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An evening with  
**ISABEL WILKERSON**  
INTERVIEWED BY  
**KERRY CHARLES**

7:00 p.m.

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**CRAIG MOHRE**

*President, The New Albany Community Foundation*

## PROGRAM

**ISABEL WILKERSON**

*Pulitzer Prize Winner and Bestselling Author*

*Interviewed by*

**KERRY CHARLES**

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**ISABEL WILKERSON**

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## Dear Friends,

With tonight's appearance from Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Isabel Wilkerson, The New Albany Community Foundation launches the ninth season of The New Albany Lecture Series.

As a Foundation, we remain committed to the mission of promoting lifelong learning, greater understanding on timely issues and to providing a platform for civil discourse. Moreover, we remain committed to addressing the challenging issues confronting our society. We're proud that despite the limitations caused by COVID, through the lecture series virtual platform we reached more central Ohio residents than ever before last year. In fact, we surpassed 22,000 area students who participated in enriching discussions with influential thought leaders.

We are grateful to all of the Foundation sponsors and donors who make these unique opportunities possible. I hope you'll take a moment to look at the program that includes all of the sponsors and donors.

Thanks for participating in tonight's discussion. We invite you to join us for the coming lectures of the 2021-22 season with another outstanding lineup of speakers.

With appreciation,

Craig Mohre, President  
The New Albany Community Foundation



# ISABEL WILKERSON

Pulitzer Prize Winner and Bestselling Author

ISABEL WILKERSON, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Humanities Medal, is the author of *The New York Times* bestsellers *The Warmth of Other Suns* and *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.

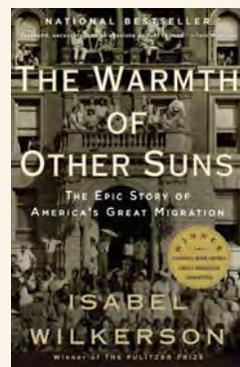


A gifted storyteller, Wilkerson captivates audiences with the universal human story of migration and reinvention, as well as the unseen hierarchies that have divided us as a nation, in order to find a way to transcend them.

She has become an impassioned voice for demonstrating how history can help us understand ourselves, our country and our current era of upheaval. In her writing, Wilkerson brings the invisible and the marginalized into the light and into our hearts. In her lectures, she explores with authority the need to reconcile America's karmic racial inheritance — a notion she has expressed in her widely-shared Op-Ed essays in *The New York Times*.

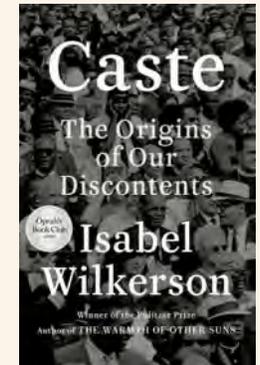
Wilkerson captivates audiences with the universal story of migration and the enduring search for the American dream, the origins of our shared commonality. She draws a direct link between the leaderless revolution known as the Great Migration and the protest movements for social justice today, both of them responses to unacknowledged and unaddressed history.

*The Warmth of Other Suns* tells the true story of three people among the six million who made the decision of their lives during the Great Migration, a watershed in American history. Wilkerson spent 15 years working on *Warmth*, interviewing more than 1,200 people to tell what she calls one of the greatest underreported stories of the 20th Century. In addition to the National Book Critics Circle Award, the book won the Heartland Prize for Nonfiction, the Anisfield-Wolf Award for Nonfiction, the Lynton History Prize from Harvard and Columbia universities, and the Stephen Ambrose Oral History Prize and was shortlisted for both the Pen-Galbraith Literary Award and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. *The Warmth of Other Suns* became a *New York Times* and national bestseller. It was named to more than 30 Best of the Year lists, including *The New York Times*' 10 Best Books of the Year, Amazon's 5 Best Books of the Year, and Best of the Year lists in *The New Yorker*, *The Los Angeles Times* and



*The Washington Post*, among others. It made national news when President Obama chose the book for summer reading in 2011. In 2012, *The New York Times Magazine* named *The Warmth of Other Suns* to its list of the best nonfiction books of all time, and in 2019, *TIME Magazine* named it one of the “10 Best Non-Fiction Books” of the decade.

Her latest book, *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, published in August 2020 to critical acclaim, with Dwight Garner of *The New York Times* calling it, “An instant American classic” and Oprah choosing it for her monthly book club pick. Picked as a *Time*'s 2020 must-read book, the book examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how a hierarchy of social divisions still defines our lives today. Wilkerson brings the past's complexities to vivid life through her passionate research and her profound gift for connecting with audiences of all backgrounds. *Caste* is being adapted into a Netflix film directed, written, and produced by Ava DuVernay.



