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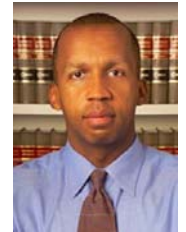
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The ACLU of North Carolina Honors Four Civil Liberties Heroes

On **February 15th, at 5 p.m.**, four individuals will be honored at the annual **Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony** held at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. They will be honored for their exemplary local civil rights leadership in North Carolina. **FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION, CALL (919) 834-3466.**

The featured speaker will be acclaimed civil rights lawyer **Bryan Stevenson** who is executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit that provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system.



The Frank Porter Graham Award will be presented to **Lewis Pitts** for longstanding and significant contributions to the fight for individual freedom and civil liberties in North Carolina.

Connie Vetter will be honoured with the **Sharon Thompson Award** for extraordinary efforts toward advancing equal rights for LGBT persons in North Carolina.

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird will receive the **ACLU-NC Award** for deep commitment to preserving and defending civil liberties in North Carolina.

The Paul Green Award will be presented to **Robert Hurley** for extraordinary efforts to abolish or limit the death penalty in North Carolina



Bob Hurley has worked tirelessly against the death penalty in NC for nearly two decades. In 2002, he was appointed the first Capital Defender in the state by the NC Commission on Indigent Defence Services. During the last eleven years, he has been responsible for the appointment and oversight of counsel in capital cases throughout the state. Under his direction, the Office of the Capital Defender has established regional offices in Wilmington, Winston-Salem and Asheville, in addition to the main office in Durham. In his first year as Capital Defender, there were only seven death penalty verdicts. In recent years, the number of death sentences has declined still further. In 2012, for the first time since the death penalty was reinstated in North Carolina in 1977, there were no death penalty

verdicts in the state.

La MaMa Presents Experiments '14 **Shadow** – concert readings of experimental plays

A festival of concert readings celebrating Black History. **February 20 – 23, 2014**

Free Admission – Talkbacks with authors follow each reading.

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Sister Soldier by (Paul Green Foundation trustee) **Calvin Alexander Ramsey**. Thursday, Feb. 20th at 7:30. *Negro Female WACs stationed at Fort Devens outside of Boston during World War II staged a work stoppage strike that caused a national uproar, and the court martial trial that followed. Were these women heroines or traitors to their race and country?*



Also as part of the festival:

Some Old Blackman by James Anthony Tyler. February, 21st at 7:30

Middlemuddle by Leah Maddrie. February, 23rd at 2:30

Sparkplug & Miss Jonnie Mae by Owa. February, 22nd at 7:30

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