



Chronicle File Photo

The Dr. Rev. William J. Barber II, president of the N.C. NAACP, speaks to the crowd in Winston-Salem this summer as the N.C. NAACP vs. McCrory trial was going on.

# Barber to receive \$100K prize for creative citizenship

FROM WIRE, STAFF AND SPECIAL REPORTS

The president of the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP will receive an annual \$100,000 prize for creative citizenship, The Associated Press reports.

The Nation Institute said this month that the Rev. Dr. William Barber II will receive the annual Puffin/Nation Prize, which honors people who challenge the status quo. The prize is intended to encourage recipients to continue their work and to inspire others. The award will be presented Dec. 8 in New York City.

Barber is the minister at Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, and he built the Forward Together Moral Monday movement that supports issues such as voting, immigrant and labor rights.

He will write an annual report for The Nation magazine, with the first essay appearing in January. The

magazine published similar essays by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from 1961 to 1966.

The Advancement Project, a multi-racial civil rights organization, provides more background on Barber.

Barber has served on a volunteer-basis as the president of the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP since he was elected in 2005. He volunteers as one of 64 members of the NAACP National Board of Directors, and is chair of the National NAACP's Legislative and Political Action Committee.

In his role as president of the N.C. NAACP, Barber convened the Forward Together! Moral Movement, an alliance of more than 200 progressive organizations in North Carolina united around a multi-racial, multi-issue agenda.

In July of this year, the issue was voting rights and the legal action the N.C.

NAACP has taken against the state of North Carolina.

**Mass Moral Monday March in Winston-Salem**

Barber was among the plaintiffs who testified on the opening day of trial in the legal challenge to North Carolina's "voter suppression law," H.B. 589. His testimony was followed by a march of thousands through the streets of Winston-Salem, united in the call for equal voting rights. The march attracted at least 3,500 people. The federal judge had not released a ruling in the legal case as of Tuesday.

For 10 years, the Forward Together! Moral Movement has fearlessly organized for progressive change through civil disobedience. When conservative extremists took over the state legislature in 2013, Barber united the coalition for weekly Moral Monday protests. These weekly demonstrations have spotlighted economic

justice, universal health-care, and public education, and have been used to push back against the gutting of social programs and voting rights in the state.

The movement united for 200 actions, and in February of 2014 brought together 80,000 people in a mass demonstration.

Barber is among the over 1,000 protesters arrested as part of Moral Monday organized actions, during which he has been arrested five times. Progressive organizers have adopted this model of sustained, strategic civil disobedience across the nation.

Set in the long tradition of civil rights advocacy, Barber has marched beside thousands. Since 2006, he has invited progressive organizations into the Historic Thousands on Jones Street People's Assembly, known as "HK on J." The group's annual march has brought tens of thousands to North Carolina's capital to cham-

pion a 14-point anti-racism, anti-poverty, anti-war agenda.

The Puffin/Nation Prize is the most recent in a series of awards acknowledging Rev. Barber and the Forward Together! Moral Movement's incredible impact on civil rights.

**Other awards**

In September, he received the Roosevelt Institute's Freedom of Worship Medal in honor of "his courageous work drawing together new coalitions of progressives in his native North Carolina and across the country."

With this award he joined a long list of prominent defenders of civil liberties, including Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Nelson Mandela.

Also in September, Barber won the CBC Chair's Award, which was awarded at the Congressional Black

Caucus' Legislative Conference Phoenix Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Barber is also the recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest citizenship award.

Already the published author of "Forward Together: A Moral Message for the Nation," Barber will release a collection of his Moral Monday speeches, The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement, in January 2016.

Also, he will write an annual report for The Nation magazine on the state of race, civil rights and the revival of grassroots anti-racism movements, with the first essay also appearing in January 2016. From 1961 to 1966, the magazine published similar essays by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

# Wake Forest joins White House initiative on women, girls of color

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Wake Forest University is among a group of two dozen colleges, universities and public interest organizations that collectively announced \$18 million in commitments to support and improve academic research about women and girls of color.

The announcement on Friday, Nov. 13, came during a daylong summit on "Advancing Equity for Women and Girls of Color" co-hosted by White House Council on Women and Girls and the Anna Julia Cooper Center at Wake Forest University.

Wake Forest Provost Rogan Kersh introduced the "Collaborative to Advance Equity through Research" to publicly affirm the critical need for research about women and girls of color and commit resources of member institutions to pursuing and supporting this research.

The specific form of commitments varies according to the unique mission, structure, and resources of each member institution. Wake Forest's

commitment includes more than \$1.4 million in ongoing support for the Anna Julia Cooper Center's research focused on intersectional scholarship, established scholars and junior scholars whose work focuses on women and girls of color, and post-doctoral fellowships for scholars researching related questions related to gender, race and place.

"Women of color will constitute more than half of all women in the United States by 2050, but they are infrequently the central subjects of scholarly inquiry," said Kersh, a prominent social scientist who also serves as a professor of politics and international affairs. "This research deficit has meaningful consequences for the ways our institutions contribute to public discourse and policy making. As part of the collaborative, Wake Forest is proud to be among such a distinguished group of institutions that seeks to address this deficit."

By bringing together stakeholders from the academic, private, government

and philanthropic sectors who are committed to increasing opportunity and empowerment for women and girls of color and their peers, the summit examined the existing landscape of research focused on women and girls of color, the gaps in knowledge or data that need to be addressed, and the kinds of work that can swiftly and substantively improve the ability to make informed policy choices.

More than 30 speakers and panelists participated, including:

- \*Valerie Jarrett, Chair of the White House Council on Women and Girls and Senior Adviser and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement
- \*Loretta Lynch, U.S. Attorney General
- \*Tina Tchen, Executive Director of the White House Council on Women and Girls and Chief of Staff for the First Lady
- \*Cecilia Muñoz,

Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council

\*Teresa Younger, CEO of the Ms. Foundation

"I am extraordinarily proud that Wake Forest University has taken a leadership role convening

this meaningful initiative. These commitments are consequential and I genuinely believe the work supported by the institutions of the collaborative will advance the cause of equity and justice for women and girls of color," said Presidential Endowed Professor Melissa Harris-Perry, director of the Anna

Julia Cooper Center. She also gave remarks and moderated a panel at the conference. "This is about fulfilling the core mission of our university to produce world class scholarship and first rate teaching that is in the service of humanity," Pro 41Humanitate."

## Collaborative to Advance Equity through Research member institutions

Collaborative to Advance Equity through Research member institutions

Here are the two dozen colleges, universities and public interest organizations that collectively announced \$18 million in commitments to support and improve academic research about women and girls of color.

American Association of University Women

Auburn Theological Seminary

Beacon Press

Bennett College

Black Youth Project of the University of Chicago

Brown University

Center for American Women and Politics of Rutgers University

Center for Medicine, Health, and Society at Vanderbilt University

Columbia University

Duke University

Howard University School of Divinity

National Center for Civil and Human Rights

New York University, College of Global Public Health

North Carolina State University

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

The Century Foundation

The Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University

The Nation

Tufts University

University of Connecticut

University of Pittsburgh

University of Virginia

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

Wake Forest University

## PIEDMONT CRAFTSMEN'S FAIR

Deana Blanchard and Chuck Young

SPONSORED BY NEWBRIDGE BANK

Mark Ellis (Jury Applicant)

Minh Martin

Ben Dyer

Victoria Sexton

BENTON CONVENTION CENTER WINSTON-SALEM NOVEMBER 21-22, 2015

[piedmontcraftsmen.org](http://piedmontcraftsmen.org)

336.725.1516

ARTS COUNCIL