

NEWS RELEASE

Esteemed Harvard Sociologist Dr. Jacqueline Rivers to Deliver Lecture on “America: A Four-Hundred-Year Experiment on the Black Family”

Lecture to take place at Truro Anglican Church, commemorating the launch of the Truro Institute!



Fairfax, VA — August 16, 2019 — Truro Anglican Church is excited to announce that Dr. Jacqueline Rivers will be delivering a guest lecture on Saturday, September 21st from 7:00pm-9:00pm to commemorate the launch of the Truro Institute. Dr. Rivers is a Harvard sociologist and recognized world authority on the black church and family in America. Her address, “America: A Four-Hundred-Year Experiment on the Black Family,” is in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the slave trade in North America, which began in the Anglican Colony of Jamestown. Dr. Margaret McCarthy of Catholic University of America and Mr. Brent Orrell of American Enterprise Institute will respond to Dr. Rivers address, modeling the kind of civil discourse and disagreement for which the Institute advocates. This lecture is open to the public and all are welcome to what is going to be a truly inspiring evening.

This event will be held as an act of corporate repentance and a long overdue promissory note toward healing the legacies of harm. As such it is a foretaste of future Truro Institute initiatives, which have as their focus:

- To help deepen the solidarity between Jews and Christians in fostering shalom in America
- To help heal the wounds of racial division, especially between black and white Christians

“We are delighted to host Dr. Rivers for this wonderful lecture” said Rev. Dr. Tory Baucum Rector, Truro Anglican Church, and Director of the Truro Institute. “We want to create a safe place to teach our history and to have crucial conversations for the common good. A family doesn’t heal until it brings it’s wounds out into the open, and we hope to help with this.”

Dr. Rivers’ husband, the Rev. Eugene Rivers, will preach the following morning at Truro Anglican Church. All are welcome to hear his sermon “The Principalities and Powers of Racism.”

Dr. Rivers has served as a lecturer at Harvard University and has presented at Princeton University, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Pennsylvania, the American Enterprise Institute, the Vatican, the United Nations and in several other venues. Her latest publication, co-authored with Harvard sociologist Orlando Patterson, appears in the volume The Cultural Matrix. She holds a PhD from Harvard University where she was a Doctoral Fellow in the Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy of the J. F. Kennedy School of Government and a Graduate Research Fellow of the National Science Foundation.

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About Truro Anglican Church

Truro Church is an Anglican Parish with roots in Colonial Virginia as well as a founding member of the Anglican Church of North America. Our mission is “to learn to love like God.” The Truro Institute is an outreach of the parish which seeks to embody that mission in our relationship with others, especially Jews and African Americans. Thus, the mission of Truro Institute is “inspiring Americans to love the other as other.”