Program at a Glance

8:00  Registration
8:30  Introduction
8:45  Keynote Address by Heather McGhee
9:45  Book Browsing, Conversation with Colleagues
10:15  Panel discussion with Alice Faye Duncan, Kekla Magoon, and Traci Sorell – moderated by Dr. Grace Enriquez, Lesley University
11:30  Lunch
12:30  Concurrent Sessions I:
   A. Using Picture Books to Teach Hard History to Elementary Students with Jill Stevens, Primary Source
   B. The Results Are In: Teaching Before and After the Votes are Tallied with Elizabeth Carroll, Ed.D., Facing History & Ourselves
   C. Meet the Author: Kekla Magoon
1:40  Break, Book Browsing, and Conversation
1:50  Concurrent Sessions II:
   D. The Results Are In: Teaching Before and After the Votes are Tallied with Elizabeth Carroll, Ed.D., Facing History & Ourselves
   E. Meet the Author: Alice Faye Duncan
   F. Meet the Author: Traci Sorell
3:05  Conclusion/Raffle/Evaluation
3:15  Book Signing

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