

YWCA Racial Justice Breakfast Historical Profile of Keynote Speakers

Year	Speaker	Affiliation
2021	Richard Rothstein	Author of <i>The Color of Law</i> , Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Policy Institute
2020	Christina Fialho	Co-Founder/Executive Director of Freedom for Immigrants
2019	Roy Davis	Deputy Assistant to the President for the Office of Urban Affairs, Justice & Opportunity
2018	Fania Davis	Co-Founder and Director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth
2017	Adam Foss	Co-Founder of Prosecutor Integrity
2016	Bryan Stevenson	Founder of the Equal Justice Initiative and author of the best-selling book <i>Just Mercy</i>
2015	Kimberlé Crenshaw	Executive Director, African American Policy Forum
2014	Michelle Alexander	Civil rights lawyer, advocate, legal scholar and author of <i>The New Jim Crow</i>
2013	Richard Thompson Ford	George E. Osborne Professor of Law, Stanford Law School
2012	Andrew Young	U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Congressman and mayor of Atlanta, Georgia
2011	Julian Bond	U.S. Congressman, Senator and Chairman of the NAACP
2010	Charles J. Ogletree, Jr.	Jesse Climenko Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice at Harvard Law School
2009	Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum	President, Spelman College and author of <i>Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?</i>
2008	Thomas N. Todd	Activist and attorney
2007	Morris S. Dees, Jr.	Founder and Chief counsel, Southern Poverty Law Center
2006	John Payton	Director of Counsel and President, NAACP Legal Defense Fund
2005	Gay J. McDougall	International human rights attorney and Executive Director of Global Rights
2004	Fred D. Gray	Lawyer for Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr., lead counsel for Montgomery Bus Boycott and Tuskegee Syphilis Study
2003	Melba Patillo Beals	One of nine African American teenagers chosen to integrate Arkansas' Central High School
2002	Douglas Jones	Lead trial attorney in prosecution of Ku Klux Klansmen for 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama
2001	Judge Nathaniel R. Jones Sharon J. Zealey Judge Jack Sherman, Jr. Nancy A. Lawson	Local racial justice experts

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