



WHISTLEBLOWER SUMMIT & FILM FESTIVAL

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 (10AM - 3PM)

American University School of Communication

McKinley Building – MCK 201 – Malsi Doyle Foreman Theater

Healthy DC & Me Leadership Coalition Community Whistleblower Panelists

DR. RHONDA L. HAMILTON - MODERATOR



Dr. Rhonda L. Hamilton, former 2022 DC Mayoral candidate, is also the founder and Executive Director of M.I. Mother's Keeper, a Washington D.C. based, mental health advocacy non-profit, 501(c)(3), organization since 2015. Additionally, she serves as the President of The Healthy DC & Me Leadership Coalition non-profit, 501(c)(3) agency, and Waterfront Insurance Network Independent Brokerage.

Dr. Hamilton has spent over 20 years in the financial industry, and is the former broker and owner of Coldwell Banker's 1st African American real estate franchised- owned brokerage in Prince Georges County, Maryland, entitled Coldwell Banker Household Realty.

Dr. Hamilton has served on the United Planning Organization's (U.P.O.) Health Advisory Council Board. She has also served as "The Executive on Call" radio personality with the World Power Gospel Radio (W.P.G.R.) in Prince Georges County, Maryland, where she helped to introduce beneficial, knowledge-based, and expert "subject matter" programming to her listeners under the tutelage of Dr. Anthony T. Mays, W.P.G.R.'s President, owner, and the nephew of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, civil rights leader, humanitarian, & educator. In 2020, Dr. Hamilton received her honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from "The Fishers of Men University", a global entity, for her outstanding work as an emerging community leader in matters involving mental health, trauma-informed resourcing, community programming, activism outreach, education, and humanitarian endeavors. www.healthycandme.org

MS. LISA COHEN – ROTARY CLUB OF DC PRESIDENT



Lisa P. Cohen is a Native Washingtonian and proud mother to Gerald, a U.S. Army pilot, and Taylor, a licensed social worker for children.

Having aged out of foster care at 19, Lisa went on to serve her country as an engineer, interior communications electrician in the U.S. Navy. Her martial arts prowess, beginning at age 16, saw her excel in kung fu and karate, but it was in boxing where she truly shone. Turning professional in 1997, Lisa claimed the FBA Junior Featherweight title with a knockout victory, culminating in winning the world title championship in 2002 before retiring a year later.

Lisa's academic pursuits led her to the University of the District of Columbia, where she earned her BA in English and authored a book detailing her remarkable life, "Too fierce: One Woman's Incredible Journey from Foster Child to World Championship Boxer." Her legacy in boxing was cemented with her 2018 induction into the Washington D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame.

Beyond the ring, Lisa has been a beacon of health and wellness as a personal and group fitness trainer since 1996. Her love for sports persisted through adulthood, transitioning to tennis, golf, and ping-pong, which she actively enjoys alongside her husband Neil Cohen, a retired editor, publication owner, and attorney.

Lisa's professional endeavors include business ownership and leadership roles in nonprofit organizations. She has become a well-known community leader and advocate for foster youth, working with the Consortium of Child Welfare and Connect Our Kids. Her passion is evident as she pushes for systemic change in the foster care system in America.

Her commitment to community service extends to her role as the former secretary for the Washington D.C. Chamber of Commerce and her long-standing membership in the Rotary Club of Washington D.C., where she currently serves as president. Her presidential initiative, "Rotary Championship Fight for Youth," epitomizes her dedication to empowering the next generation.

President, Lisa P Cohen
The Rotary Club Of Washington D.C.

