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Timothy Kaine

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"As the birthplace of America, the Commonwealth has a special role to play in recognizing 400 years of American history. Therefore, I am proud to serve as honorary chair for *Voices from within the Veil*, and I am delighted to welcome you to the conference's many events."

Opening Keynote Speaker

Juan Williams

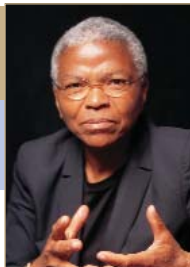
Juan Williams is one of America's leading political writers and thinkers. He is a senior correspondent for NPR, a political analyst for Fox Television, and a regular panelist for FoxNews Sunday. In addition to prize-winning columns and editorial writing for The Washington Post, he has also authored six books. With the release of his sixth book, *Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements, and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America—and What We Can Do About It*, Williams has created a national furor and ignited debate everywhere with his point blank analysis of black leadership in this country. He combines a bold, perceptive, solution-based look at African-American life, culture, and politics with an impassioned clarion call to do the right thing now and not lose sight of the true values of the Civil Rights Movement.



Closing Keynote Speaker

Dr. Mary Frances Berry

Dr. Mary Frances Berry is the Professor of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania and teaches history and law. Her most recent book, *My Face Is Black is True: Callie House and the Struggle for Ex-Slave Reparations*, follows in the footsteps of numerous other groundbreaking books. For over four decades, Berry has been one of the most recognized and respected voices in our nation's civil rights, gender equality and social justice agendas. Berry served as Assistant Secretary for Education and was Chairperson of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.



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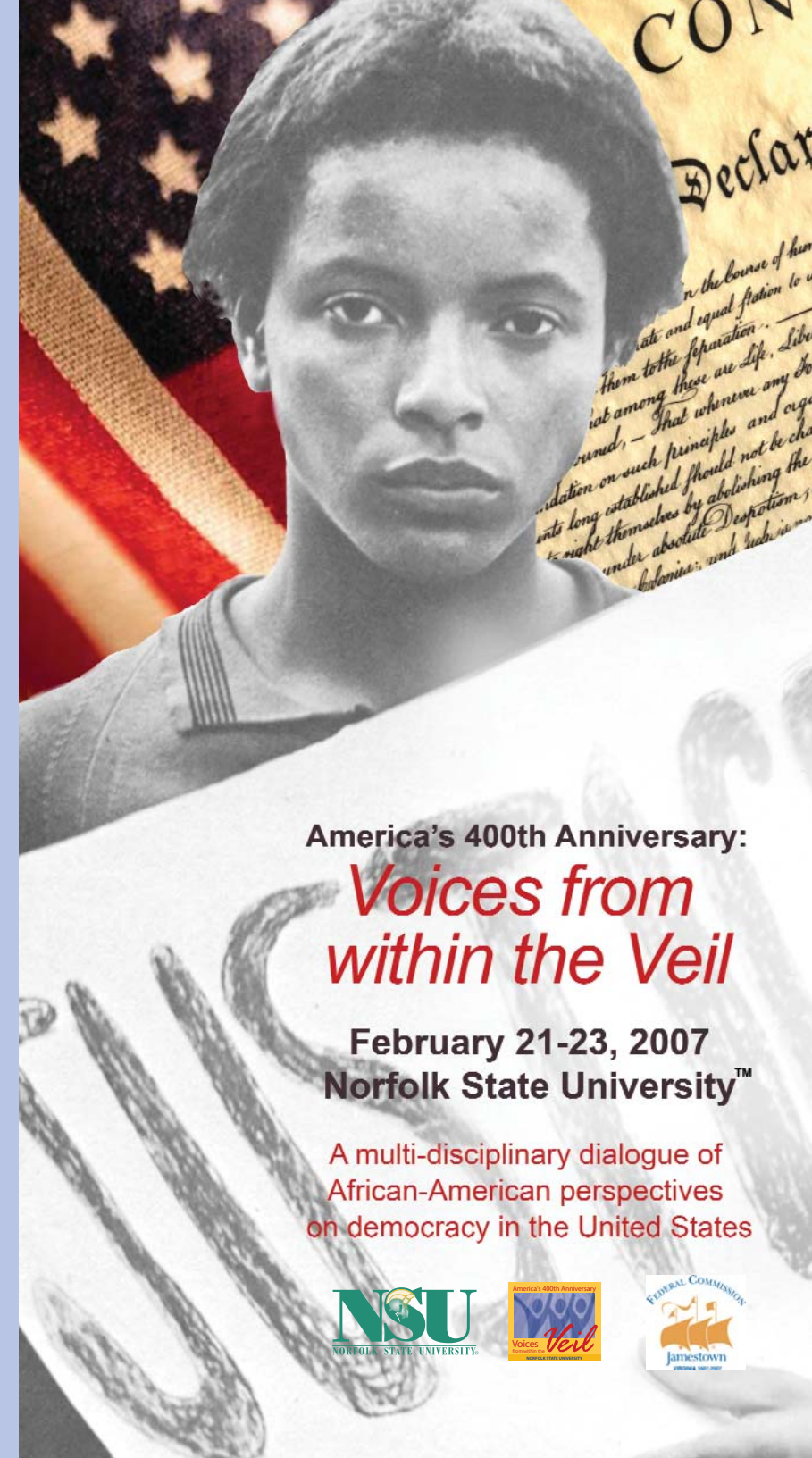
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With special thanks to the Ford Foundation for providing financial support to ensure the success of this conference.

