COMMUNITY HEALTH IS A HUMAN RIGHT

SEPTEMBER 14-16 2023

HUMAN RIGHTS Film Festival

FILM THEMES:  - MENTAL HEALTH - POLICING - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - FOOD INSECURITY

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Hosted on the campus of

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

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This year's Festival theme, **Community Health is a Human Right**, focuses the lens on the collective health and well being of a community, elevates human rights as a public good, and exposes threats to safe, healthy communities across four dimensions:

- Community Mental Health
- Policing
- Environmental Health
- Food Insecurity

Marginalized groups especially experience community health threats and diminished rights. These are voices and experiences not often heard, and the Festival opens the door for memorable film experiences and eye-opening, first-person interactions among diverse people groups.

The Huntsville Human Rights Film Festival is sponsored by the UAH Humanities Center, and the Festival Committee is comprised of diverse community advocates.

All events are free and open to the public.
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The Voice Season 12 winner and performing artist Chris Blue joins the Huntsville Human Rights Film Festival to debut his new song, Rose Petals, a praise & protest anthem for love and justice movement. Mr. Blue’s appearance is part of a provocative evening of film and dialogue on the intersections of faith, justice and policing in communities.

Dialogue: An Evening With Michael Brown Sr. & Chosen For Change

Film Screening: Ferguson Rises

Moderated by: David Person, Alabama columnist and community advocate

FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT

Friday, September 15
Lakeside United Methodist Church, Huntsville
7 pm
DAY 1: THURSDAY, 9/14

Virtual Screening
Angel of Alabama: The Brenda Hampton Story
Screening link: https://libguides.uah.edu/angelofalabama

DAY 2: FRIDAY, 9/15

Lakeside United Methodist Church
378 Meridian Street, Huntsville

6:00 PM Festival Reception

7:00 PM Michael Brown Sr. & Chosen For Change
*Featuring The Voice Winner Chris Blue

DAY 3: SATURDAY, 9/16

UAH Morton Hall

9:00 AM - 6 PM Films, Speakers, Dialogues

9:00 AM - 4 PM Community Resource Fair
Information and resource tables hosted by community organizations
Brenda Hampton was born first of ten to a family in rural Alabama. Her mother taught her to think critically and always fight for justice, so she left for Boston to become an investigator. When her mother fell ill, she returned to Alabama to donate her left kidney. Eventually Brenda’s remaining kidney began to fail and triggered her realization of a larger problem. With her expertise and passion for justice, she identified the source of massive environmental contamination in Alabama. Her efforts have even pushed international progress including a policy change by the largest fast-food company in the world: McDonald’s.

The M. Louis Salmon Library at UAH will host a virtual screening of the film all day on Thursday, September 14.

https://libguides.uah.edu/angelofalabama
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Film festival kickoff
An Evening with Michael Brown Sr. Chosen For Change
Friday, September 15
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3738 Meridian Street, Huntsville

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This event is held at historic Lakeside United Methodist Church. Alabama journalist and community advocate David Person will moderate this conversation on the intersections of faith, justice and policing.
# Huntsville Human Rights Film Festival
**S SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**
UAH Campus ~ Morton Hall

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Morton 146

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**1 - 3 PM ~ Morton 147**
**Policing, Veterans & Mental Health**

*The Life of Crystal Ragland*
*Film: Ernie & Joe: Crisis Cops*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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<td>Southern Exposure Films Takeover</td>
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The Huntsville Human Rights Film Festival is pleased to partner with Alabama Extension at Alabama A&M University to offer wellness sessions on the Festival Main Day Saturday, September 16.

David Person

Session Description: This one-hour session invites Festivalgoers to begin the day with mindfulness and an awareness of inner stressors that affect mental well being. Learn how to listen to your inner self and identify stressors that might otherwise go undetected in our busy lives.

Wellness Session 2: Chronic Disease Prevention & Healthy Eating
10 am - 11 am
Morton Hall 147

Dr. Tamara C. Warren
State Extension Specialist
Human Nutrition, Diet and Health
Alabama Cooperative Extension System
Alabama A&M University

Session Description: In this session, explore how the phrase, “health is wealth”, applies to chronic disease prevention and healthy eating habits. Our dietary choices can promote health and decrease our risks for chronic diseases. Come to this session to learn about developing and practicing healthy eating habits.
Medicaid is a health insurance program that provides comprehensive and affordable health care coverage to low-income children and adults, seniors, and people with disabilities. For nearly a decade, states have had the option to expand Medicaid and make health care more accessible for individuals and families who make “too much” for Medicaid and not enough to afford private health insurance.

 Alabama is one of only 10 states that has refused to expand Medicaid

Film Screenings & Panel Discussion

**Requiring Justice: Faith and the Coverage Gap**

Jesse Odland: Expand Medicaid Coverage in Alabama

On the Edge of Healthcare in Alabama

Hosted by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, three short films explore how expanding Medicaid could make the difference for more Alabamians caught in the coverage gap. A panel follows featuring Alabama faith leaders from different denominations urging Alabama to expand Medicaid and calling community members to action.
Crystal Ragland was killed by police while she was experiencing a mental health crisis. The Ragland family and panelists discuss her life, special mental health needs for veterans, and humane policing for people in crisis. A screening of the documentary, *Ernie & Joe: Crisis Cops* follows the discussion.

