

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Racial Justice - A Legacy of Advocacy and Resistance A Conversation with Minnijean Brown Trickey

November 1, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex Advocacy Institute Conference Center Fourth Floor, West Wing 25 Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey

Program Summary

The Attorney General will hold a conversation with Minnijean Brown Trickey, one of nine African American students who desegregated Little Rock Central High School in 1957. She will share her compelling story as a member of the "Little Rock Nine." She will also discuss her career as an educator and her lifetime of advocacy for racial justice, cross-cultural communication; gender and social justice, peacemaking; environmental justice and developing youth leadership.

Eligibility

This program is open to all employees in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Faculty

Minnijean Brown Trickey is one of the nine African American students who, with protection from federal troops, collectively resisted opposition to desegregate Little Rock Central High School in 1957. Her work since that seminal moment in American history encompasses a lifetime commitment to racial justice, diversity education and training; cross-cultural communication; gender and social justice advocacy; peacemaking; environmental justice and developing youth leadership. She travels globally, spreading a message of antiracism, nonviolence, peace and reconciliation.

Ms. Brown Trickey is a teacher, writer and motivational speaker. She has taught social work at Carleton University and Canadian community colleges and served as the Shipley Visiting Writer for Heritage Studies at Arkansas State University. She is also a nonviolence and antiracism facilitator for Sojourn to the Past, a ten-day interactive history experience for high school students. Ms. Brown Trickey served in the Clinton Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Workforce Diversity at the Department of Interior.

Ms. Brown Trickey is the recipient of numerous awards for her community work for social justice, including the Lifetime Achievement Tribute from the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and the International Wolf Award for contributions to racial harmony. With the Little Rock Nine, she received the NAACP Spingarn Medal and the Congressional Gold Medal. She is a member of the Little Rock Nine Foundation, which awards nine bi-annual scholarships. Ms. Brown Trickey is the subject of a documentary, *Journey to Little Rock: the Untold Story of Minnijean Brown Trickey*, which has received critical acclaim in international film festivals. She has been featured in the History Channel's *Turning Points in History* and the HBO documentary *Little Rock Central: 50 Years Later*. In 2016, she donated personal objects related to the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Ms. Brown Trickey holds a Bachelor of Social Work in Native Human Services from Laurentian University and a Master of Social Work from Carleton University in Ontario, Canada. She is also the recipient of four Honorary Doctorates.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.8 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism in the Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias category.

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 ethics credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

Registration

Those who are interested in attending should fill out the registration form in the blast email sent by LPS. They will receive a registration confirmation when the form is submitted.