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### **FAIR HOUSING CENTER OPENS FAIR HOUSING MONTH WITH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

INDIANAPOLIS – Each year, April is celebrated around the country as Fair Housing Month to honor the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act in April 1968. This year, the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) celebrates the month with our annual conference. The FHCCI's 7th Annual Fair Housing Conference, entitled *Fair Housing: The Bridge to Equitable Communities*, will be held at the Marriott East in Indianapolis from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

The luncheon program will open with U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Region V Regional Administrator, Joseph Galvan. Dr. George Lipsitz, author and Professor of Black Studies and Sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will speak at the end of the conference. Dr. Lipsitz has released such publications as *How Racism Takes Place* (2011), *The Possessive Investment in Whiteness* (2006), and *A Life in the Struggle* (1995).

Along with the keynote speakers noted above, the conference will also feature 15 workshop options for attendees to choose from based on the following fair housing topics:



**George Lipsitz**

- Fair Housing Disability Case Law Update
- Environmental Justice in Housing
- Fair Lending – History & Challenges
- National Origin Based Housing Discrimination
- Fair Housing Challenges in Rural Communities
- Mapping Prejudice
- Lending Hot Topics
- Case Highlights Impacting Persons with Disabilities
- Evictions and Housing Instability



**Joseph P. Galvan**

- Neighborhood Racial & Economic Segregation
- Fair Housing Challenges in Sales Transactions
- Familial Status Housing Discrimination
- Indiana General Assembly Update
- Indiana Civil Rights Commission Update
- Fair Housing Barriers & Homelessness

Continuing education for attorneys, social workers, and real estate have been approved. The conference cost is \$55. A detailed agenda can be found on the [conference website](#). Registration will remain open until March 31, 2019.

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