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## Problems facing poor inch into '16 presidential race

**By Julie Pace**  
WASHINGTON (AP) - In a presidential campaign where candidates are jockeying to be champions of the middle class and asking wealthy people for money, the problems facing the poor are inching into the debate. Tensions in places such as Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, have prompted candidates to explore the complicated relationship between poor communities and the police, and the deep-seated issues that have trapped many of the 45 million people who live in poverty in the United States.

But addressing the long-running economic, education and security troubles in underprivileged neighborhoods is a challenge with few easily agreed upon solutions.

A frustrated President Barack Obama challenged the nation to do "some soul-searching" after riots in Baltimore followed the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray in police custody. There have been other deadly altercations between police and black men or boys in Ferguson, New York's Staten Island, Cleveland and North Charleston, South Carolina.

"I'm under no illusion that out of this Congress we're going to get massive investments in urban communities," Obama said. "But if we really want to solve the problem, if our society really wanted to solve the problem, we could."

To some of the Republicans running to replace Obama, his call for spending more money in poor areas underscores the problem with many current anti-poverty programs. The GOP largely opposes new domestic spending and party officials often say federal-run programs are bloated and inefficient.

### Duke: Student disciplined for hanging noose, not expelled

**By Jonathan Drew**  
RALEIGH (AP) - A student who left a noose hanging from a tree at Duke University has been disciplined but can return to campus next semester and won't face criminal charges, the university said May 1.

In announcing that it finished its investigation, the university also released an open apology letter written by the person responsible, who says the noose was made as a joke and carelessly left behind. The discovery of the noose last month sparked outrage on the school's Durham campus and made headlines across the country.

The letter says the person didn't fully understand its historical connection to lynchings in the South.

"Once I realized the historical connotations, I contacted the Administration, and explained that I never had any racist intent - which anyone who knows me could testify to," the letter states. "I apologized and co-operated in every way which I could."

The university said its investigation determined the noose was left as a result of ignorance and bad judgment. Investigations by law enforcement officials have also concluded.

The undergraduate student, who hasn't been identified, said the noose was part of a poorly conceived joke.

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"At what point do you have to conclude that the top-down government poverty programs have failed?" said Jeb Bush, the former Florida governor and expected presidential candidate. "I think we need to be engaged in this debate as conservatives and say that there's a bottom-up approach."

Republicans have struggled in recent years to overcome the perception that the party has little interest in the plight of the poor.

Mitt Romney, the GOP presidential nominee in 2012, was criticized for saying he was "not concerned about the very poor"

and that it was not his job to worry about the 47 percent of Americans who he said "believe that government has a responsibility to care for them."

More than 60 percent of voters who made less than \$30,000 per year backed Obama over Romney in that campaign, according to exit polls.

Blacks and Hispanics, who overwhelmingly backed Obama in the past two presidential elections, are most likely to be poor. According to the census, about 27 percent of blacks and 25 percent of Hispanics were poor in 2012, compared with 12.7 percent of whites.

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## Activist groups hold protest rally in Durham

(AP and Staff Reports) - A march and rally in Durham in support of Baltimore protesters angered by the death of a black man in police custody was held May 1.

(hash)BlackLivesMatter says it organized a rally with other groups late Friday in front of the Durham Police Station and was followed by a march to the Durham County Jail.

Hundreds of people have marched in cities across the country in recent days - cities including Boston, New York and Indianapolis - to protest the April 19 death of Freddie Gray in Baltimore.

Gray's arrest was recorded on cellphone videos by bystanders. His death has led to protests, rioting and looting in Baltimore.



Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake of Baltimore, Md., speaks to a staffer during a swearing-in ceremony earlier this year. (Courtesy Photo/Office of the Mayor)

## Justice Not Delayed In Baltimore

**By George E. Curry**  
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Three extremely qualified African American women are at the forefront of making certain that Freddie Gray's death at the hands of police in Baltimore will not go unpunished.

