

# THOMAS & ASSOCIATES SERVICES

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## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Provide an overview of historical trends of White perceptions of Blacks in America.
- Create a safe and positive learning environment for participants to explore their personal beliefs and values regarding race in America. No drama...no axes to grind...just honest communication.
- Give participants the opportunities to contrast their beliefs and values regarding race through a lively interaction with expert panelist. Panelist will discuss the social dynamics of current racial conflicts across America e.g. Ferguson, Baltimore, Charleston, Madison, N.Y. and more.
- Conduct workshops and apply what is learned from dialogue with the program panelist to participant's personal, community or institutional challenges.

## Panel of Experts



**Pamela Oliver** received her PhD in Sociology from the University of North Carolina. She has been a full professor at the UW-Madison since 1990 and is presently Chair of the Sociology Department. Pam is well known and published on the topics of collective action



Gerald E. Thomas received his PhD in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin. He is the author of "Hope vs No Hope: A Pivotal Question in Adult Development for the African American in the Urban North" and "Perceptions of Racial Equity".

## Panel Moderator



**Erica Nelson** earned her Juris Doctorate at Rutgers University Law School and a B.A. in history from U.W. Erica is an attorney for the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office. Nelson has served as an advocate for child welfare issues. She is also Director of Race to Equity.



**Wayne Strong** received a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice from the University of WI-Eau Claire. A former Lieutenant of the Madison Police Dept.; served on the Madison Police Department for 24 years. Wayne now is Chair of the Criminal Justice program at Globe University.

## Program Agenda

**Keynote: White Perceptions of Black America**  
**Gerald Eugene Thomas, PhD**

- **Panel Presentation and Audience Dialogue**
- **Working Lunch**
- **Workshop Challenge Sessions: Personal, Community and Institutional Challenges to improve race relations in our communities.**
- **Solution driven conference Outcomes**

**Date:** December 4<sup>th</sup> 2015  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
**Wyndham Garden Hotel**  
**2969 Cahill Main**  
**Fitchburg, WI**

*Cost \$65 (Lunch included)*