



A Union of Professionals

AFT Civil, Human and Women's Rights Conference *"Rebuilding the labor movement through civil, human and women's rights"*

October 26-28, 2007

Loews New Orleans Hotel

New Orleans, La.

AGENDA

Friday, October 26

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Registration

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Exhibits Open

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AFT Civil, Human and Women's Rights Committee Meeting
Committee members only.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Plenary Session
"Upholding and Promoting Civil and Human Rights in America"
Keynote Speaker
Nat LaCour, AFT secretary-treasurer

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Cultural Event and Reception
"The Mardi Gras Indian Heritage of New Orleans"
Strike up the Brass Band

Saturday, October 27

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exhibits and Registration

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Plenary Session
Speaker
Donna Brazile, CEO, Brazile and Associates (*Confirmed*)

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Workshops

- The "New" Segregation in America's Schools
- NCLB: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly: Getting It Right
- Latinos and Civil Rights—An Update
- Strengthening Your Union Through Political Mobilization—ACE/Election 2008
- Building Coalitions Among Members and in the Community
- Mobilizing Voters on the Issues

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon

Speaker

Rev. William H. Gray III (*Confirmed*)

Former U.S. Representative

Former president and CEO, United Negro College Fund

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Panel Discussion

Union Charter Schools: Taking Back Shanker's Vision

Moderator

Nat LaCour, AFT secretary-treasurer

Speakers

Paul Vallas, superintendent, New Orleans Public Schools (*Confirmed*)

Michelle Bodden, elementary vice president, United Federation of Teachers

(*Confirmed*)

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Workshops

- The Vanishing Retirement Account for America's Workers
- HIV/AIDS: The Pandemic and Its Impact on America
- Minority Gender Gaps in Higher Education: Facts, Hype and Solutions
- Mobilizing AFT Members on Workers' and Civil Rights Issues
- Americans with Disabilities Act/Family Medical Leave Act (ADA/FMLA)
- The War on America's Workers: From *Kentucky River* and *Ledbetter* to the Freedom To Organize

4:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tour of New Orleans – Katrina Devastation and Recovery

Sunday, October 28

7:00 am – 12:00 p.m.

Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Plenary Session

Speaker

Arlene Holt-Baker, executive vice president, AFL-CIO (*Confirmed*)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Plenary Session

Speaker

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., founder and president, RainbowPUSH Coalition Inc.

(*Confirmed*)

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Workshops

- Developing Equitable Education Resources for All Students
- Educating for Safety and Equality
- Resources for Educators of English Language Learners
- Cervical Cancer: A Preventable Killer of Women
- The American Healthcare Crisis: Focus on Women and Minorities
- Keeping Faith with the Community

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Door Prizes (*must be present to win*)