Panel:
Members of the Ragland Family
Akeem Davis, Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council

Moderator: Chari Herron, LPC
Divine Restoration Counseling and Consultation
In partnership with the Huntsville Human Rights Film Festival, Alabama Rivers Alliance and Southern Exposure Films, Alabama’s premiere environmental film company, will ‘takeover’ the Environmental Health film track. Southern Exposure will screen a slate of films on Alabama’s air and water quality, protecting rivers and streams, public health threats, and environmental justice.
Exposes how our country’s history of racial injustice evolved into an enormous abuse of criminal justice power. 13 million people a year – most of them poor and people of color – are abused by this system. The film brings to light the unfolding of a powerful engine of profits and racial inequality.

_Robert Greenwald, Director_

### Clemency

As she prepares to execute another inmate, Bernadine must confront the psychological and emotional demons her job creates, ultimately connecting her to the man she is sanctioned to kill.

_Chinonye Chukwu, Director_

### To Live and Die in Alabama

The New York Times examines the case of Nathaniel Woods, who was sentenced to death and subsequently executed in Alabama for the murders of three Birmingham police officers fatally shot by someone else.

_Matt Kay, Director_
An intimate portrait of two Texas police officers who are helping change the way police respond to mental health calls. The film takes audiences on a personal journey, weaving together these two officers' experiences during their daily encounters with people in crisis.

**Ernie & Joe Crisis Cops**

Jenifer MCShane, Director

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Scott has been a case of arrested development since his firefighter dad died. He spends his days smoking weed and dreaming of being a tattoo artist until events force him to grapple with his grief and take his first steps forward in life.

**Diverse Offerings**

Judd Apatow, Director

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Inner Wound Real relays the story of three BIPOC folks who self-injure, then find new ways to cope. The animated documentary short has 3 different visual styles, one for each participant.

**Inner Wound Heal**

Carrie Hawks, Director
A Place at the Table focuses on food insecurity in the United States; these are the facts related to the general claims the film makes about food insecurity, geographic information related to hunger, and information about health. Kristi Jacobson, Lori Silverbush, Directors

Introduces the faces behind an American crisis — college students so strapped to pay tuition that they don’t have enough money to eat or a place to live. This documentary is not just about the devastating hunger crisis unfolding on American campuses, it is about what can — and should — be done about it. Geeta Gandbhir, Director

What does the face of hunger look like? Is it a child in Ethiopia? An aging man in Somalia? In America today, one in six people, including hard-working men and women, suburban families and children, are struggling with hunger. Tonight, over 50 million Americans won’t have enough food to eat by day’s end. The face of hunger in America is not just the homeless, like everyone thinks. Zac Adams, Director
David Person
DavidPersonMedia, LLC

David Person is the owner of DavidPersonMedia LLC, a media consulting company. In his prior professional life as a full-time journalist and broadcaster, his work was featured nationally on NPR and in USA Today, BlackAmericaWeb.com, Message Magazine, and various media outlets throughout Alabama.

As a consultant, David creates content for various clients and partners, and specializes in developing media strategies and messaging. His client list includes from U.S. Senate Candidate Will Boyd, environmental justice advocate Catherine Coleman Flowers and Estella’s Brilliant Bus (a CNN Hero). David co-hosts and/or produces the following podcasts: Breathe, featuring Pastor Debleaire Snell, and Alabama Politics this Week, co-hosted with Josh Moon.

David also co-produced Finding Tamika, an Audible Original hosted by actress/director/producer Erika Alexander. Comedian Kevin Hart and syndicated radio/TV host Charlamagne Ta God are executive producers. Finding Tamika is one of Audibles’ top podcasts for 2022. It won the 2023 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the news business. It also was awarded a Webby, the leading international award honoring excellence on the internet.

David's community commitments include being a founder member of three organizations: the Community Faith Partners, the Madison County Remembrance Project and Huntsville's Rosa Parks Day Committee. He's also a member of Drake State Community & Technical College Foundation board and is an active member of the Oakwood University Church. David is an alumnus of Oakwood University and has one son, Jeremy.

Chari N. Herron is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Alabama, a nationally board-certified counselor, and a certified trauma-trained professional with a strong understanding and skill set to diagnose mental and substance use issues, while treating numerous psychological problems and providing preventative strategies to remain well.

A mental health professional with over 13 years of post-master's experience, Chari is the Lead Mental Health Counselor at Thrive Alabama, providing individual and group mental health counseling to persons living with or at risk for HIV and individuals who are receiving primary care services. She is also the owner and therapist of Divine Restoration Counseling and Consultation, a private practice where she offers competent and relevant counseling and biblical guidance to empower, edify, and encourage healing to clients that allows them to take control of their destinies and function productively.
Thank you for attending the 2nd Annual Huntsville Human Rights Film Festival. The theme, Community Health is a Human Right, reflects the vision for justice-seeking and empowerment to help communities to heal, grow, and thrive.

The Festival Committee considered how to convey complex themes and intersecting ideas concerning the social determinants of health and the power of collective action to solve community health challenges.

We believe that all persons are deserving of safe, livable communities, and together we can achieve this vision. We hope the array of films, conversations, and special events presented at the Festival spark conversation and action.

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