

Progressive Forum Presents Free Livestream With Nikole Hannah-Jones, September 8, 7:30 pm CT

Free livestream featuring Pulitzer winner Nikole Hannah-Jones on her book, #1 bestseller [The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story](#), September 8, at 7:30 p.m. CT.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, August 27, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Pulitzer Prize winner [Nikole Hannah-Jones](#) will discuss her book, New York Times number one bestseller [The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story](#), in a free [livestream](#) Thursday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. CT. The livestream airing is a recording of her recent appearance at [The Progressive Forum](#) in Houston.

Attendees can register for the livestream at: <https://www.progressiveforumhouston.org/event/nikole-hannah-jones-livestream>.

The ACLU of Texas is the event sponsor and promotional partner.

Livestream attendees will receive a 10% discount on [The 1619 Project](#) through bookstore partner Kindred Stories.

In 2021, Governor Abbott and Texas Legislators explicitly banned [The 1619 Project](#) from being taught in K-12 public schools.



“Whether you like the book or not, book banning by the state is un-American, and everyone should oppose it,” said Progressive Forum founder Randall Morton. “I’m excited to take a stand with our partners at the ACLU of Texas who lead the way in protecting civil rights and racial justice.”

Oni Blair, executive director of the ACLU of Texas, said, “Censorship of The 1619 Project and other books about the experiences of Black people, people of color, Jewish people, and queer people erases our histories, cultures, and identities. We are integral to the past, present, and future of Texas and the United States. As a Black woman, a parent of public school students, and the executive director of the ACLU of Texas, I am proud to partner with the Progressive Forum to welcome Nikole Hannah-Jones as she shares her groundbreaking work in The 1619 Project and reminds us of the importance of our first amendment rights.”

The program will feature Nikole Hannah-Jones co-interviewed by Randall Morton and Oni Blair. Hannah-Jones will sign books at the end of the evening.

Nikole Hannah-Jones is a journalist for The New York Times, covering racial injustice. She won the Pulitzer Prize in 2020 for her work creating The 1619 Project. In 2017, she received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, known as the genius grant, for her work on educational inequality. In 2021, Time magazine named her among the world’s 100 most influential people. She has won a Peabody Award, two George Polk Awards, three National Magazine Awards, and the 2018 John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism. In 2016, she co-founded the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting, a training and mentorship organization geared toward increasing the number of investigative reporters of color. Hannah-Jones is the Knight Chair in Race and Journalism at Howard University, where she founded the Center for Journalism and Democracy.

The 1619 Project originated as a special edition of The New York Times Magazine marking the 400-year anniversary of the arrival of a ship in the British colony of Virginia in August of 1619 bearing a cargo of 20 to 30 enslaved people from Africa. The 1619 Project reframed our understanding of American history by placing slavery and its continuing legacy at the center of our national narrative. The 1619 Project is an ongoing initiative, now in a book that weaves together 19 essays that explore the legacy of slavery in present-day America, plus 36 poems and works of fiction, showing how the inheritance of 1619 reaches into every part of contemporary American society, from politics, music, diet, traffic, and citizenship, to capitalism, religion, and our democracy itself. It reveals long-glossed-over truths around our nation’s founding – and the way that legacy of slavery did not end with the emancipation but continues to shape modern American life.

About The Progressive Forum

The Progressive Forum is the nation’s only lecture series expressly dedicated to progressive values. It’s one of the world’s largest speaker series producing in-person events along with free companion livestreams. Its mission is to present the great minds from all the fields of human

endeavor with answers for the success of individuals, our species, and life.

Founded in 2005 by Randall Morton, the history of The Progressive Forum includes several national book launches, including Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, the father of climate science James Hansen's *Storms of My Grandchildren*, and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's *My Beloved World*. The Forum provided the film premiere for Robert Redford's documentary, *Fighting Goliath: Texas Coal Wars*, which Redford introduced. Gloria Steinem celebrated the 30th anniversary of the National Women's Conference in Houston. Other speakers include House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the late Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, and the 68th Secretary of State John Kerry, as well as Jane Goodall, Ken Burns, Bill Moyers, and more.

About the ACLU of Texas

The American Civil Liberties of Texas is the leading civil rights organization in Texas. Since its formation in 1938, it has worked in the courts, the legislature, and through public education to protect civil rights and individual liberty. The ACLU of Texas fights for immigrants that have been unconstitutionally detained and discriminated against, for racial equality, LGBT equality, reproductive freedom, and more. Offices are located in Houston, the state headquarters, as well as Dallas, El Paso, Rio Grande Valley, and Austin.

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