Confirmed Speakers and Topics
(as of 10/14/20)

Lauren Bairnsfather, Ph.D. – Executive Director, Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh
*The Importance of Holocaust Education in America Today*

Kathleen Blee, Ph.D. – Dean, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences, University of Pittsburgh
*Strategies of Evasion by Violent White Supremacists*

Daniel Burston, Ph.D. - Associate Professor of Psychology, Duquesne University
*Anti-Semitism in America: Yesterday and Today*

Ian Edwards, Ph.D., LP – Asst. VP for Student Wellbeing; Director, Counseling Services, Duquesne Univ.
*The Intersections of Mental Health and White Supremacy/Racism (Panel Discussion)*

The Hon. Dan Frankel - Pennsylvania House of Representatives, District 23
*Legislating Hate Crimes in Pennsylvania*

Rabbi James Gibson, MHL, D.D. - Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Sinai, Pittsburgh
*The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Preventing Hate Crimes (Panel Discussion)*

The Rev. Glenn Grayson, Sr. – Pastor, Wesley Center A.M.E. Zion Church; director, Center That CARES
*The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Preventing Hate Crimes (Panel Discussion)*

Dan Herbeck – Co-author, *American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh & The Oklahoma City Bombing*
*Timothy McVeigh and the Domestic Terrorists of Today*

Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, M.A., J.D. - Associate Professor of Law, School of Law, Duquesne University
*Defining Hate Crimes*

Jayme Jenkins, M.A. – Ph.D. Candidate, Clinical Psychology, Duquesne Univ.
*The Intersections of Mental Health and White Supremacy/Racism (Panel Discussion)*

Anthony Kane, Jr., Ed.D. – Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Duquesne University
*The Intersections of Mental Health and White Supremacy/Racism (Panel Discussion)*

Rona Kaufman, L.L.M., J.D. - Associate Professor of Law, School of Law, Duquesne University
*Reconceiving Crimes Against Women as Hate Crimes*

Shannon Foley Martinez - Former white supremacist and community educator
*My Life as a White Supremacist*
James Nolan, Ph.D. – Chair and Professor of Sociology, West Virginia University
Neighborhood-Community Dynamics and Police Procedure

Patrice O’Neill - CEO/Executive Producer, Not In Our Town: Stop Hate. Together.
Stopping Hate and Building Safe Communities through Film and Social Media

The Honorable William Peduto – Mayor, City of Pittsburgh
Hate and Division in America (Opening Remarks, Nov.12)

John Pulcastro and Matthew Trosan – Special Intelligence Analysts, FBI Pittsburgh Division
Overview of Federal Hate Crime Statutes; The Evolving Strategy of the Violent Extremist Movement

The Hon. Josh Shapiro – Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Fighting Hate in Pennsylvania (Opening Remarks, Nov.13)

The Reverend Nicholas Vaskov - Director, Shrines of Pittsburgh and Pastor, Christ Our Savior Parish
The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Preventing Hate Crimes (Panel Discussion)

Stuart Wexler - Author, The Hidden History of Religious Terrorism in the U.S.
Religious Terrorism in the U.S.