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Congratulations to the 2005 Executive Committee!



Gloria Rie, Chair. Commissioner Gloria B. Rie was appointed in June 2001. Commissioner Rie is a fourteen-year resident of Lexington who has devoted herself to community advocacy. She is the founder of The Humanitarium: Center for Culture & Diversity, Co-Chair of the Lexington Commission on Race Relations and serves on the boards of the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center and the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Commissioner Rie was a founding board member of Transformation House, a former board member of the Kentucky Conference of Community and Justice (formerly NCCJ), and is a proud graduate of the Citizen's Police Academy of Lexington.



Andrea Coleman, Vice Chair. Commissioner Andrea R. Coleman was appointed to the Commission in January 2002. Commissioner Coleman, a Lexington native, grew up on the North end and graduated from Bryan Station Senior High School. She received a bachelor's degree in political science from Berea College and is a master's candidate in political science with a concentration in judicial studies at the University Kentucky. Commissioner Coleman has worked and volunteered for several youth serving agencies and organizations, which includes her current position as Juvenile Justice Specialist for Partners for Youth (as the designated Fayette County Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Council). Her hobbies

include reading, writing, listening to music, and serving the community.

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Russ Williams, Treasurer. Commissioner Russ Williams is the Program Manager for the University of Kentucky Business Administrator's Institute and a member of the Training and Development team. He joined the HRD staff in 1990 as the Substance Abuse and AIDS educator. He has since been recognized at the state and national level for his work in HIV prevention activities by the American Red Cross. Russ is the first staff person to serve on the UK Board of Trustees. He was elected in 1998 and reelected for a second three-year term in 2001. In September 2003, he was elected to a second term as Secretary to the Board. Russ earned bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from UK.



Angela Slaton, Secretary. Commissioner Angela Slaton received her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix in 1994 and graduated from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law in 1999. During law school she clerked for the Division of Protection and Advocacy in Frankfort where she researched issues dealing with Medicaid, persons with disabilities, fair housing, the ADA, and special education. After law school Commissioner Slaton worked as the staff attorney for the Lexington Fair Housing Council where she worked to eliminate housing discrimination against all persons in protected classes. During her time at the LFHC she served on the Executive Board of the Lexington Network and on the Legal Issues Committee of the National Fair Housing Alliance in Washington, D.C. Currently Commissioner Slaton is the Staff Attorney for the Kentucky Client Assistance Program where she continues her work advocating on behalf of clients with disabilities.

The Commission Welcomes New Commissioner Wardell Johnson



Commissioner Wardell Johnson has a doctorate in education and is an assistant professor at Eastern Kentucky University. He received his master's degree in sport management from Eastern Kentucky University and his doctorate in education from the University of Kentucky. While at the University of Kentucky, he was a Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship recipient. Commissioner Johnson is the author of several publications and presentations concerning race and sport focusing on the perceptions and experiences of black male student-athletes. He is involved in many professional organizations including the Black Coaches Association, North American Society of Sport Management, and the Kentucky Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, February 9, 2005 **Black Literary Voices.** Literary readings of classical African-American writings, noon, 124 Student Center, UK.
- Saturday, February 12, 2005 **Apollo.** The largest community and campus-based talent extravaganza, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, UK. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.
- Saturday, February 12, 2005 **Lexington Habitat for Humanity's 7th Annual Construction Ball.** Red Mile Clubhouse. \$50 per person. For more information: www.lexhabitat.org
- Wednesday, February 16, 2005 **Dr. Anita Fernander, "The Socio-cultural Context of Health Among African-Americans: The Case of John Henryism,"** 4 p.m., 230 Student Center, Center Theatre, UK. Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series.
- Thursday, February 17, 2005 **Film documentary, "The Murder of Emmett Till."** The shameful, sadistic murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till, a black boy who whistled at a white woman in a Mississippi store in 1955, was a catalyst for the civil rights movement, 3:30 p.m., Student Center, Center Theatre, UK.
- Thursday, February 17, 2005 **The Civil Rights Movement in Lexington** with photographer Calvert McCann and Herald - Leader columnist Linda Blackford 7:30pm (Galleries open at 6:30pm) Lecture takes place in the Old Courtroom, 3rd Floor of Lexington History Museum, 215 West Main St. For more information call 859-254-0530.
- Tuesday, February 22, 2005 **The History of the SLAVE TRADE IN LEXINGTON** 7:00pm (Galleries open at 6:00pm) Lexington History Museum & The Lexington Network joint sponsor Lecture takes place in the Old Courtroom, 3rd Floor of Lexington History Museum, 215 West Main St. For more information call 859-254-0530.
- Tuesday, February 22, 2005 **Lecture by Bakari Kitwana, author of "Why White Kids Love Hip Hop and the Hip Hop Generation: Young Blacks and the Crisis in African-American Culture,"** 8 p.m., Worsham Theatre, UK.
- Wednesday, February 23, 2005 **Dr. Dwayne Mack, "Long Road to Freedom: Berea College's Participation in the Selma to Montgomery March,"** 4 p.m., 230 Student Center, UK. Carter G. Woodson Lecture.
- Friday, February 25, 2005 **The Fundamental of An Employee Recognition Program in Kentucky (*It Really Does Make a Difference*).** Lorman Education Services. Radisson Plaza Hotel. Registration 8:30 a.m., Sessions 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. \$299 For more information: www.lorman.com or call 1-888-678-5565
- Thursday, March 3, 2005 **Being Up-to-Date in Lexington/Estando al Corriente en Lexington.** Village Branch of Lexington Public Library (2185 Versailles Rd.) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Topic: Employment and Employee Rights.
- Friday, March 11, 2005 **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage Gala.** Louisville, KY. No further info available at this time.
- Wednesday, March 16, 2005 **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage Opening Ceremony.** Louisville, KY. No further information available at this time.
- Thursday, April 7, 2005 **Being Up-to-Date in Lexington/Estando al Corriente en Lexington.** Village Branch of Lexington Public Library (2185 Versailles Rd.) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Topic: Recreation

(CALENDAR OF EVENTS Continued)

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

LFUC Human Rights Commission 10th Annual Fair Housing Luncheon & Workshop on Minority Homeownership & Affordable Housing. Hyatt Regency in Lexington. 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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KCCJ Annual Dinner. For more information contact the Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice at 859-255-6999.

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Being Up-to-Date in Lexington/Estando al Corriente en Lexington. Village Branch of Lexington Public Library (2185 Versailles Rd.) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Topic: Banking

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Technical Assistance Program. Keeneland.

Thursday, June 2, 2005

Being Up-to-Date in Lexington/Estando al Corriente en Lexington. Village Branch of Lexington Public Library (2185 Versailles Rd.) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Topic: Medical and Safety

Thursday, July 7, 2005

Being Up-to-Date in Lexington/Estando al Corriente en Lexington. Village Branch of Lexington Public Library (2185 Versailles Rd.) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Topic: Housing

Thursday, August 4, 2005

Being Up-to-Date in Lexington/Estando al Corriente en Lexington. Village Branch of Lexington Public Library (2185 Versailles Rd.) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Topic: Education

August, 15 – 19, 2005

IAOHRA International Association of Human Rights Agencies. 57th Annual Conference. PGA Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Thursday, September 1, 2005

Being Up-to-Date in Lexington/Estando al Corriente en Lexington. Village Branch of Lexington Public Library (2185 Versailles Rd.) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Topic: Legal/Know Your Rights

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Being Up-to-Date in Lexington/Estando al Corriente en Lexington. Village Branch of Lexington Public Library (2185 Versailles Rd.) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Topic: “Community Leaders”?

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