

# **ZOOM VIRTUAL SEMINAR SERIES**

**THE POWER OF THE VOTE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
BY SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS**

**FOLLOWED BY**

**A TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE CANDIDATES**

**Sunday December 27, 2020 FROM 6:00 PM – 8:45 PM EST**

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## **SEMINAR AGENDA**

### **SECTION I**

**6:00 – 6:05 PM**

**INTRODUCTION – Moderator, Hezekiel (Zeke) Eskender**

Invited Guests to Enter Zoom Virtual Meeting Room

**6:05 – 6:15 PM**

Welcome Address

**Mr. Yonas Tamiru**, Ethiopian Community Association in Atlanta (ECAA) Executive Director.

Conference and Town Hall Objectives

**Hezekiel (Zeke) Eskender**, Executive Director, Worldwide Ethiopian Civic Associations Network.

Acknowledgement and Opening of the Conference

**Dr. Teshay Alemayhu**, Profesor Emeritus, Economics, ECAA Inter-Community Relations Leader and Conference Chair;

“Ethiopian Community Association in Atlanta Presents the Second of Three Zoom “Hot Button Issues Seminar” by Subject Matter Experts Followed by a Town Hall Meeting With the Candidates for US Senate Runoff & Public Service Commissioner Elections in Georgia.

### **SECTION II**

**IMPACT OF THE POWER OF THE VOTE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ON THE US ECONOMY AND OUR LIFE – Moderator as well as Panelist, Dr. Tsehay Alemayhu**

**6:15 –6:30 PM**

**HEALTH, HOUSING, EDUCATION AND INCOME INEQUALITIES**

**Dr. Keith Jennings**, President of African American Center for Global Politics and Human Rights.

ROOT CAUSES OF INEQUALITIES IN 2021 AND ITS IMPACT ON:

Employment Opportunities, Income, Pay Gap, Financing

Educational Opportunities, Cost of Education, Having Access to and Managing Student Loan

### **SECTION III**

**THE VOTE AND AFRICAN FINANCE & ECONOMICS – Moderator, Hezekiel Eskender**

**6:30 – 6:55 PM**

**AFRICAN FINANCIAL SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

**Prof. Lemma W. Senbet**, The William E. Mayer Chair Professor of Finance and Former Director (Founding), Center for Financial Policy; Robert H Smith School of Business University of Maryland, College Park MD; Immediate Past Executive Director/CEO African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Pan-African Economic Research and Training Network: HQ: Nairobi, Kenya; Member, Brookings AGI Distinguished Advisory Group

- Financial Development Gap in Africa,
- Economic Development Gap & Loan Gap
- Available Opportunities to Close the Gap
- How to bridge the financial development Gap and the Empowerments Associated With It
- Opportunities to African Diaspora, African Americans and Foreign Investment in General, Trade & Investment

## SEMINAR AGENDA (cont.)

**SECTION IV**                    **IMPACT OF THE VOTE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - Moderator, Ms. Abeba Cherinet, Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley**

**6:55 – 7:15 PM**            **US FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS AFRICAN COUNTRIES:**

**Prof. Brook Hailu Beshah:** full-time faculty in North Carolina A&T State University Department of Political Science. He has 30 years of lecturing in political science and international relations and years of experience in foreign policy and diplomacy. Served as staff and Director of the Global Leadership Center of Ohio University 2014 to 2016. Former Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Ohio University and Ohio State University.  
Former Ethiopia’s Especial Envoy to the US at Washington D.C. and UN Permanent Delegate to UNESCO  
Honorary Consul of Ethiopia For the Carolinas and Georgia; Chief Diplomatic Advisor for Ethiopian Advocacy Network and Ethiopian-American Civic Council.

- Good Governance and Democracy
- Justice and Rule of Law
- Corruption and Accountability
- DV and Immigration
- Security & Terrorism

**SECTION V**                    **TOWN HALL MEETING – Moderator, Ms. Abeba Cherinet, Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley**

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**+1-513-444-8986**

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**7:15 PM – 7:45 PM**            **Candidate for the GA Commissioner, Mr. Daniel Blackman**

Mr. Daniel Blackman, Candidate - Brief Statement and Participate in Q & A.  
Ms. Emily Leslie, Campaign Manager

**7:45 PM – 8:15 PM**            **Candidate for US Senate, Rev. Raphael Warnock Campaign**

Ms. Samia Abdulle, Immigrant/New American Outreach Coordinator  
Ms. Erica Pines, Senior Advisor – Brief Statement and Participate in Q & A

**8:15 PM – 8:45 PM**            **Candidate for the US Senate, Mr. Jon Ossoff Campaign**

DeKalb Super District Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson - Brief Statement and Participate in Q & A

**8:45 PM**                        **Town Hall Meeting Adjourns**

The Next and Final “Seminar + Town Hall” Zoom Virtual Meeting Will be On Sunday January 3, 2021. The Theme Will be “Rule of Law, Freedom & Justice in America”

**Voting**

**Early Voting Ends on December 31. In Person Voting is on Tuesday January 5, 2021**