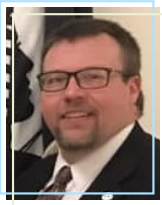


TROY HAUGEN [he/him/his](#)



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Liz Kuoppala works as Executive Director of MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership. Her previous experience includes systems change work at the local, state and federal levels. She lives in rural Erhard with her wife, chickens, goats, dogs and cats.

VICTORIA MCWANE-CREEK [she/her/hers](#)



Victoria McWane-Creek is committed to serving and developing her community. She serves M State as the Director of Housing and Residential Life, the city of Fergus Falls as the Chair of the Human Rights Commission, the Board of Mahube-Otwa Community Action as treasurer, and her two adult offspring in their postsecondary pursuits.

KAREN PIFHER [she/her/hers](#)



Karen Pifher leads Becker County Energize, people working together to create a healthier community, and serves as the West Community Health Manager for Essentia Health. Pifher was 2017 Women's 360 Woman of the Year, and she spends much of her time focusing on rural health equity.

PRAIRIE ROSE SEMINOLE [they/them/theirs](#)



Prairie Rose Seminole, a citizen of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota and a descendent of the Sahnish/Arikara, Northern Cheyenne and Lakota Nations, has been involved for 20 years in state politics and in issues related to health care, racial and gender justice and marriage equality. She is currently the American Indian Alaska Native Program Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

LEARNING IS KEY

The planning committee encourages use of the Body Parts Debrief below for reflection as you experience the day.

EYE: What are you seeing differently because of this?

EAR: What's something someone else said that is sticking out or sticking with you?

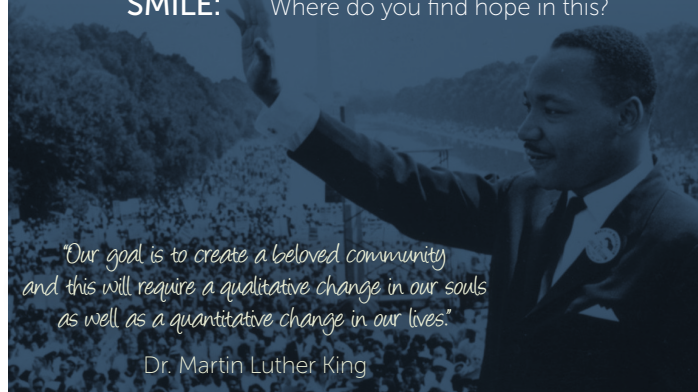
HEART: What emotional response did you have to this?

STOMACH: What about this takes guts?

BRAIN: What's a thought or question you have about this?

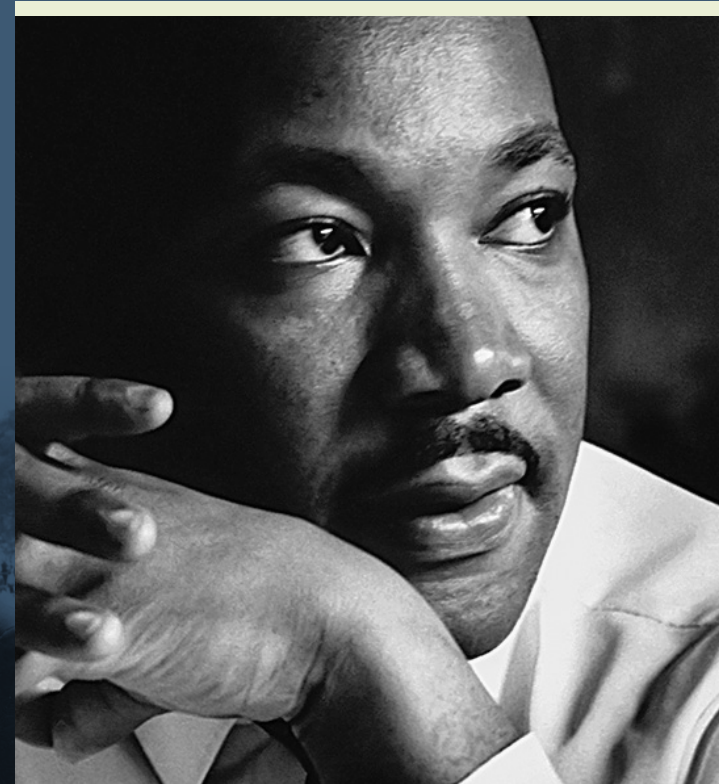
HAND: What's something you'd like to DO differently because of this?

SMILE: Where do you find hope in this?



"Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives."

Dr. Martin Luther King



Thank you to the Rural Racial Equity Summit planning committee: Staci Allmaras, Chandler Esslinger, Troy Haugen, Victoria McWane-Creek, Deb Sjostrom, Sarah Thacker, Mike Trudeau



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The goal of the Rural Racial Equity Summit is to enable participants from our rural communities to dive deeply into adaptive intercultural strategies and processes that foster inclusivity, deliver equitable outcomes and promote opportunities for all community members to flourish and thrive.

- 8:00 AM Registration, Light Breakfast and Networking
- 8:30 AM Opening
- 8:45 AM Welcome
Dr. Carrie Brimhall - President, M State
- 8:50 AM Rock, River, Tree
- 9:30 AM Keynote Speaker
Keith Ellison
- 10:45 AM Keynote Speaker
Ruth Buffalo
- 11:50 AM Working Lunch
Table discussion about morning keynotes
- 12:15 PM Rural Equity Opportunities Panel
Kandace Creel Falcón, Ph.D
Michele Anderson
Rachel Dame
Troy Haugen
Liz Kuoppala
Victoria McWane-Creek
Karen Pifher
- 1:45 PM Keynote Speaker
Kasim Abdur Razzaq
- 3:00 PM From Theory to Action Workshop
Towards an Adaptive Mindset
- 4:00 PM Call to Action
- 4:30 PM Transition to Bigwood Event Center
- 5:00 PM Networking Social
- 5:30 PM Dinner
- 6:00 PM Faith in Equity - Action Panel
Rev. Dr. Curtiss DeYoung
Prairie Rose Seminole

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

KEITH ELLISON

Attorney General, State of Minnesota



In his role as Minnesota Attorney General, Keith Ellison has committed himself to representing the rights of the disenfranchised and under-represented. Sworn into office in January 2019, he was the first African-American and the first Muslim to be elected to statewide office in Minnesota. He previously served in the

Minnesota House of Representatives from 2003 to 2007 and in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2007 to 2019.

Prior to serving in elected office, Ellison worked in private practice as a litigator specializing in civil rights, employment and criminal law and served for six years as executive director of the non-profit Legal Rights Center. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School.

RUTH BUFFALO

State Representative, North Dakota



Ruth Buffalo of Fargo, a citizen of the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation, was elected to the North Dakota House in 2018. She is a public health professional and educator and a volunteer for several local, statewide and national boards that focus on improving the quality of life for all people. A former chair of the North Dakota

Human Rights Coalition, she is a recipient of National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's 40 under 40 leadership award.

KASIM ADBUR RAZZAQ

Social Architect, Razzaq Counseling



Kasim Abdur Razzaq is a native of the historic Rondo neighborhood of St. Paul and has served the Twin Cities and surrounding areas for more than 15 years through his work in social services and education. Razzaq is passionate about social justice and institution building and is a sought-after speaker, author,

business owner and psychotherapist. He utilizes his formal education, natural gifts and life experiences to improve the lives of people and organizations.

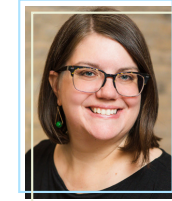
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KANDACE CREEL FALCON, PH.D. [she/they/them](#)



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MICHELE ANDERSON [she/her/hers](#)

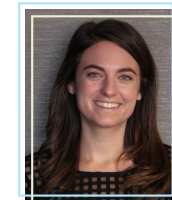


Michele Anderson is the Rural Program Director for Springboard for the Arts, a community and economic development organization for artists based in St. Paul and Fergus Falls.

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Magie Baumgartner uses her degree in critical race theory and training in bodywork, transformational mediation, psychological first aid and trauma/resilience to facilitate culture-building around anti-oppressive ideologies.

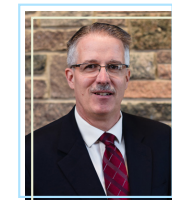
RACHEL DAME [she/her/hers](#)



Rachel Dame is the 2020 Census Project Manager at the Minnesota State Demographic Center. Rachel's passion for the census developed in graduate school when she worked extensively to connect census data with policy decisions in Minnesota. Rachel currently manages the Complete Count

Committee Trainings, DOT, Libraries, K-12 and Higher Education portfolios for the 2020 Census.

CURTISS DEYOUNG [he/him/his](#)



The Rev. Curtiss DeYoung is CEO of the Minnesota Council of Churches, a statewide network of 25 Christian denominations that works to create unity built on justice.