Wilkerson won the Pulitzer Prize for her work as Chicago Bureau Chief of *The New York Times* in 1994, making her the first Black woman in the history of American journalism to win a Pulitzer Prize and the first African-American to win for individual reporting in the history of American journalism.

She has lectured on narrative nonfiction at the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University and has taught at Princeton, Emory and Boston universities. She has lectured at more than 200 other colleges and universities across the United States, Europe and in Asia. Her work has garnered seven honorary degrees, most recently from Bates College and Southern Methodist University. She has appeared on national programs such as CBS's 60 Minutes, NPR's Fresh Air, NBC's Nightly News, MSNBC, CNN, C-SPAN, and others.

In conferring Wilkerson the 2015 National Humanities Medal, the National Endowment for the Humanities honored her “for championing the stories of an unsung history. Her masterful combination of intimate human narratives with broader societal trends allows us to measure the epic migration of a people by its vast impact on our Nation and on each individual life.”

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## KERRY CHARLES

*Anchor, NBC4*

KERRY CHARLES is a weeknight anchor for NBC4. He joined the station after working as an anchor/reporter in Atlanta. Prior to that, he spent seven years as a morning news anchor in Greensboro, N.C. He has also produced and/or reported in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Shreveport, LA.



Central Ohio is home for Kerry. He attended Columbus City Schools and graduated from Linden-McKinley High School. Kerry studied communication at the University of Cincinnati. Kerry's interest in broadcasting started at an early age. While attending Crestview Middle School, he became a host for Kids Sundae. The weekly radio program aired on WCBE 90.5FM. He was also a young anchor and reporter for the Kids News Network, the weekly television program aired Saturday mornings.

In his years away from home, Kerry covered all sorts of stories. He followed two viewers to the Bahamas to check on their families and childhood homes following Hurricane Dorian. He covered a presidential debate and three national political conventions. Kerry anchored special coverage on the scene of the Charleston church shootings, the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom, and Super Bowl LIII. During the grand opening of Tyler Perry Studios in Atlanta, he interviewed several entertainment icons.

Kerry believes in giving back to the community. When he is not visiting with local students and organizations, Kerry is busy serving on boards for St. Stephen's Community House and the Neighborhood Design Center. He engages in service projects through memberships with Phi Beta Sigma and the National Association of Black Journalists. During his time in North Carolina, he helped launch an ongoing effort that gives kids free haircuts, lunches, grooming lessons, and access to financial literacy workshops.

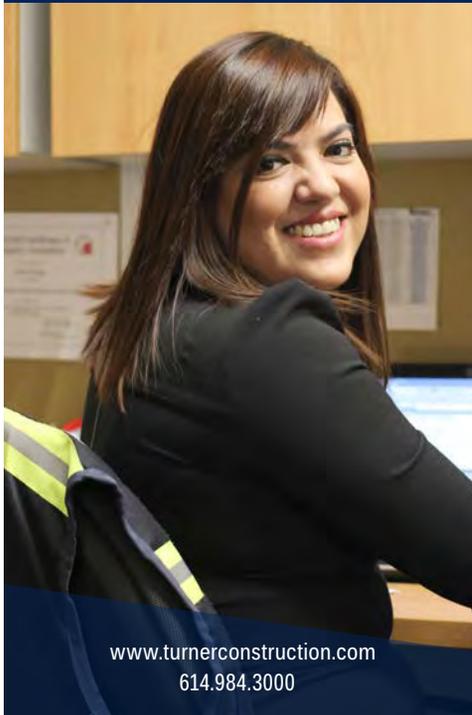
An Emmy Award winner, Kerry is a member of the Morehouse College MLK College of Ministers and Laity (2018). The honorary college honors professionals who, in part, use their platform to better the lives of others. In 2014, the University of Cincinnati named him a Communication Alumni Champion.

You can watch Kerry weeknights on NBC4 at 6PM, 7PM & 11PM.



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Dear Friends,

As a destination that hosts millions of visitors each year, we believe Easton has a unique opportunity to promote a more just and unified community. Over the past 18 months we have focused our efforts on amplifying the voices of the central Ohio Black community by hosting art exhibitions and permanent installations that celebrate, educate and encourage dialogue about Black History and the justice movement.



Since they were first launched by The New Albany Community Foundation in 2020, Easton has been a proud sponsor of the Conversations on Social Justice. As free and virtual programs open to all, we believe in the effort to explore this topic more fully as a community.

We applaud the Foundation for presenting tonight's important discussion and are grateful that so many people have elected to come together virtually to learn more from Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Isabel Wilkerson tonight.

Thank you for participating.

