



# SAINT LOUIS NAACP



## NAACP Civil Rights Mini-Conference

*"Transforming Communities Through Education,  
Social Justice and Civic Engagement"*

February 19, 2022 (9am - 1pm)

Marriott St. Louis Grand - Majestic Ballroom  
800 Washington Ave | St. Louis, MO 63101

### ***A Look at Some of the Historic Systemic Failures Affecting Black Students, Families and Communities***

#### Session #1 - 9-9:45 AM

*"How Democracy is Forged By the Fight for Civil Rights: Reflections on Voting, Higher Education and Policing"*

Presenter: **Debo P. Adegbile** – Partner WilmerHale LLP/U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Commissioner

Debo P. Adegbile is a partner at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, LLP, a position he has held since 2014. Previously, from 2013 to 2014, Mr. Adegbile was Senior Counsel to the Chairman of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee. Prior to the Senate Judiciary Committee, for over a decade he held a number of leadership roles at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), including, Acting President and Director of Litigation. During his time at LDF, Mr. Adegbile argued two of the most significant civil rights cases in decades before the US Supreme Court, Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 v. Holder, and Shelby County v. Holder. Both cases involved constitutional challenges to core provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Prior to joining the LDF, he was an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Mr. Adegbile received a B.A. from Connecticut College and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

#### Session #2 - 10-10:45 AM

*"Know Your Price - Valuing Black Lives and Property in America's Black Cities"*

Presenter: **Andre M. Perry** – Senior Fellow – Brookings Institution

Andre M. Perry is a Senior Fellow at Brookings Metro, a scholar-in-residence at American University, and a columnist for the Hechinger Report. A nationally known and respected commentator on race, structural inequality, and education, Perry is the author of the book "Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America's Black Cities," which is currently available wherever books are sold. Perry is a regular contributor to MSNBC and has been published by numerous national media outlets, including The New York Times, The Nation, The Washington Post, TheRoot.com and CNN.com. Perry has also made appearances on HBO, CNN, PBS, National Public Radio, NBC, and ABC. Perry's research focuses on race and structural inequality, education, and economic inclusion. Perry's recent scholarship at Brookings has analyzed Black-majority cities and institutions in America, focusing on valuable assets worthy of increased investment.

#### Session #3 - 11-11:45 AM

*"Access to Capital and Adverse Banking Environment for Underserved Communities"*

Presenter: **Kristen Broady** – Fellow – Brookings Institution

Dr. Kristen Broady is a Fellow at the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program. She is Professor of Financial Economics on leave at Dillard University in New Orleans. She previously served on the faculties of Howard University, Alabama A&M University, Dominican University, Fort Valley State University, and Kentucky State University and as a visiting faculty member at Jiangsu Normal University in Xuzhou, China during the summer of 2019. Dr. Broady served as a consultant for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C.; a senior research fellow for the Center for Global Policy Solutions in Washington, D.C.; a consultant for the City of East Point, Georgia and as an HBCU consultant for season two of The Quad on Black Entertainment Television (BET) in Atlanta. Her areas of research include mortgage foreclosure risk, labor and automation, and racial health disparities. She earned a B.A. in criminal justice at Alcorn State University and an MBA and Ph.D. in business administration with a major in economics at Jackson State University.

#### Session #4 - 12-12:45 PM

*"Bridging the Environmental Benefits Gap for Underserved Households and Communities"*

Presenter: **Byron DeLear** – VP of Social Impact – Ygrene Energy Fund

Byron DeLear is Vice President of Social Impact for Ygrene Energy Fund. Byron is an expert on sustainability policy and, as the founder and former CEO of Energy Equity Funding (EEF), one of the nation's pioneering Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program administrators. EEF has designed, implemented, and administered PACE programs since 2010 and was acquired by Ygrene in 2017. Noteworthy achievements include spearheading Set the PACE St. Louis's minority and women contractor equity and inclusion program. In 2017, Ygrene was awarded the Community Partner Award from MOKAN, the region's leading minority contractors association. Byron is an author, twice former U.S. House candidate, and serves on the boards of several non-governmental organizations that focus on economic, environmental, and social development. Byron served on the Covid-19 Economic Rescue Team Working Group for St. Louis County, and currently serves on the boards of the Missouri Energy Initiative, and Hawthorn Foundation. Byron has been a presenter on sustainability and PACE financing at the Atlantic Council in Washington DC, Midwest and Climate Policy Conferences (2010 and 2011), PACE Nation Summits (2016, 2017, 2019, 2021), University of South Florida Patel Global School of Sustainability (2019 and 2021) and is the recipient of the Energy Efficiency Champion Award from Renew Missouri.

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