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Conversations on Social Justice

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An evening with
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PROGRAM

5:45 p.m.

OPENING

Craig Mohre

President, The New Albany Community Foundation

QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL STUDENTS

Michelle Alexander

Civil Rights Lawyer, Advocate, Legal Scholar and Author

De'Zerae Franklin

KIPP Columbus High Student

Giah Harper

New Albany High School Student

Ibram S. Kendi

*Award-Winning Historian and Leading
Antiracist Voice*

Interviewed by Michelle Alexander

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CLOSING

Michelle Alexander

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for the second program as part of the New Albany Lecture Series' Conversations on Social Justice.

Let me acknowledge that I recognize that these are not easy discussions. I also realize that not everyone agrees with all of the views expressed by our speakers through the years and that there are different, sometimes conflicting views. However, we believe these are necessary discussions if we are to build a stronger community. If we are to be a community that embraces lifelong learning, civil discourse and the free, open exchange of ideas, we cannot avoid issues that may be difficult or uncomfortable.

As the protests swept across the country, including in New Albany, we asked ourselves what role the Foundation should play. For years, the Foundation has leveraged the lecture series to provide a platform for dialogue on timely issues. Moreover, the lecture series can provide participants an opportunity to listen, learn and hopefully gain a greater understanding on important issues.

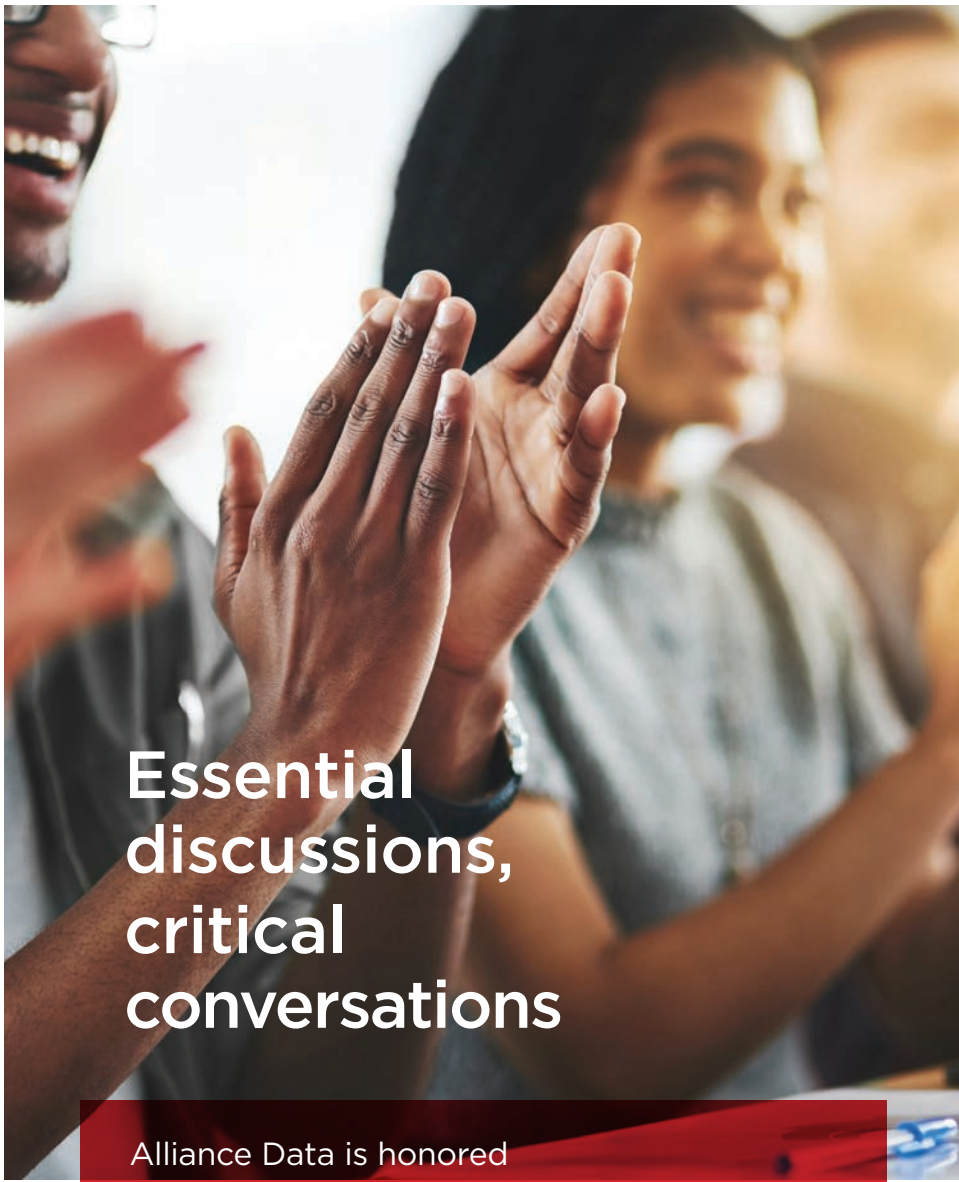
Discussions on race, bigotry and discrimination are not new to the lecture series. In 2011, the Foundation hosted civil rights leader and advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Clarence Jones and in 2012 we hosted NPR journalist and author, Michele Norris. Last month Distinguished Princeton Professor, Eddie S. Glaude Jr. helped start a new discussion. Tonight we continue our dialogue with Ibram X. Kendi, who is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, professor of history and international studies, and the Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research. He is an Ideas Columnist at *The Atlantic*, and a correspondent with CBS News. Professor Kendi will be interviewed by Michelle Alexander, a renowned scholar, acclaimed civil rights lawyer and author of the bestseller, *The New Jim Crow*. Michelle lives in our community and we are so grateful that she is a part of this important discussion.

