recipient **Saidiya Hartman** speaking at Brooklyn Public Library and **Michael Eric Dyson** speaking at the Brooklyn Historical Society.

Finally, on **October 20th**, civil rights leader **Reverend William J. Barber II** of the Poor People’s Campaign will deliver the keynote at The Riverside Church beginning at 6:00pm.

For a full schedule of observances visit www.400yearsofinequality.org

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400 Years of Inequality is a diverse coalition of organizations and individuals calling on everyone to plan their own solemn observance of 1619, learn about their own stories and local places, and organize for a more just and equal future. We are dedicated to dismantling structural inequality and building strong, healthy communities.