Loretta Lynch began her first day as U.S. attorney general by focusing her attention on Baltimore and offering the assistance of her department. Within hours of receiving a report from the medical examiner that Gray's death had been ruled a homicide, state attorney Marilyn J. Mosby promptly announced the filing of charges against six Baltimore cops in connection with Freddie Gray's death. A couple of hours later, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake followed up with a strong warning to rogue cops that her administration would not tolerate racism.

Mosby summed it up this way: "If, with the nation watching, three black women at three different levels can't get justice and healing for this community, you tell me where we're going to get it in our country."

### NEWS ANALYSIS

One legal maximum holds that justice delayed is justice denied. If that's the case, early indications are that there will be no delay in justice in Baltimore in connection with the death of Freddie Gray, who was arrested and placed in a police van without a seat belt on April 12. He fell into a coma en route and died a week later as a result of injuries to his spinal cord.

Mosby, a descendant of five generations of police officers, surprised the public last Friday by how quickly she filed charges against six police officers.

At the news conference, she said: "To those that are angry, hurt or have their own experiences of injustice at the hands of police officers I urge you to channel that energy peacefully as we prosecute this case. I have heard your calls for 'No justice, no peace,' however your peace is sincerely needed as I work to deliver justice on behalf of Freddie Gray."

Mosby is a graduate of Tuskegee University, a historically Black institution in Alabama. At 35 years old, she is believed to be the youngest chief prosecutor in the nation. And she clearly aligned herself with the young people who had protested Gray's death.

"To the youth of the city. I will seek justice on your behalf. This is a moment. This is your moment. Let's insure we have peaceful and productive rallies that will develop structural and systemic changes for generations to come. You're at the forefront of this cause and as young people, our time is now."

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Arne Duncan,  
U.S. Secretary of Education



Dr. Dwight D. Perry

### Dr. Dwight D. Perry to Speak at NCCU May 8 Commencement

Pioneering doctor of ophthalmology and prominent Durham community leader Dwight D. Perry, M.D., will be the speaker for North Carolina Central University's 125th Graduate and Professional Commencement on Friday, May 8.

The ceremony for approximately 400 graduates of the university's 35 master's, doctoral and professional programs will take place at 3 p.m. in McDougald-McLendon Gymnasium.

Reared in Durham with 15 brothers and sisters, Perry worked his way through college at North Carolina Central University, where he graduated summa cum laude with a degree in biology. He earned his medical degree at University of North Carolina School of Medicine and has been in private practice since 1985.

His research interests have involved vascular healing after argon laser photocoagulation and the effect of tetrahydrocannabinol on glaucoma. Perry is a specialist in cataract and refractive surgery. He is an attending physician at North Carolina Specialty Hospital and Duke Regional Hospital and for 10 years was an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at UNC.

Perry recently completed three years as the chairman of NCCU's Board of Trustees and continues to serve as a board member. A dedicated public servant, Perry has occupied various leadership roles throughout Durham and mentors aspiring medical students in high school and college.

### NCCU Announces 125th Commencement Speaker: Arne Duncan

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will deliver the keynote address to NCCU's Class of 2015 during the 125th Baccalaureate Ceremony at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 9, in O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium on the campus.

Secretary Duncan began serving in 2009, following his nomination by President Barack Obama. The secretary sent personal greetings in a video to the NCCU Class of 2015 expressing his excitement over being asked to serve as the ceremony's keynote speaker. <http://bit.ly/NCCU15>

Secretary Duncan's tenure in the U.S. Department of Education has been marked by a number of significant accomplishments, including congressional support for President Barack Obama's education programs that led to a \$100 billion funding bill for 325,000 teaching jobs through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He also has overseen reform efforts, such as Race to the Top and Investing in Innovation.

Other issues taken up by the secretary include steps to ensure that colleges and universities provide more transparency around graduation, job placement, and student loan default rates.

Secretary Duncan also has worked to strengthen the Federal Pell Grant program, which helps young Americans attend college and receive postsecondary degrees. The funding increase supports President Obama's goal of rebuilding the nation's college graduation rate to surpass that of all other countries by 2020.

More than 650 undergraduate degrees will be awarded during the May 9 ceremony, according to preliminary estimates from NCCU Registrar's Office.