We are grateful to all of the lecture series sponsors, especially those sponsoring tonight's program including Easton Community Foundation, Encova Insurance, Huntington Bank and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Thank you again for joining us for tonight's lecture. We hope you will join us for the remaining 2020-2021 season forums!

Sincerely,

Craig Mohre, President
The New Albany Community Foundation



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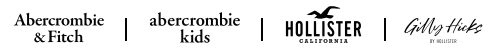
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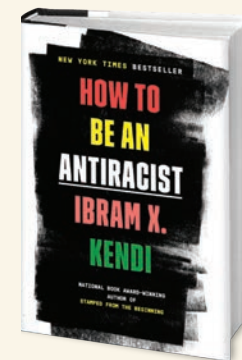
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IBRAM X. KENDI is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, professor of history and international studies, and the Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research.



He is an Ideas Columnist at *The Atlantic*, and a correspondent with CBS News.

He is the author of four books including *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, which won National Book Award for Nonfiction, and the *New York Times* bestsellers *How to Be an Antiracist* and *STAMPED: Racism,*



Antiracism, and You, co-authored with Jason Reynolds.

His newest book, *Antiracist Baby*, published on June 16th, 2020.

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MICHELLE ALEXANDER

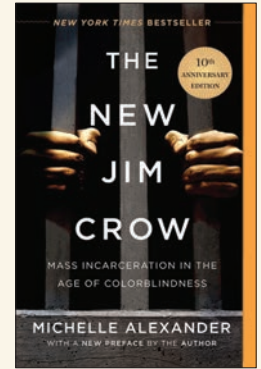
MICHELLE ALEXANDER is a highly acclaimed civil rights lawyer, advocate, legal scholar and author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* — the bestselling book that helped to transform the national debate on racial and criminal justice in the United States. Since *The New Jim Crow* was first published in 2010, it has spent nearly 250 weeks on *The New York Times* bestseller list and has been cited in judicial decisions and adopted in campus-wide and community-wide reads, and has inspired a generation of racial justice activists motivated by Alexander's unforgettable argument that "we have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it." The book has won numerous awards, including the 2011 NAACP Image Award for best nonfiction. Alexander has been featured in national radio and television media outlets, including MSNBC, NPR, CNN, Bill Moyers Journal, The Colbert Show, Real Time with Bill Maher, Tavis Smiley, Democracy Now!, and C-SPAN.



