

TO: HRAAA Membership

FROM: Chester Hartman, Nominations Comm. Coordinator, HRAAA Exec. Comm.

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The HRAAA Nominations Committee -- Nell Painter, Ephraim Isaac, Joel Krieger and myself -- was appointed by the Exec. Comm. at its October meeting. We solicited suggestions from our membership and supplemented these via suggestions from the Exec. Comm. and lists of persons considered in previous years. We then winnowed this list down to a manageable size via biographical information submitted by and on behalf of these alumni/ae, contacted this smaller list to ascertain their interest and learn more about them, then held two long conference call meetings to create our slate. As usual, our criteria were electability, our sense of how well the person would perform as an Overseer, and slate balance, by gender, race, type of work. We have created (once again!) a superb slate; and once again, we've had to pass over lots of superbly qualified folks (which, however, gives us a great starting point when we come to develop next year's slate). So, without further ado, here's the 1990 HRAAA slate (in terms of race/gender balance, it's 1 white woman, 1 African-American woman, 1 African-American man, 2 white men):

- + WILLARD R. JOHNSON, Newton, MA. AB'57 USC; MA'61 Johns Hopkins School Adv. Internatl. Studies; PhD (Pol. Sci.) '65 Harvard. Professor of Political Science, MIT. Director, Business Mgt. for Econ. Dev. Project, MIT Ctr. for Internatl. Studies. Director, African American Issues Ctr. Communications Project. Co-founder, natl. board member, Pres. Boston chapter of TRANSAFRICA. Natl. Co-Chair, Assn. of Concerned African Scholars, 1985-89.
- + JUDITH LIEBERMAN, Brookline, MA. AB(summa) '69 Radcliffe; PhD (Theoretical Physics) '74 Rockefeller U.; MD'81 Harvard (Jt. MIT-Harvard Prog. in Health Sciences & Technology). Visiting Scientist, Ctr. for Cancer Research, MIT. Asst. Prof. Tufts U. School of Medicine. Member, Inst. Advanced Study, 1974-76; Trustee, Assn. of Members, Inst. Adv. Study. Special Fellow, Leukemia Soc. of America.
- + DAVID SCONDRAS, Boston, MA. AB'68 Harvard, MA(Econ.) '74 Northeastern. Three-term member of Boston City Council, representing Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Allston. One of nation's few openly gay elected officials, active in HUGGLE (Harvard Univ. Gays and Lesbians).
- + RUTH J. SIMMONS, Atlanta, GA. AB(summa) '67 Dillard; AM'70 Harvard; PhD (Romance Langs.) '73 Harvard. Provost, Spelman College. Assoc. Dean of Faculty, Princeton, 1987-89. Assoc. Dean, Graduate School, USC, 1982-83. Visiting Assoc. Prof. Pan-African Studies, Cal. St. U., 1978-79.
- + DONALD J. WOODS, London, England. Nieman Fellow, Harvard, 1978 and 1979. Hon. doctorate, Brandeis, 1979. Editor-in-chief, Daily Dispatch (S. Africa), 1965 through 1977, when he was arrested and banned by S. African govt. after publishing details of death of Black Consciousness leader Steven Biko; escaped with family to London. Presently writer, lecturer and broadcaster on apartheid and Special Advisor to 49-nation Commonwealth Secretariat on S. African matters. Author of 6 books on S. Africa, including Biko (biography) and Asking for Trouble (autobiography on which 1987 film "Cry Freedom" was based).