

Princeton Committee NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.



ANNUAL FALL RECEPTION

Sunday, October 20, 2013

Jacob Lawrence. Migration Series. During the World War there was a great migration North by Southern Negroes. 1940-41. The Phillips Collection, Washington, DC. Acquired 1942 © Jacob and Gwendolyn Lawrence Foundation, Seattle/ARS, NY

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The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), is the country's premier civil rights organization. Founded in 1940 under the leadership of Thurgood Marshall, who subsequently became the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice, LDF's mission has always been transformative: to achieve racial justice, equality and an inclusive society.

SHERRILYN A. IFILL

Sherrilyn A. Ifill is the seventh President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Ms. Ifill is a long-time member of the LDF family. From 1988 to 1993, she served as assistant counsel in LDF's New York office, where she litigated voting rights cases, including the landmark Voting Rights Act case *Houston Lawyers' Association vs. Attorney General of Texas*, in which the Supreme Court held that judicial elections are covered by the provisions of section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.



In 1993, Ms. Ifill joined the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Law, where she continued to litigate and consult on a broad and diverse range of civil rights cases while grooming the next generation of civil rights lawyers. In addition to teaching in the classroom, Ms. Ifill launched several innovative legal clinics while at Maryland Law School, including an environmental justice clinic, and one of the first legal clinics in the nation focused on the legal rights of ex-offenders.

A critically acclaimed author, her book "On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the 21st Century," reflects her lifelong engagement in and analysis of issues of race and American public life. She is a respected civil rights strategist and public intellectual whose writings, speeches and media appearances enrich public debate about a range of political and civil rights issues.

She is also an active civil leader in the city of Baltimore and for the past two years has served as the Chair of the Board of U.S. Programs at the Open Society Institute, one of the largest philanthropic supporters of civil rights and social justice organizations in the country.

Ms. Ifill is a graduate of Vassar College, and received her J.D. from New York University School of Law.

The Princeton Committee
of the
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

Requests the pleasure of your company
at the
Annual Fall Reception

Sunday, October 20, 2013
4:00 - 7:00 pm
(The program will begin at 4:15 pm)

Introducing

SHERRILYN A. IFILL

LDF's Seventh President and Director-Counsel

An analysis of the United States Supreme Court's 2012-2013 Civil Rights Cases
and

PETER NESBETT

Art Historian, Jacob Lawrence expert and Senior Specialist at the Pew Center for Arts and Heritage

A conversation about Jacob Lawrence's The Migration Series, 1940-1941,
paintings illustrating the history of The Great Migration.

Presented in collaboration with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra's Oct 5 & 6 opening weekend
featuring Derek Bermel's Jazz concerto, Migration Series, 2006.

Stuart Country Day School
1200 Stuart Road
Princeton, NJ

Please RSVP
by October 14, 2013

Reception Music
The Bob Smith Trio

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This year's program, hosted by the Princeton Committee of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. illustrates two important goals of the Princeton Committee. The first is the reason for our founding—to support the leadership of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF). At this event, we are proud and honored to introduce Sherrilyn A. Ifill, LDF's new President and Director-Counsel.

The second goal is to be linked in service to our community which this year we will do by collaborating with an award-winning tribute to black history sponsored by the Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO). On Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6, 2013, the PSO presents concerts and a family festival to commemorate 2013 as the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Drawing on the music of **composer Derek Bermel** and colorful tempura panels by artist **Jacob Lawrence**, the PSO spotlights the early decades of the 20th century when Black Americans migrated north in large numbers in search of better lives.

Headlining the concerts will be Bermel's stunningly creative jazz concerto **Migration Series** to be performed by the Juilliard Jazz Orchestra accompanied by the PSO. Bermel uses jazz idioms to represent painter **Jacob Lawrence's The Migration Series**, a groundbreaking series of 60 folk-art panels. Throughout September and October, several cultural organizations will present free programming about the Great Migration: the Princeton University Art Museum, The Princeton Public Library, The Historical Society of Princeton and the Phillips Collection, Washington, DC.

Members and supporters of LDF and their families are invited to attend the PSO Migration Series events. For a complete list of events, times and venues, please go to <http://princetonsymphony.org/#performances/program-notes/pso-opening-weekend-events/>

To receive an LDF discount to ticketed events, call the PSO at 609-497-0020 and mention LDF.

PSO's Migration Series project has been honored for artistic excellence and community engagement by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

