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As president and CEO of UNCF, **Dr. Michael L. Lomax** heads the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization. Through its member colleges and universities, scholarship programs and advocacy activities, UNCF, under Lomax's leadership, has worked to combat inequality for low income students of color and overcome educational inequity. Lomax joined UNCF after serving for seven years as president of Dillard University in New Orleans. Prior to that, he spent 30 years in public service and academia, serving as the first African American chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners for 12 years. He also served as an assistant to then-Mayor Maynard Jackson and as the first head of Atlanta's Bureau of Cultural Affairs. Lomax has taught literature at Morehouse College, Spelman College, and the University of Georgia. He is a trustee of Emory University, a member of the Council of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture, and a member of the Boards of Directors of Teach for America. He was appointed to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities by President George W. Bush.

Martin Luther King, III, the second oldest child of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, serves as the Founding President and CEO of Realizing the Dream, Inc., a national nonprofit organization with an international vision to carry on the important work embodied in the legacies of his parents. King has launched a series of innovative initiatives through Realizing the Dream, such as Poverty in America – a national poverty tour aimed at empowering disadvantaged communities – and the Generation II Global Peace Program, which brings together the heirs of 20th century peace makers – such as Chavez, Gandhi, Trudeau, Tutu – to address some of the world's most compelling crises. A human rights advocate, community activist, and political leader, King has been actively involved in significant policy initiatives to maintain the fair and equitable treatment of all peoples, at home and abroad. Having been nurtured among individuals deeply committed to the struggle for human rights and a nonviolent society, his messages and initiatives are all rooted within the tenets of Kingian nonviolent conflict resolution.

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Gwen Ifill is moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week" and senior correspondent for "The PBS Newshour." She is also the best-selling author of *The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama*. Ifill reports on a wide range of issues, from foreign affairs to U.S. politics and policies, interviewing national and international newsmakers. She has covered six presidential campaigns and moderated two vice presidential debates – in 2004, the debate between Republican Dick Cheney and Democrat John Edwards, and in 2008, the debate between Democratic Senator Joe Biden and Republican Governor Sarah Palin.

Historian, author, and critic **Thomas J. Sugrue** is a specialist in twentieth-century American politics, urban history, civil rights, and race. His forthcoming book, *Not Even Past: Barack Obama and the Burden of Race*, will be published by Princeton University Press in 2010. Sugrue's most recent book, *Sweet Land of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North*, was selected as a Main Selection of the History Book Club and a finalist for the 2008 *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize. His first book, *The Origins of the Urban Crisis*, won the Bancroft Prize in American History, the Philip Taft Prize in Labor History, the President's Book Award of the Social Science History Association, and the Urban History Association Award for Best Book in North American Urban History. Sugrue is the author of dozens of scholarly articles and book chapters, and is a contributor to the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, and *Boston Globe*, among others.

Charles A. Williams III is the former co-host of The Grimaldi & Williams Show on CBS Radio's Big Talker 1210 AM. He has written editorials for both the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Daily News* on issues such as crime, race, and politics. Recently, he served as moderator for the PA Progressive Summit's 2010 debate between Senator Arlen Specter (D) and Rep. Joe Sestak (D). He is currently an assistant clinical professor and director of the Center for the Prevention of School-Aged Violence at Drexel University.

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