

FRANCES PERKINS CENTER

INAUGURAL HOMESTEAD DAY AWARDEES

Rev. William Barber – Steadfast Award

<https://www.breachrepairers.org/williambarber>

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is President & Senior Lecturer of Repairers of the Breach, Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call For Moral Revival, Bishop with The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Visiting Professor at Union Theological Seminary, Pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Goldsboro, NC, and the author of four books: *We Are Called To Be A Movement*; *Revive Us Again: Vision and Action in Moral Organizing*; *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and The Rise of a New Justice Movement*; and *Forward Together: A Moral Message For The Nation*.

Rev. Dr. Barber is the architect of the Moral Movement, which began with weekly Moral Monday protests at the North Carolina General Assembly in 2013 and recently relaunched again online in August 2020 under the banner of the Poor People's Campaign. In 2018, Barber helped relaunch the Poor People's Campaign—which was begun by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968—starting with a historic wave of protests in state capitals and in Washington, D.C., calling for a moral agenda and a moral budget to address the five interlocking injustices of systemic racism, systemic poverty, the war economy and militarism, ecological devastation and denial of healthcare, and the false moral narrative of Christian nationalism.

Rev. Dr. Barber served as president of the North Carolina NAACP, the largest state conference in the South, from 2006-2017 and served on the National NAACP Board of Directors from 2008-2020. A former Mel King Fellow at MIT, he is currently Visiting Professor of Public Theology and Activism at Union Theological Seminary and is a Senior Fellow at Auburn Seminary. He is regularly featured in media outlets such as MSNBC, CNN, the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *The Nation* magazine, among others. Barber was named one of 2020's BET 100 Entertainers and Innovators, as a Social Justice Warrior, and he is one of the 2019 recipients of the North Carolina Award, the state's highest civilian honor. He is a 2018 MacArthur Foundation Genius Award recipient, as well as a 2015 recipient of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award and the Puffin Award. Rev. Dr. Barber is also the recipient of ten honorary degrees.

We are pleased to present Steadfast Award to Reverend Barber to give honor to his prophetic witness and spiritual leadership to inspire our nation to come together in community to swing the arc of history toward justice, as Frances Perkins held steadfast to her principles in creating governmental policies for the betterment of all peoples.

David Ferriero – Intelligence and Courage Award

<https://www.archives.gov/about/history/archivists/ferriero>

<https://www.archives.gov/news/articles/archivist-ferriero-retirement>

Recently retired 10th Archivist of the United States, David S. Ferriero served as head and chief administrator of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the independent agency charged with the preservation and documentation of government and historical records. As America's Archivist for 12 years, Ferriero launched an agency transformation dedicated to the principles of open government – transparency, participation, and collaboration. He celebrated the contributions of "citizen archivists" and took steps to modernize federal records management

practices. His diligence in adhering to the Presidential Records Act ensured that records were properly retained even when doing so required engagement with the Department of Justice to assist in compliance with the law.

During an earlier tenure as University Librarian and Vice Provost for Library Affairs at Duke University, at a time of radical transition with the increasingly evident centrality of digital technologies for scholarship and learning, Ferriero expanded the concept of the library to include spaces for training with technologies, teaching and study groups, and at the same time opened the library and its resources to many different sectors of the community. From there, he moved to serve as Director of the New York Public Library. As a dedicated public servant, like Frances Perkins, Ferriero presents a model of truthfulness and integrity.

Monica Rhodes – Open Door Award

<https://themonicarhodes.com/>

Historic Preservationist Monica Rhodes has worked at the intersection of history, architecture, and public engagement for fifteen years. Her impact on the industry ranges from local to international efforts to expand the field of preservation and public lands to new audiences.

Rhodes has led efforts at two of the largest national organizations focused on historic preservation and national parks – the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Foundation. During her tenure at the National Trust, Rhodes developed the first national program designed to diversify preservation trades. While at the National Park Foundation (NPF), she led efforts to reinstitute programs to preserve national parks that tell stories related to African American, LatinX, and Women's history. Over the course of her career, Rhodes has helped raise and manage over \$150 million and has directed preservation activities in 46 states.

Separate from her work with NPF, Rhodes has served on the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation and the Market Center Community Development Corporation board in Baltimore City, was an advisor for the DC LGBTQ Historic Context Study, and a project reviewer for the Facilities and Buildings grant program for the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. She was a 2022 Loeb Fellow at Harvard University and recently received the Adele Chatfield-Taylor Rome Prize award in historic preservation and conservation from the American Academy in Rome, which she will begin in Fall 2022.

We are pleased to recognize Rhodes with the Center's Open Door Award, who, like Frances Perkins, responds to opportunities to advance social justice and economic equity for the betterment of society through her work leading efforts to expand the preservation movement to younger, more diverse audiences and veterans, and engaging volunteers in large-scale community events in preservation works and in national parks.

Sunday, September 18
5:00 – 6:00 PM (EDT)
Virtual Program