

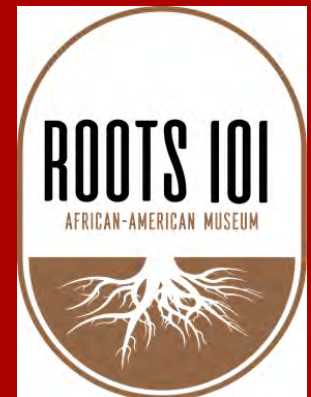
# Black Louisville: Then and Now



## An Examination of the Impact of the University of Louisville in the West End - Past, Present, and Future

February 23, 2021, 4:30 pm EST | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

The Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education supports and facilitates education reform through its outstanding special programs and initiatives. Strong community partnerships are the heart of our success and serve as an inspiration for those who work so diligently to provide a better education for our children. It is our mission to continue with transformation through collaboration by leading the discussion on education reform, policy, research, and practice.



**Dr. Geneva Stark**  
Nystrand Director  
Moderator

**Dr. Geneva Stark** is the current director of the Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education and Clinical Professor. Prior to joining U of L, Dr. Stark served as a Diversity Equity and Poverty Administrator for Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS). Dr. Stark served in JCPS as a District Coordinator in Human Resources, principal, and assistant principal. She was also 1 of 4 individuals selected as a KDE Superintendent Fellow for Bullitt and Shelby County. She serves on the board of directors for the National Alliance of Black School Educators, former president of GLABSE, member of NAACP, League of Women Voters and NCNW. She has served as a mentor to students, teachers and administrators at the local, state and national level. Follow Dr. Stark: @WhoDat4004 7



**Dr. Douglas Craddock, Jr.** Moderator  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Chief of Staff  
Department of Educational Leadership,  
Evaluation and Organizational Development

**Dr. Craddock** serves as Clinical Assistant Faculty and Chief of Staff in the College of Education and Human Development at The University of Louisville. His research, teaching, and service focus are diversity & inclusion, community engagement scholarship & community based participatory research methods. In addition, he is interested in collegiate athletics and Historically Black Colleges and Universities focusing on varying administration and leadership models that exist across the spectrum of programs and institutions.

## BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF FEATURED PRESENTERS:



### **Gerald Neal**

Kentucky State Senator,  
33rd District

### **Senator Gerald A. Neal**

Senator Gerald A. Neal was elected to represent District 33 (in Jefferson County), being the second African American to serve, and first African American man elected to the Kentucky State Senate. Senator Neal was first elected in 1989 and has since been re-elected consecutively the last 23 years. This represents the longest service of any African American member of the Kentucky General Assembly. He was elected Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman (2014), becoming the first African American elected to a leadership position in the history of Kentucky.

Senator Neal was appointed Senior Fellow of Public Policy and Adjunct Professor in the College of Arts & Sciences, at the University of Louisville, where he taught/teaches courses in History, State and Local Government, Health and Welfare Policy, Civil Rights & the Law (including voter, housing, employment, education, and criminal justice). Neal is a practicing attorney with the law firm, Gerald A. Neal & Associates, LLC., in Louisville (KY).

Senator Neal is the founder of the Kentucky African American All Children's Caucus which was dedicated to addressing issues of educational diversity, and the promotion of high educational standards facilitated by appropriate methodologies. He also is the founder of The African American Community Agenda Initiative (AAI) which focus on policy research, development, and community education. AAI brings together top policy makers and implementers for the purpose of engagement, analysis, and policy scrutiny leading to change.



### **Lamont Collins**

Founder,  
Roots 101  
African American Museum

### **Mr. Lamont Collins**

Mr. Lamont Colling has dedicated his time to exhibiting, restoring, and displaying the history of the African American Journey.

"Roots 101 is dedicated to telling the story of the African American journey from Africa to all ports between."

### **Mission Statement**

To promote understanding and inspire appreciation of the achievement, contribution, and experiences of African Americans using exhibits, programs, and activities to illustrate African-American history, culture and art.



### **Dr. Henry R. Cunningham**

Director,  
Community Engagement  
University of Louisville

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Dr. Henry R. Cunningham is Director of Community Engagement at the University of Louisville. He plays a key role in advancing the University's Signature Partnership Initiative with west Louisville in collaboration with academic and administrative units. Dr. Cunningham has extensive background in international and community development, having conducted developmental work in several countries. He was assigned to the United Nations where he worked with international leaders, primarily from the Caribbean and Pacific islands, focusing on sustainable development in developing countries. Dr. Cunningham co-founded and co-directed the University of Louisville International Service Learning Program, which won two national awards from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators for the best international education program. His research work focuses on university-community partnerships and institutionalization of community engagement. Dr. Cunningham has published articles and book chapters on community engagement. His recent book, which he co-authored titled Library Collaborations and Community Partnerships: Enhancing Health and Quality of Life, was published in 2020.