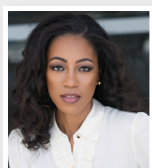


*Triumphs and Challenges***70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
Brown v. Board of Topeka (1954)**

The **Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas** is arguably one of the most important cases of the 20th century. The Supreme Court decision legally struck down “separate but equal” practices set in place by the Plessy v. Ferguson case. The decision changed the course of education in America and resulted in expanded K-12 and postsecondary educational opportunities for African American students.

However, some would say that in recent years, there have been just as many challenges as triumphs related to HBCU funding, book bans, attacks on Critical Race Theory, rollbacks on affirmative action, dearth of teachers color and other critical issues. The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Forum will a panel of educational and civil rights leaders who will discuss **70 Years Brown: Triumphs and Challenges**.

**PANELISTS****Ashley L. White, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin - Madison*

Inaugural Education Fellow for Equity, Access, and Opportunity for the National

Association of Colored People's Center for Education Innovation and Research.

**Alexis K. Holmes**

*Executive Director*

White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity to Black Americans

**Merwyn Scott, J.D.**

*Director*

Community Advocacy and Partnership Engagement, National Education Association

**Gary Flowers, J.D.**

*Host of "The Gary Flowers Show" and policy analyst*

Former National Field Director, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

**MODERATOR****Kalila Hines Winters, M.A.**

*DEI Advocate and Senior Advisor*

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## PROGRAM

**Call to Order and Introduction of Moderator .....Antoinette M. Rogers, Ph.D.**  
*DREF Director of Programs*

**Moderator ..... Kalila Hines Winters, M.A.**

**Greetings .....Renee Harper**  
*President Delta Research and Educational Foundation Board of Directors*  
**Elsie Cooke-Holmes**  
*International President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated*

**Purpose of Forum ..... Moderator**

**STJ Life and Work Video Montage**  
**STJ Intern Testimonial and Appeal ..... Oladunni M Oni**  
*2023 Stephanie Tubbs Jones Intern*

**Update from US Department of Education..... Kalila Hines Winters, M.A.**  
*DEI Advocate and Senior Advisor*  
*Office of the Secretary, US Department of Education*

**Overview of Brown v. Board (1954)**

**Introduction of Panel**

**Panel Discussion**

**Question and Answer Period**

**Unveiling of Commissioned Artwork.....Renee Harper**  
*President, DREF Board of Directors*  
**Karla Miles Green**  
*DREF Executive Director*  
**Kathi Earles Ross, MD, MPH**  
*Artist*

**Announcements and Closing Remarks.....Karla Miles Green**  
*DREF Executive Director*