



## **“The Politics of Reconciliation”**

May 30 – June 1, 2012, in Tulsa, Oklahoma

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi** is a biographer and the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. He is a research professor at the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he teaches political science and history courses. He has worked consistently for India-Pakistan and Hindu-Muslim reconciliation. Since 9/11, he has also tried to address the divide between the West and the world of Islam. Gandhi was unanimously elected President of Initiatives of Change International for a two-year term (2009 - 2010). He is the author of several books.

### **FEATURED SPEAKERS**

**Governor William Forrest Winter** served as the 58<sup>th</sup> Governor of Mississippi from 1980 to 1984. Winter is known for his strong support of public education, racial reconciliation, and historic preservation. He is best remembered for the passage of the Mississippi Education Reform Act. The law was the first serious attempt at improving state education in over 20 years and, among other things, established public kindergartens. He served as vice chairman on President Bill Clinton’s *One America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: the President’s Initiative on Race*, which was chaired by Dr. John Hope Franklin. He is also the founder of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi.

**Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum** is the current president of Spelman College. Tatum received her B.A. in psychology from Wesleyan University and her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan. She also received an M.A. in religious studies from Hartford Seminary and an L.H.D. from Bates College 2000. Her publications include: *Can We Talk About Race?: And Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation*" (2007); *"Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?"*: *A Psychologist Explains the Development of Racial Identity*. (1997); and *Assimilation Blues: Black Families in a White Community* (revised), 2000.

## FEATURED PANEL

**Dr. George Henderson** became a University of Oklahoma faculty member in 1967. He was the third African-American appointed to a full-time faculty position. During his tenure, he achieved many notable milestones, including four distinguished professorships and fifty University and community awards and honors. Dr. Henderson created the Human Relations Program. He was the dean of the College of Liberal Studies from 1996 to 1000. In 2001, the University established the Henderson Scholars Program to honor Dr. Henderson. The Henderson-Tolson Cultural Center bears his name.

Dr. Henderson is a civil rights scholar and lecturer. He has written or co-written thirty books and fifty articles. He has served as a consultant to dozens of state and national organizations. In 2003, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

**Dr. Donald W. Shriver, Jr.** is an ethicist and President Emeritus of Union Seminary in New York City. Shriver, an ordained Presbyterian minister, has belonged to the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations since 1988.

He has taught ethics at Union, Columbia University, Jewish Theological Seminary and Emory University. He has written thirteen books, including *An Ethic for Enemies: Forgiveness in Politics*, and lectured worldwide. In 2009, he won the 18th Grawemeyer Award in Religion for the ideas he set forth in his book, *Honest Patriots: Loving a Country Enough to Remember Its Misdeeds*.

Shriver has had extended residences and travels in India, South Africa, Germany, South Korea, and Northern Ireland, along with travel in 50 other countries. His recent writings have concentrated on case studies of these countries in the area of conflict transformation, including a look at the U.S. and its struggles for justice in race relations.

**Reverend Doug Tanner** is Senior Advisor-Director of The Faith & Politics Institute. He is a nationally-renowned authority on the intersection of race and history, spirit and politics. The Faith & Politics Institute is a Washington, D.C. non-profit organization that serves members of Congress and congressional staff by offering experiential pilgrimages, reflection groups, retreats and public forums. Through its bipartisan and interfaith dialogues and programs, the group works to bridge racial, religious, and political divisions among elected officials, while promoting reflective and ethical leadership. John Lewis of Georgia, an American civil rights icon, has played a special role in its programs, including its annual Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Alabama.

*Town Hall - Mayors Panel*

**Kathy Taylor**, former Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and former Mayor of the City of Tulsa, will moderate this panel. Expected panelists include former Tulsa Mayor Susan Savage and select former mayors from around the nation.

*Closing Reflections Panel*

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