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**MICHIGAN  
ROUNDTABLE**  
FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



## **Michigan Roundtable convenes forum on Race and Politics in America**

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion will host a forum aimed at helping the community to understand the impact of the recent presidential election on people of color and Muslims.

“Where Do We Go From Here: Race and Politics in America Post Election 2016,” will take place Friday Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. at the University of Michigan Detroit Center located at 3663 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201. The event is open to the public, however reservations are required. RSVP by calling (313) 870-1500, ext. 100, or emailing [race2equity@miroundtable.org](mailto:race2equity@miroundtable.org).

The event will be moderated by Professor Peter Hammer of the Wayne State University Law School and Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. It is part of the Michigan Roundtable’s monthly First Friday Forum, in which a growing group of community members and leaders gather to discuss topical issues.

A diverse group of panelists will share their insights and personal experiences with race and politics, lessons learned from the election cycle and their visions for the future. The panelists will be: Malik Yakini, Detroit Black Food Security Network, Marifer Calleja, Wayne County Liaison Officer, Dennis Black, an activist and former candidate for State Representative, Quaid Saifee, Roundtable board member, Danielle Atkinson, from Mothering Justice and Ann Serra from University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The forum comes on the heels of the Roundtable’s recent 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Humanitarian Tribute luncheon Nov. 9 at the Renaissance Center Marriott in Detroit. The honorees included Matt Simoncini of Lear; Andra Rush of the Rush Group; Ron May of DTE Energy; and the Judge Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne State University. Their contributions represent the Roundtable’s mission: to make sure the places we work and live become places where all people are welcome and treated fairly.

With over 400 guests in attendance, the luncheon took place the day after one of the more divisive presidential election campaigns in our nation’s history. The overall message was one of inclusiveness and honoring diversity. In addition to the awards, the Roundtable itself was recognized for its work in combatting Islamophobia in a speech by Dr. Muzammil Ahmed, Chairperson of the Michigan Muslim Community Council. To view the tribute videos for the honorees and photos of the luncheon, please go to <http://www.miroundtable.org/humanitariantribute.html>.

To learn more about the Michigan Roundtable, visit [www.miroundtable.org](http://www.miroundtable.org).

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*The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion has been a not-for-profit human relations and racial justice organization located in Detroit working to overcome discrimination and racism by crossing racial, religious, ethnic and cultural boundaries for the past 75years. We bring together community leaders from government, law enforcement, education, faith, grass roots organizations and business to understand different points of view and then take action to overcome structural impediments to inclusion and equity. Our programs are recognized by national organizations for bringing about sustainable change.*