WEB - www.rotaryclubdc.org

MR. MICHEAL MCGEE – TRAUMA RESEARCH

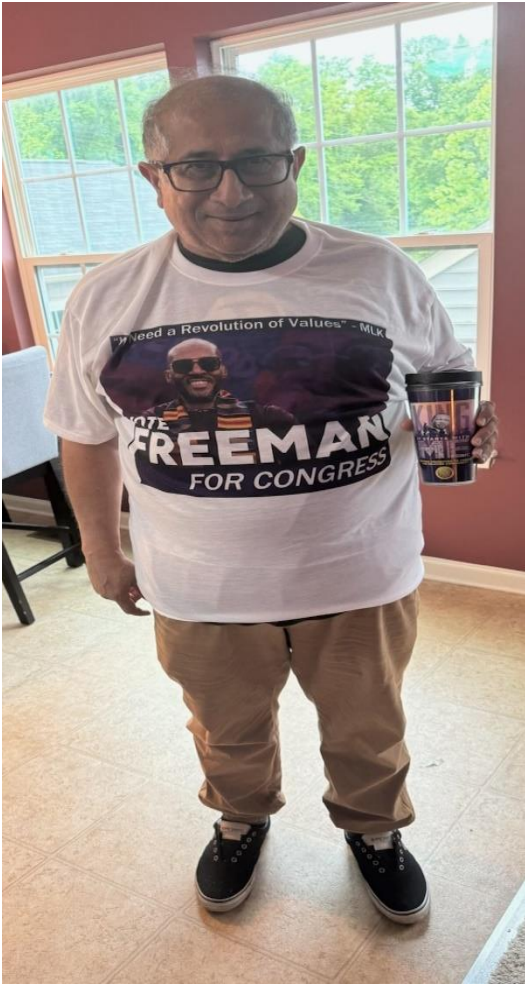


Micheal McGee graduated with a master's degree in the counseling psychology program from Bowie State University (BSU). Micheal is attending Bowie State University's Educational Leadership doctoral program, focusing on higher education with a counseling track. As a leader, Micheal was the past Graduate Student Association President from 2020-2023. A former healthcare senior management professional, Micheal worked in the disability field for over 20 years, serving people from diverse populations with developmental or intellectual disability and mental health disorders. Micheal has been the director of residential services at EPIC (formerly Southern Maryland Vocational Industries), supervisor of employment services at MVLE, mid-Atlantic executive director at Sunrise Community Services, Mid-Atlantic executive director for Sunrise Communities, executive director for United Cerebral Palsy of Maryland, board member for the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association, a member of the 2021 cohort of the White House HBCU Scholars Recognition Initiative, and the Maryland Counseling Association human rights chairman and Emerging Leader of 2020–2021.

With a generous heart, Micheal passionately gives back to his community. He is a research member of the Healthy DC & Me Leadership Coalition, helping to spearhead the building of a level-two trauma center in Southeast Washington, DC. He also works with the Atikal Foundation, a nonprofit organization that celebrates survivors of domestic violence and cancer while bringing awareness to the mental health issues often precipitated by traumatic experiences.

For information about Micheal and his future goals please click the following link [Student Researcher of Color: Micheal McGee \(apa.org\)](#)

MR. AHMAR MUSTIKAHN – ACTIVIST & JOURNALIST



Ahmar Mustikhan is a veteran journalist who has worked in newsrooms in Pakistan, United Arab Emirates and the U.S. He has worked for human rights advocacy in Washington DC and at the Palace of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The New Republic gave him the title “Pervez Dispenser” as he forced the now deceased Pakistan army chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf to admit before thousands, “Yes I was a dictator.” He is the first openly gay person from the stateless Balochistan region and says he is shocked that some politicians are dishonest about their sexuality even in the U.S. capital.

He now writes for *Cry for Justice*, organizes Open Mic for Anacostia at the Busboys and Poets and works as a Peer Recovery Coach.

MR. PERRY REDD – WORKER’S RIGHTS ADVOCATE



A native Washingtonian, Perry Redd is Executive Director and co-founder of the 501 (c)(3) workers’ rights advocacy, [Sincere Seven](#) with well over two decades of progressive activism as a direct-action community organizer and advocate. Redd is also a [published author](#), syndicated columnist, former radio and TV show host, and [ASCAP-licensed songwriter](#) with 15 full-length albums in the Republic marketplace and over 3,000 musical compositions to his credit; a US Army veteran, former non-denominational church pastor and adult education instructor in political science;

A former duly-elected [ANC Commissioner](#) in Washington, DC and two-time candidate for the DC Council, Redd is an engaged political strategist. Redd is also a formerly-convicted returning citizen who challenged his 2004 conviction and acting as his own attorney, emerged victorious in having his federal convictions overturned and later acquitted at trial. Redd is a 2023 Non-Profit Business Executive Management graduate from Georgetown University.

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