Sheraton Waterside Hotel Rates

Group rate available until January 23, 2007
Single or Double occupancy \$110 per night
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Before January 1, 2007 (Early Bird Registration, includes luncheons)	US \$175
After January 1, 2007	US \$200
One-Day Pass	US \$100
Student Rate (with I.D.) includes 1 luncheon	US \$50
Luncheon Rate (must register in advance and amount is per lunch)	US \$35

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At the conference's core will be discussions about the historical significance and experiences of African Americans in America and how laws and customs have defined them separately from the majority populace.

Over 40 scholarly presentations with Special Sessions that focus on

- **Health Care — Race and Health — Biology or Bias?**
Dr. Mark East, Cardiology & Arrhythmia Consultants
- **Voting Rights — Are Voting Rights Being Purged?**
Mr. Jon Greenbaum, Director, Voting Rights Project, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- **The State of Black Leaders— Black Leaders and What Do They Represent?**
Dr. B. Courtney McBath, Presiding Bishop, Calvary Alliance of Churches and Ministries

For additional information on speakers and exhibitors go to
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Poster and Poetry Contest

Norfolk State University has partnered with the Chrysler Museum of Art and Wal-Mart Inc. in sponsoring a Poster and Poetry competition as part of the *Voices from within the Veil* conference. This competition will allow students from middle school, high school, and college to create a poster or write a poem that raises the awareness of African-American perspectives on democracy in America from the beginnings of the Jamestown Settlement in 1607 until today.

Twenty-one semi-finalists will be chosen to have their works displayed at the Chrysler Museum of Art from February 21 until March 31, 2007. Winners will be announced by the Honorable Timothy Kaine, Governor of Virginia, at the Chrysler Museum on February 21, 2007.

Prizes will include gift certificates, Jamestown Settlement tours, Busch Gardens tickets, and more.

Voices Unveiled Concert

The Virginia Symphony and the Norfolk State University Concert Choir will perform in the concert, *Voices Unveiled*, **February 22, 2007** at 7:00 p.m. The program will feature, among other favorites, selections from Aaron Copeland (*The Lincoln Portrait*), Adolphus Hailstork (*Let a New Earth Arise*), and Duke Ellington (*Come Sunday*). A special treat will feature Norfolk State University's President, Carolyn Meyers, performing the Lincoln Portrait.



Most significantly, we are deeply honored to have actress, producer, and costume designer Daphne Maxwell Reid narrating the concert, which will be a musical showcase of the African-American odyssey in America. Interweaving song, prose, and instrumental pieces, it will bring to life the Conference's overall theme of African-American perspectives on democracy in America.

The concert will be simulcast on WHRO 90.3 FM. Registered Conference Attendees free. Students admitted free with valid NSU I.D. General Admission-\$10.

Conference Schedule

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Poster & Poetry Contest Awards at the Margaret Shepherd Ray Children's Gallery, Chrysler Museum of Art. The Honorable Timothy Kaine will preside.

Thursday, February 22, 2007

8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel

9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Keynote Address by Juan Williams at the L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center

1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Luncheon with speaker at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel

3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Presentation Sessions (6 concurrent)

6:00 p.m. — 6:45 p.m.

Reception at L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Voices Unveiled Concert at the L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center with the Virginia Symphony, the NSU Choir

Friday, February 23, 2007

8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Presentation Sessions (6 concurrent) at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Luncheon Speaker, Thomas Shapiro, Pokross professor of law and social policy at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management, at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Presentation Sessions (6 concurrent)

3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Black History Tour of Hampton Roads area

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Closing Address by Dr. Mary Frances Berry at the L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center, Reception following



C. N. Drie, Norfolk & Portsmouth, Virginia, map, 1873, Library of Congress.

Since the 1600s, African Americans have played an important role in the history and economy of Virginia. African-American men filled the ranks of maritime workers along the Chesapeake Bay and its numerous tributaries. These waters, which fed the plantation system that drove the slave trade, created a system of despair and exploitation; they also offered pathways to hope and possible freedom through the Underground Railroad. Join us for a tour of the history of African Americans in Norfolk and Portsmouth.