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February 2012

## Coalition NEWS

Dear Craig,

Please note these upcoming February events. COAL encourages you to participate should your schedule permit. Feel free to share with friends and associates.

Sincerely,  
COAL Board of Directors

## The 2012 Bazzani Lecture on Public Affairs

### INEQUALITY, DEMOCRACY AND THE AMERICAN PROMISE



#### MELISSA HARRIS-PERRY

Melissa V. Harris-Perry is professor of political science at Tulane University. She is author of the new book *Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America*. She is a columnist for *The Nation* magazine and a contributor to MSNBC, appearing as a bi-weekly guest on the *Thomas Roberts Show* and as a frequent guest on the *Rachel Maddow Show* and *The Last Word*. She is a regular commentator for many print and radio sources in the U.S. and abroad.

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*The 2012 Bazzani Lecture on Public Affairs*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**4:30 pm, Student Services Building  
Conference Rooms ABC**

Please RSVP to [igpa@uillinois.edu](mailto:igpa@uillinois.edu)

**Nationally renowned author and political commentator  
Melissa Harris-Perry  
Inequality, Democracy and the American Promise**

## Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Trail Dedication Ceremony Feb, 20, 2012

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invite you to the  
[Tuskegee Airmen Dedication](#)

**Monday, February 20, 2012  
10:00am  
Markham City Hall  
16313 S. Kedzie Parkway  
Markham, Illinois 60428**

**RSVP required  
Please contact:  
Office of State  
Rep Marlow H. Colvin  
773.783.8492**

## JUVENILE VIOLENCE AND NEGLECT: A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE Feb 19, 2012

The Illinois Judicial Council  
invites you to attend a panel  
discussion on JUVENILE  
VIOLENCE AND NEGLECT: A  
PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.

Trinity

**Monday, February 27, 4:30 pm**  
**University of Illinois at Chicago**  
**Student Services Building, Conference Rooms ABC**  
**1200 West Harrison Street**  
**A reception will follow. All attendees are welcome.**  
**Please RSVP to [igpa@uillinois.edu](mailto:igpa@uillinois.edu) or by clicking here.**

**About the speaker:**

Melissa Harris-Perry is professor of political science at Tulane University, where she is founding director of the project on gender, race, and politics in the South. She previously served on the faculty of the University of Chicago and Princeton University. She is author of the award winning book Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought and the new book Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America. Sister Citizen has premiered to great critical and popular acclaim. She is a columnist for The Nation magazine. Harris-Perry is a contributor to MSNBC, appearing as a bi-weekly guest on the Thomas Roberts Show and a frequent guest on the Rachel Maddow Show and The Last Word. She is a regular commentator for many print and radio sources in the U.S. and abroad.

The 2012 Bazzani Lecture is hosted by the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs. It was made possible by the generous support of UIC Office of the Chancellor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, and Great Cities Institute.

**United Church of Christ**  
**400 West 95th St.**  
**Chicago, IL**  
**Sunday, February 19, 2012**  
**2:30 p.m.**

Moderated by Renee Ferguson, award-winning investigative reporter and former TV reporter for over 30 years.

The Panelists include **Judge Timothy C. Evans**, Chief Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court; **Judge Patricia Martin**, Presiding Judge of the Child Protection Division of The Circuit Court of Cook County and president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; **Judge Michael Brown**, Criminal Court Trial Judge; **Judge Carl Walker**, Juvenile Court trial judge; and **Professor Randolph Stone**, Director of University of Chicago Criminal & Juvenile Justice Project. Juvenile criminal violence and neglect is a public health issue. A more balanced, holistic, and sustainable approach in preventing and reducing juvenile violence and neglect is necessary. Juvenile violence and neglect not only leaves lasting scars on victims, perpetrators, and their families and friends, but it also leaves us with wounded debilitated communities in which we must raise future generations. This panel discussion is the roll-out of the IJC's initiative on urban issues and juvenile violence.



## Coalition Power Breakfast



**The next COAL Coalition Power Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 8:30a.m.**  
**BJ's Market**  
**8734 South Stony Island Avenue**  
**Chicago, IL 60617-2708**  
**(773) 374-4700**



## About Us

The Coalition is a concerned assemblage of African American social and civic organizations who have come together for the purpose of addressing issues and concerns that impact on the well being of the African American community. The Coalition is composed of groups that have been in existence for decades, representing a large portion of African American individuals who are at the highest level of educational, economic and professional accomplishments.

The goal of The Coalition is to be cognizant of and respond to issues pertinent to the African American community of a specific or general nature in the interest of having a positive impact on a particular situation.

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