

Featured Speakers



Michael Allen, a partner in the firm of Relman, Dane & Colfax, PPLC, practices primarily in the area of civil rights litigation. He represents individuals and organizations in cases and matters under the Fair Housing Act and related civil rights laws. A significant part of his practice is focused on the obligation to "affirmatively further fair housing," and he has brought successful cases under the False Claims Act and by way of HUD administrative complaints to enforce that obligation.



Dr. Emily Thaden is the Director of Research & National Policy for the National Community Land Trust Network & Cornerstone Partnership, a national nonprofit membership organization that advances the development of inclusive communities and permanently affordable housing solutions. She provides training, technical assistance, advocacy, and research for affordable housing practitioners. Previously, Emily established a shared equity homeownership program at The Housing Fund, a Community Development Financial Institution in Nashville, TN.



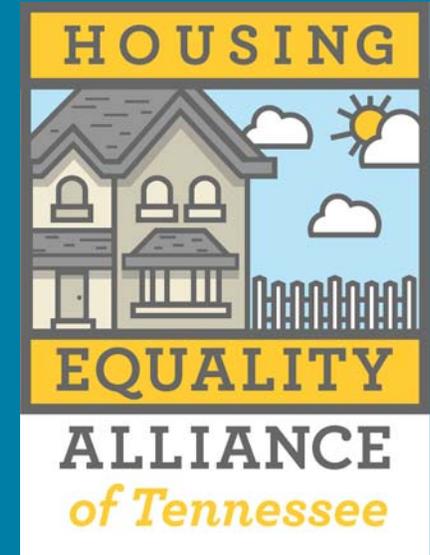
Nashville native **Beverly L. Watts** was appointed the Executive Director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission in July 2007. Prior to that, she served as Special Advisor to the Chair at the U S Equal Employment Opportunity Commission responsible for state and local relations. She has more than 30 years of experience in civil rights

enforcement and education in the public and private sector. She served as the first Executive Director of the National Fair Housing Training Academy in Washington DC. She has made presentations to numerous organizations on civil rights, diversity, and leadership at the national and international level.



Louis Lee Woods, II, is an Associate Professor of African-American History in the History Department at Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. Woods is the author of "The Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Redlining, and the National Proliferation of Racial and Socioeconomic Lending Discrimination, 1921-1950," *Journal of Urban History*; Volume 38, Issue 6 (November 2012): 1036-1059; and the forthcoming article "Virtually 'No Negro Veteran...Could Get a Loan:' African-American Veterans, the GI Bill, and the NAACP's Relentless Campaign against Residential Segregation, 1914-1960," *Journal of African American History*. These articles are part of a larger book project entitled *Contesting Negro Exclusion: The NAACP's Fight for Fair Housing, 1914-1965* that examines the multifaceted institutional impediments to fair housing long endured and challenged by African Americans.

HOUSING EQUALITY ALLIANCE OF TENNESSEE
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presents the
**2016 Fair Housing
Matters Conference**
"Social Engineering"

Thursday, April 7, 2016
9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Nashville Airport Marriott
600 Marriott Dr.
Nashville, TN 37214

Registration fee: \$82.50
Registration deadline: March 31, 2016
For more information and to register,
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with disabilities and to members of
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What will be on the agenda for this conference?

We'll be discussing the state of civil rights in Tennessee; our history of "social engineering" by redlining people of color into concentrated poverty and what to do about it; and how litigation in the past few years has emboldened the federal government to promote fair and affordable housing.

We'll also talk about new developments in fair housing and landlord-tenant law, how HUD's "affirmatively furthering fair housing" rule affects local communities, and the latest cases involving people with disabilities.

The full agenda, speaker bios and other info is available at www.heatn.org/conference.

Will there be continuing education credit?

Neighborworks has approved certain sessions for a total of 2.5 hours. Tennessee Real Estate Commission approval is pending.

Who is HEAT?

The Housing Equality Alliance of Tennessee ("HEAT") is the same group of organizations that have brought you the Fair Housing Matters Conference for the past several years—we're just more organized (literally!) now. Members include:

- Murfreesboro Community Development Dept.
- Tennessee Human Rights Commission
- Tennessee Fair Housing Council
- Metro Human Relations Commission
- Residential Resources
- City of Franklin
- Woodbine Community Organization
- Middle Tennessee Association of REALTORS
- West Tennessee Legal Services
- Greater Nashville Association of REALTORS
- City of Clarksville
- City of Hendersonville

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- Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency
- Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
- Tennessee Housing Development Agency
- Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities

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REGISTRATION FORM REGISTRATION AND REFUND DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2016

REGISTRATION CAPACITY: 180

Only one registrant per form—please make copies.

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Fees: \$82.50

Do you need any accommodations for disability or diet? (sign language will be provided **if requested**)

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