*Jennifer Peterson*  
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### MEMBERS OF THE GROUP INCLUDE:

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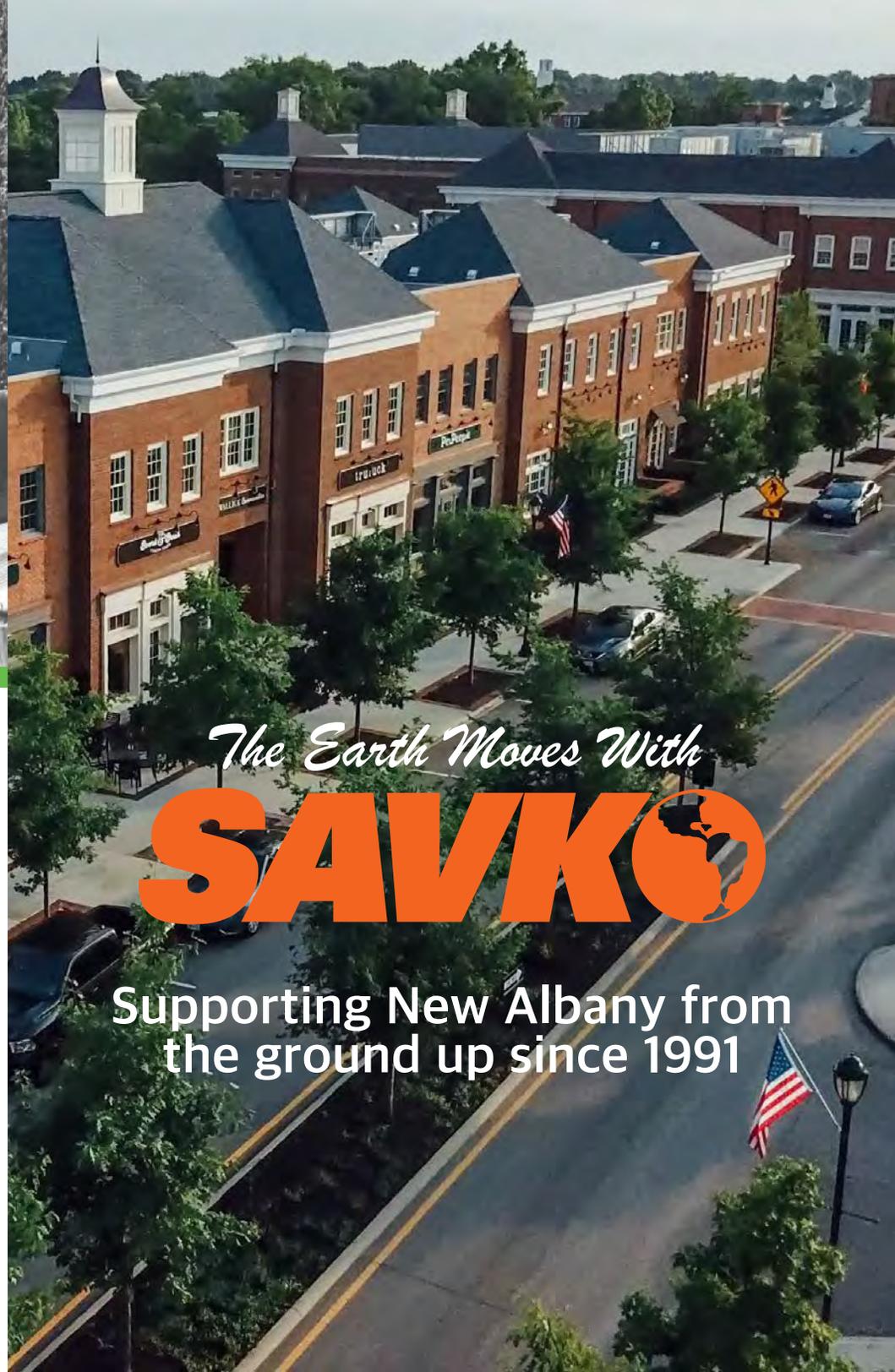


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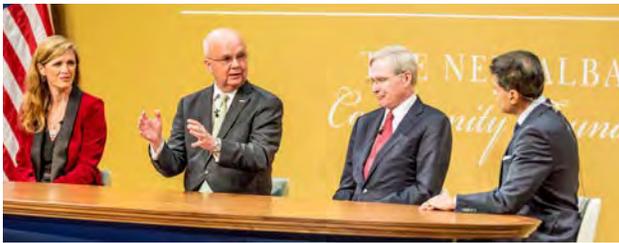
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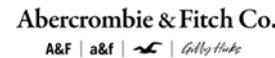
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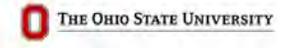
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