

Call for Papers: ***Fact over Fiction: The Truth Is Marching On***

The University of Tennessee is proud to be the host of the 24th Annual Civil Rights Conference in February 2024. We will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which represented a major shift in achieving equity for all Americans: This year's theme: *Fact over Fiction: The Truth Is Marching On* is a call to action as we continue the efforts of our forefathers and foremothers who engaged in the struggle to extend civil, political, and legal rights and protections to African Americans and to end discrimination and racism. There is continuous movement to dismantle freedoms and reframe narratives that are central to the identity of America. Our history does not need to be rewritten it simply needs to be told truthfully.

This year's conference promises to generate considerable intellectual dialogue and debate, as well as create opportunities to strengthen existing networks and forge new ones. Former speakers and presenters such as Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Dr. Robin DiAngelo, and Reverend William Barber have provided attendees the opportunity to dialogue about their groundbreaking strides in social justice work. We want to hear about your scholarship in the areas of equity, advocacy, and justice. We are excited to share this year's line up with you.

The UTM Civil Rights Conference is soliciting papers, panel sessions, lectures, and workshops for this year's conference. The conference theme is *Fact over Fiction: The Truth is Marching On*. While the conference program planning committee welcomes papers, panels, and artistic productions on any aspect of human and civil rights, priority will be given to submissions related to the conference theme.

The deadline for submissions of paper, panel and artistic production proposals is January 16, 2024. Proposals must include the title of paper or the panel, author(s) name and affiliation(s), a 200 to 250-word abstract of the paper or panel and contact information. Proposals should be submitted electronically to dr.pirtlepapers@gmail.com. Please use the following format: Subject: Call for Papers: (Last name, First Initial). Name of Institution, Title.

Conference attendees and program participants are required to register for the conference. Registration includes admission to all sessions, exhibit halls, and daily keynotes.

This event will be held on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin on February 29, 2024.

Registration information can be found below:

Link to form for website: <https://runway.utm.edu/submitter/form/start/609517>



You may contact the planning committee chair (hgiles1@utm.edu) for additional conference information.