THINK TANK 2015
Educating for Struggle: Social Justice, Empathy and Social Transformation

Thursday, November 12
6:00 pm Seating Opens for Screening
Strosacker Auditorium, 2180 Adelbert Road

6:30 pm Finding the Gold Within - Documentary Film and Discussion
Participants - Darius Simpson and Imani Scruggs

Friday, November 13
6:00 pm Seating Opens for Keynote Address
Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue

7:00 – 9:00 pm Welcome/Introduction - Dean Cyrus Taylor and Rhonda Y. Williams
Opening Keynote - Angela Y. Davis
Facilitator - Rhonda Y. Williams, Founder & Director, SJI

Saturday, November 14
9:00 – 10:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
Ford Auditorium, Allen Memorial Medical Library, 11000 Euclid Avenue

9:30 – 9:50 am Welcome and Conference Overview
William A. “Bud” Baeslack III, Provost and Executive Vice President
Marilyn Sanders Mobley, Vice President for Inclusion, Diversity & Equal Opportunity
Rhonda Y. Williams, Founder & Director, Social Justice Institute

10:00 – 11:30 am Plenary Session I: Empathy
Facilitator - Zoe Renee Lapin, Community Activist
Jacqueline Acho, President, The Acho Group
Joy R. Bostic, Assoc. Professor, Department of Religious Studies
Timothy Black, Associate Professor, Sociology Department
Damian Calvert, Returning Citizen & Re-Entry Advocate
11:30 – 1 pm  Lunch Break - **Please note: lunch is not provided.**

1:00 – 2:30 pm  Plenary Session II: Social Justice
**Facilitator** - Maxie Jackson III, Station Manager, 90.3 WCPN ideastream®
Ayesha Bell Hardaway, Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Law
Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, Asst. Professor, Center for African American Studies, Princeton
Carol Apaestegui, Peruvian Citizen and Former Undocumented Child

2:30 – 2:45 pm  Break

2:45 – 4:15 pm  Plenary Session III: Social Transformation
**Facilitator** - Bakari Kitwana, Journalist, Author & Activist
Nancy Marcus, Founding Constitutional Law Professor, Indiana Tech Law School
Yanela Sims, Northern Ohio Coordinator, SEIU Local 1
Julia Shearson, Executive Director, CAIR-Ohio, Cleveland Chapter
Jasmine Johnson, Special Guest

4:15-4:30  Break

4:30*- 6:30 pm  Closing Performance-Talk - Rebel Diaz
**Facilitator** - Daniel Gray-Kontar, Poet, Activist, Educator

*Note: This session could start at 4:45 p.m., depending on how fast we can turn the stage around from the plenary sessions to the performance-talk closing session.

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