



## Banding Together for Hope & Social Justice The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Justice Symposium

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Strength to Love

If 2020 taught us anything, it's that every single one of us can make a positive difference when we work together to bring about social justice.

Run by students at the School of Social Work at the University of Georgia, the Social Justice Symposium brings together people throughout the state, including students and other university and community members, to plan solutions to bring equality, human rights, and equity to our communities.

The **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Justice Symposium** is occurring virtually this year and is **free and open to anyone invested in social change**. Happening on **Saturday, January 23, 2021, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm**, this year's theme, **Banding Together for Hope and Social Justice**, will highlight the work of social justice organizations, activists, and social justice-inspired artists in the state of Georgia. Through collaboration and dialogue, attendees will be renewed and ready to continue working to bring social justice for all.

Every year, the Social Justice Symposium bestows the June Gary Hopps Bridge Award to an individual or organization working to advance social justice. **This year's Bridge Award will go to FairFight, the nonprofit that seeks to encourage voters' participation and educate voters about elections and their voting rights. CEO Lauren Groh-Wargo will be with us to accept the award.**

**State Representative Dr. Jasmine Clark (HD 108) is this year's keynote speaker.** A voice for social justice and science since her first election in 2018, State Rep. Clark is also a lecturer in Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing.

Workshop Topics include:

Trauma awareness & voter suppression	Experiences of male sex workers	College access for immigrant families
Community response to trauma	Community input in development	Building resilience, empowerment, and just communities
Self-care for social workers	Helping people with employment barriers find work	Intersection of racism and ableism
Healing through writing	Practicing cognitively-based compassion training	Increasing connection between people through play
Desegregation	Aiding startups in communities of color	Disrupting the school to prison pipeline

**Come learn how you can inform your efforts to bring about social justice and expand your allies.  
More information and registration available at <https://sisathens.co>.**

*From my point of view, no label, no slogan, no party, no skin color, and indeed  
no religion is more important than the human being.*  
James Baldwin, The Fire Next Time

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