

Former U.S. Ambassador Anne Derse To Keynote PuLSE Institute National Forum on Corporate Social Responsibility

Anne Derse, a former United States ambassador to Lithuania and Azerbaijan will deliver the keynote address at The PuLSE Institute on Monday, January 10.

DETROIT , MI , UNITED STATES, January 9, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Anne Derse, a former top diplomat, who served as the United States ambassador to Lithuania (2009-2012) and to Azerbaijan (2006-2009) will deliver the keynote address at a virtual forum of The PuLSE Institute on Monday, January 10, 2022, from 6-7:30pm.

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Ambassador Derse is the latest to appear before The PuLSE Institute, and is the first ex- longtime senior State Department official, who has been invited to address the high-profile platform that Detroit's national anti-poverty think tank provides for the discussion of issues that validate the need for equitable solutions to the crisis of poverty and racial inequality in the country.

For example, past keynote speakers at the Institute included figures such as Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, who led the historic and successful prosecution of the George Floyd murder trial, leading African American minister and civil rights activist Reverend Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III, who delivered the invocation at the National Cathedral for the 2013 national memorial for Nelson Mandela, United States Bankruptcy Judge Mark A. Randon, United Nations Under-Secretary General Dr. Natalia Kanem and Dr. Julius Garvey, a top surgeon and the last remaining son of Marcus Mosiah Garvey, father of the 20th century Black freedom struggle.

The forum featuring Ambassador Derse will mark the launching of a corporate responsibility and leadership series named after Cynthia J. Pasky, the president and CEO of Strategic Staffing Solutions, an international IT staffing company headquartered in Detroit, and one of the city's business leaders. Pasky, who has emphasized that poverty remains a major issue for Detroit to tackle has appeared on the Institute's CEO Forum on Poverty Series, the flagship forum with industry captains about inequality. The new series which will be held on an annual basis, was

announced in March of this year.

"I am delighted to join The PuLSE Institute, one of America's most dynamic thought leaders in the fight against poverty and inequality, to launch the Cindy Pasky Corporate Responsibility Leadership Series," Derse said. "Cindy Pasky is a visionary and compassionate corporate leader who has made a difference in the lives of many in Detroit and the world. She is a model of how we all can employ our personal and professional power and resources to serve the common good. I have been honored to work with her in my career a diplomat and as an Episcopal deacon, and look forward to exploring with you on January 10 how we galvanize communities and community leadership for change drawing on this experience."

Registration for the forum, which is free and open to the public, can be obtained at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/former-us-ambassador-anne-derse-to-keynote-pulse-leadership-forum-jan-10-tickets-228029641797>.

Derse, has held high-level positions managing economic relations at the U.S. mission to the European Union, and at the U.S. embassies in Korea, the Philippines and in Belgium, where she served as the last U.S. Commissioner on the Tripartite Gold Commission.

She was Special Assistant for Asia 1993-95 and Executive Assistant 2003-04 to the Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs. In 2004-05, she assisted in establishing the new U.S. Embassy in Iraq, where she headed the Economic Section. She worked as Director for Bio-defense Policy at the Homeland Security Council at the White House in 2005-06, helping to write the President's Plan for Fighting Pandemic Influenza. She retired from the Department of State in 2012. Earlier in her career she served in Singapore and Trinidad and Tobago.

The PuLSE Institute was founded in 2018 based on the writings of nationally renowned Detroit journalist and author Bankole Thompson, who is a twice-a-week opinion columnist at The Detroit News. Thompson, whose illuminating and influential work on economic and racial justice issues has elevated the discourse around poverty and inequality, serves as the editor-in-chief and dean of the Institute.

The Institute's National Advisory Panel is made up of some of the leading voices on poverty and



Former U.S. Ambassador Anne Derse praises the work of The PuLSE Institute

inequality of the last half a century including Dr. Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Bernard Lafayette, national coordinator of the 1968 Poor People's Campaign, the watershed moment of the Civil Rights Movement, who was a top aide of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., Sister Simone Campbell, Catholic social justice champion, Bishop Charles E. Blake, Presiding Bishop Emeritus of the Church of God in Christ, the largest Black Christian denomination in the country and former presidential diarist Janis F. Kearney.

"Bankole Thompson and The PuLSE Institute play the critical role of the social prophet – proclaiming without compromise what is wrong in our world, and what must be done to right it," Derse said. "The partnership between Cindy and The PuLSE Institute in this wonderful new leadership series is an exciting development. I am confident the series will develop as an important forum to spark new ideas and tap new and unlikely voices to tackle the toughest problems in our communities and our world. I'm honored to join you in the launch."

Attorney Tina M. Patterson, a racial justice advocate, who is the president and director of research of The PuLSE Institute said the forum is timely as it kicks off the 2022 calendar year for the Institute.

"Poverty is not only the greatest issue threatening the prosperity of Detroit, but it is one of the world's greatest social ills. In fact, ending poverty in all its forms everywhere is the number one goal of the United Nations Global Goals to create a better world by 2030," Patterson said. "As such, we are honored to have Ambassador Derse address The PuLSE Institute, as she brings her vast and diverse global experience to push the need for corporate resources and other viable means to solve the dire crises of poverty and inequality."

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