

**2020 National Race Amity Conference
Special Presentation/Keynote Schedule
“Reset to Our Destiny – E Pluribus Unum”**

Day 1 – Wednesday, November 18

**ALL TIMES LISTED ARE Eastern Standard Time
Conference “doors” open 10:30AM**

10:40AM – 11:10AM

Day 1: Conference Kickoff/Welcome

**William H. “Smitty” Smith, EdD, Founding Executive Director,
National Center for Race Amity**

Conference Co-Host, Linda Meccouri, PhD, Member, NCRA National Advisory Board

11:10AM – 12:50PM

Panel Discussion

Resetting the National Dialogue Towards E Pluribus Unum and Civility

Moderator

Celeste Headlee, Award-winning Journalist, Author, Co-Host, PBS: Retro Report

Panelists

Mitch Landrieu, Founder, E Pluribus Unum Fund, Former Mayor of New Orleans

Erin Aubry Kaplan, New York Times Contributing Opinion Writer

William S. Cohen, Author, Former US Senator and Former US Secretary of Defense

Janet Langhart Cohen, Award-winning Journalist, Author, Playwright and Social Activist

3:10PM – 5:15 PM DAY 1: Special Presentation

**Screening of *African Americans in WWII: A Legacy of
Patriotism and Valor***

**Followed by Talkback with Executive Producer, Milton Thomas, Writer,
Ellen Ternes, Moderator, Retired Colonel Peter Engstrom.**

5:15PM – 5:30PM

Day 1 Conference Wrap Up

Notes, Updates, Special Announcements for Tomorrow

Linda Meccouri, PhD, Conference Co-Host

Day 2 -Thursday, November 19

ALL TIMES LISTED ARE Eastern Standard Time

10:30AM – 10:40AM Conference “doors” open

10:40AM – 11:10AM (DAY 2: S1)

Welcome Remarks/Conference Highlights

Conference Co-Host, Robert C. Henderson, Ed.D., Board Chair, National Center for Race Amity
Conference Co-Host Linda Meccouri, Ph.D., Member, NCRA National Advisory Board

11:10AM – 12:50PM (DAY 2: S2)

Morning Plenary Presentation

Reset to Our Destiny: E Pluribus Unum – Finding Our Way

Keynote: Joy DeGruy, PhD

Nationally and internationally renowned researcher, educator and the acclaimed author of *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome — America’s Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing*

2:30PM – 3:45PM

Special Presentation: Sneak Preview!

...from Upcoming Five Part Series for Public Television, *An American Story – Race Amity and The Other Tradition*

Program Concept Creator/Executive Producer/Producer William “Smitty” Smith, EdD,
Co-Executive Producer/ Producer, Craig Rothman, and Producer/Writer, Kari Carlson,
Historical Consultant, Richard W. Thomas, PhD

4:00PM – 5:30PM (Day 2: S5)

RACE AMITY MEDAL OF HONOR PROGRAM

~2020 Race Amity Medal of Honor Recipients~

Mitch Landrieu

Founder, E Pluribus Unum Fund, Former Mayor of New Orleans

William S. Cohen

Co-Editor, *Race and Reconciliation in America*, former US Senator, former
US Secretary of Defense

Janet Langhart Cohen

Co-Editor, *Race and Reconciliation in America*, Award winning Journalist,
Author, Playwright and Social Activist

5:15PM – 5:30PM (Day 2: S6)

Day 2 Conference Wrap Up

Notes, Updates, Special Announcements for Tomorrow

Conference Co-Host Linda Meccouri, PhD

Day 3 – Friday, November 20

ALL TIMES LISTED ARE Eastern Standard Time

GENERAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

10:30 AM – 10:40 AM **Conference “doors” open, music playing**

10:40AM – 11:10AM (DAY 3: S1)

Welcome/Conference Highlights

Conference Co-Host Linda Meccouri, PhD, Member, NCRA National Advisory Board

Conference Co-Host, Robert C. Henderson, EdD, Board Chair, National Center for Race Amity

11:10AM – 12:50PM (DAY 3: S2)

Panel Discussion

Gen Z Reset toward E Pluribus Unum

Moderator

Doug Mitchell, Founder of NPR Next Generation Radio

Panelists

Penn Badgley, Actor

Adesbah Foguth, Cultural Anthropologist, Navajo (Diné) Nation

Cortney King-Tunis, Co-founder Pantsuit Nation

Masud Olufani, Actor and Artist

Debbie Ferruzzi, Founder, Humanity Rising

2:30PM – 4:00PM (DAY 3: S4:)

Special Presentation:

Alien Citizen: An Earth Odyssey

Talkback with Writer/Producer/Performer Elizabeth Liang

4:00PM – 4:15PM (Day 3: S5)

Conference Closing

Closing remarks and Valuation

Conference Co-Host Linda Meccouri, PhD, Member, NCRA National Advisory Board

William H. “Smitty” Smith, EdD, NCRA Founding Executive Director