Over the years, Alexander has taught at a number of universities, including Stanford Law School, where she was an associate professor of law and directed the Civil Rights Clinic. In 2005, Alexander won a Soros Justice Fellowship that supported the writing of *The New Jim Crow* and accepted a joint appointment at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. Currently she is a visiting professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and a contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times*.

Prior to joining academia, Alexander engaged in civil rights litigation in both the private and nonprofit sector, ultimately serving as the director of the Racial Justice Project for the ACLU of Northern California, where she coordinated the Project's media advocacy, grassroots organizing, and coalition building and launched a major campaign against racial profiling by law enforcement known as the "DWB Campaign" or "Driving While Black or Brown Campaign."

Alexander is a graduate of Stanford Law School and Vanderbilt University. She has clerked for Justice Harry A. Blackmun on the U.S. Supreme Court and for Chief Judge Abner Mikva on the D.C. Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals.



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-Nancy Mora
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"It was amazing, I just felt really empowered afterwards."

-Nora Bounemany
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"It was really interesting, I really like how (Glenn Close) spoke about mental illness. We got to see how she talked about it and how she contributes to it and what she does."

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How Lower is creating an award-winning culture in New Albany

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Dan Snyder—
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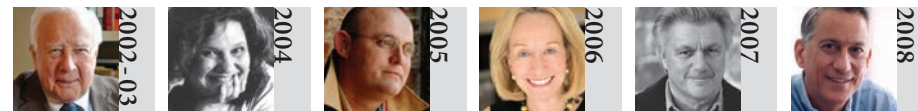
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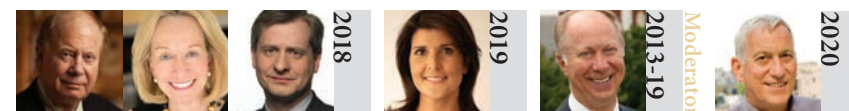
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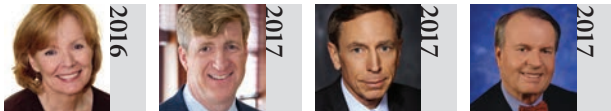
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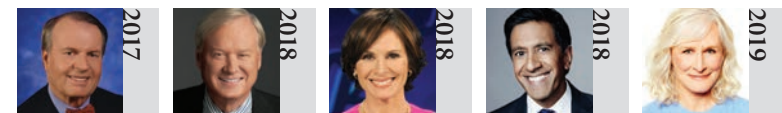
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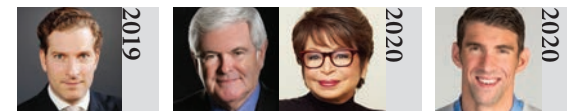
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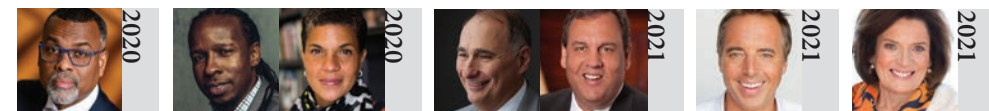
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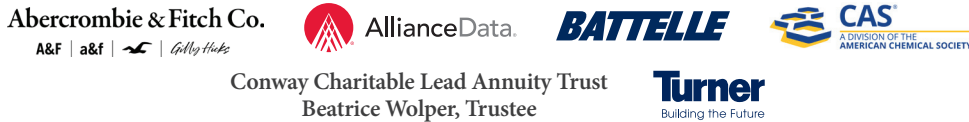
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