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Rochelle Riley
Detroit Free Press columnist, blogger, author and advocate

Using print, blogs, radio, TV, and public speaking, Rochelle Riley is known for her strong advocacy, particularly for improved race relations and enhancing children’s lives. She is a columnist for the Detroit Free Press, a blogger at www.rochelleriley.com, and makes frequent appearances on broadcast media, including National Public Radio, WDET and WDIV’s “Flashpoint” – providing incisive commentary on social, political and cultural issues. She has worked at The Dallas Morning News, the Washington Post, and the Louisville Courier-Journal, where she was instrumental in spurring an $80 million campaign to build the Muhammad Ali Center. She has won hundreds of honors for her work, including the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting. Riley is the author of three collections, From the Heart, Life Lessons, and Raising a Parent: Lessons My Daughter Taught Me While We Grew Up Together. She recently completed her first novel. She received her journalism degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and was a Knight-Wallace Fellow at the University of Michigan.

February 6, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
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Reception following

Frederick D. Haynes III
Senior pastor, Friendship-West Baptist Church, Dallas; author, radio show host, and social activist

Frederick D. Haynes, III, has, in 28 years, grown Friendship-West Baptist Church from a congregation of 500 to 12,000 members. With a passion for people and community, he has been an activist against racial, economic and social injustice from the local to the national levels. Marrying theology with a call to action, he also works for organizations championing social change, including serving as the trustee/chair for the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference; director, National Action Network; director, Conference of National Black Churches, and a board of trustees member at Paul Quinn College in Dallas, where he was also an adjunct professor. He is the author of Healing Our Broken Village and Soul Fitness, a daily devotional, and he hosts a weekly radio show, “Freddy Haynes Unscripted.” He received the B.A. from Bishop College, the M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the D.Min. from the Graduate Theological Foundation, and pursued graduate studies at Oxford University.

February 13, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Auditorium
Reception following

John Seigenthaler
Journalist and editor, The Tennessean; assistant and adviser to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, government liaison to Freedom Riders

John Seigenthaler might best be known among civil rights activists for his negotiations as a representative of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy for the Freedom Riders (during which he was hospitalized after an attack by Klansmen in Montgomery, Ala.), but at his core he is a journalist. A former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, he was an award-winning editor, publisher and CEO of The Tennessean newspaper for 43 years, was founding editorial director of USA TODAY for ten years, and served for two decades as a member of the Nieman Foundation Advisory Board. He founded the First Amendment Center in 1991 to create national discussion and debate about its rights and values. Seigenthaler holds numerous leadership positions in groups dedicated to social justice, human rights, liberty, security, and election reform. In 2002 the trustees of Vanderbilt University created the John Seigenthaler Center to house the Freedom Forum, the First Amendment Center and the Diversity Institute. A chair in First Amendment studies was endowed for $1.5 million in Seigenthaler’s name at Middle Tennessee State University. He is the author of a biography, James K. Polk.

February 27, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
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