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Contemporary History Series: Race, Poverty & Delaware Public Education

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Historical Society is pleased to host a panel of education advocates to discuss the climate of public education, and strategies for strengthening public education in Delaware on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., 504 N. Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

This event is free but reservations are requested by calling (302) 655-7161.

About the Panel

Dr. Daniel Rich, University of Delaware's Community Engagement Initiative Director and Policy Director of the Wilmington Education Improvement Commission, has nearly 50 years of experience as an educational leader at the University of Delaware, where he serves as a professor, academic advisor, and director of the Ph.D. program in Urban Affairs and Public Policy.

Dr. Tony Allen is a former Executive Vice President at MBNA and co-founder of Public Allies Delaware, a leadership development organization for young adults interested in full-time public service careers. Allen is currently the Chief Academic Officer at Delaware State University. He holds a B.S. and Ph.D from the University of Delaware. He earned a master of public administration degree at Baruch College of the City of New York.

Dorrell Green joined the Department of Education as the leader of the Office of Innovation and Improvement in August after serving in the Brandywine School District as Assistant Superintendent since 2012. Green has more than 18 years of experience in public education, and is pursuing a doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Wilmington University. Green earned a B.S. and M.A. degree from the University of Delaware.

Shana Payne, is an alumna of Yale University where she earned a B.A. in American Studies and Teacher Preparation. Payne taught Global Studies and African American Studies in the Coatesville Area School District, and then completed a M.A. at the University of Delaware. As Higher Education Director, Payne serves as a liaison between the K-12 system and higher education institutions on issues related to college access, enrollment, persistence and affordability. Payne's office also oversees the administration of more than \$4 million in scholarships and coordinates the state's College Investment Plan.

About the Delaware Historical Society

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the National Historic Landmark, Read House & Gardens located in Old New Castle. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org, or visit www.dehistory.org.