

Join us Sept. 30 to talk about the racial wealth gap in Charlotte



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What: Virtual panel on the racial wealth gap

When: 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30

Who: **Kieth Cockrell**, Bank of America's Charlotte market president; **Dr. Darrick Hamilton**, professor and founding director of the Institute for the Study of Race, Stratification and Political Economy at the New School; **Angelique Gaines**, UNC Charlotte Urban Institute research associate; and moderator **Dr. Byron White**, Associate Provost for UNC Charlotte's Office of Urban Research and Community Engagement.

Why: In Charlotte, as in other communities, the color of your skin correlates

strongly to the amount of wealth your family is likely to have. Nationwide, White households have 10 times the wealth of Black households and 7 times the wealth of Latinx households.

How did this come to be, and what can we do to change it? On **Sept. 30**, we're exploring the roots and consequences of the racial wealth gap, looking at policies and practices that have set some groups up to accumulate far more wealth than others.

Our virtual panel is set to start at **12:30 p.m.** This community conversation is free to attend, but registration is required. We'll be taking audience questions, so come prepared to ask and learn.

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Meet our panelists

Our panel will include (clockwise from the top) **Kieth Cockrell**, president of Bank of America Charlotte. Cockrell, who has almost three decades of experience at Bank of America, is responsible for leading the Charlotte market and deploying the bank's resources to help address the region's social and economic challenges.

Dr. Darrick Hamilton is a professor of economics and urban policy at The New School's Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, as well as the founding director of the Institute for the Study of Race, Stratification and Political Economy at The New School. His proposals, including for policies such as baby bonds and a federal jobs guarantee, have attracted attention and served as the basis for legislation at the federal, state and local levels.

Angelique Gaines is a research associate at the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute. In her role, she has studied the racial wealth gap in Charlotte and the surrounding communities, as well as policies that could help alleviate the disparity.

Dr. Byron White, Associate Provost for Urban Research and Community Engagement, will moderate the discussion. With a focus on equity and community engagement, he is leading efforts such as a community-driven program to address food access disparities in West Charlotte.



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Schul Forum Series

This is the fourth of five planned Schul Conversations, to be held in advance of the Urban Institute's signature annual convening. The previous discussions focused on housing, transportation and economic mobility.

Upcoming events include:

- **Oct. 28:** Virtual panel on the role of workforce development in economic mobility.
- **Nov. 18 Schul Forum:** Moving the Needle in Charlotte and beyond.

The Marianne M. & Norman W. Schul Urban Institute Forum Series was established in 2018 to serve as an annual event focused on policy issues affecting the Charlotte region, convening local leaders, national experts and researchers from the institute and other parts of UNC Charlotte. The institute's first director, Dr. Norm Schul, and his wife, Marianne '73, enabled the creation of the series with a generous gift.

This year's Schul Forum, to be held Nov. 18, will focus on economic mobility, as well as showcasing the research of the institute's Gambrell Faculty Fellows.

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