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Subject: Join the Conversation: Race & Social Justice Event Series

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Race and Social Justice 2016 Event Series

The Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) at the College of Charleston was developed to promote public awareness and dialogue about race and social justice issues in the Charleston area, the state of South Carolina, and beyond, through a collaborative effort led by the [Avery Research Center](#) for African American History and Culture, [Addlestone Library](#), the [African American Studies Program](#), the [Lowcountry Digital History Initiative \(LDHI\)](#), and multiple community partners. We have partnered with these groups and a number of other organizations on the upcoming Race and Social Justice Event Series.

The Race and Social Justice Event Series features talks from a number of today's thought leaders on race, social justice and reconciliation. The first event, a conversation with Marian Wright Edelman, Author and President of the Children's Defense Fund, took place earlier this month. Mark your calendars for the next two talks featuring Bryan Stevenson and Ta-Nehisi Coates. All events are free and open to the public!

Bryan Stevenson

"American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity and Making a Difference"

Thursday, March 31st at 6pm

Sottile Theatre, 44 George Street, Charleston, SC

Ta-Nehisi Coates

"A Deeper Black: Race in America"

Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30pm

Sottile Theatre, 44 George Street, Charleston, SC

For more information on the Race and Social Justice Initiative and Race and Social Justice Event Series visit go.cofc.edu/rsji or view the [event flyer](#).

News

Cradle to Career offers 4 paths forward for education

For every 100 tri-county high school freshman in the class of 2009, 75 received a diploma and 38 enrolled in postsecondary education. Only 14 went on to graduate on time from a four-year college, according to the Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative.... [Read More...»](#)

Ten Entrepreneurs Embark on Journey to Developing Healthy Food Businesses in Spartanburg

Hands shot up when Will Culler asked Feeding Innovation participants who was excited to start working on their business plan during their first NxLevel class on Thursday night. Will, a Regional Agribusiness... [Read More...»](#)

Upcoming Events

New Market Tax Credit Workshop

March 23, 2016 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Columbia, SC

This workshop will provide an overview of the New Market Tax Credit (NMTTC) program with examples of NMTTC financed projects both in and outside South Carolina. The workshop is free for all attendees but registration is required. [More Information](#)

Race & Social Justice Event Series: Bryan Stevenson

March 31, 2016 | 6:00pm | Sottile Theatre, Charleston, SC

Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, is coming to Charleston as part of the Race & Social Justice event series.

Stevenson's lecture will be followed by a book signing. The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required. [More Information](#)

Investing in Community: Loan Application Workshop

May 18, 2016 | 1:00pm-4:00pm | Rock Hill, SC

The workshop will provide an introduction to SCCLF's policies and application package, and participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about the lending process. SCCLF representatives will also be available following the workshop to discuss individual projects. [More Information](#)

Since 2004, we have provided 297 loans for \$27.4 million in financing that facilitated more than \$221.6 million in community development projects; we financed 1,291 housing units, 7 healthy food outlets, 9 community facilities, and 10 community businesses, creating or retaining 2,929 jobs and providing a safe, affordable place to call home for 2,228 individuals and families.

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