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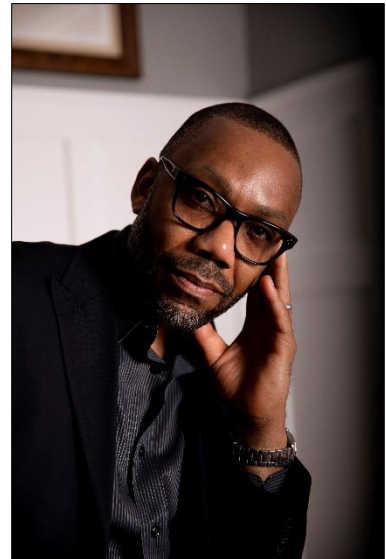
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FAIR HOUSING CENTER OPENS FAIR HOUSING MONTH WITH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, VIDEOS, AND EVENT

INDIANAPOLIS – Each year, April is celebrated across 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) has a month of targeted activities in celebration and recognition of fair housing.

We will kick off Fair Housing Month 2021 with our annual conference. The **FHCCI's 9th Annual Fair Housing Conference**, entitled *Acknowledging Our History for the Future of Fair Housing*, will be held virtually from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (EST) on Thursday, April 8, 2021. This year's conference has over 500 registrants. The conference was approved for 6.3 CLEs.

The conference will offer 15 topical themed workshops on various fair housing issues through three defined tracts. A plenary session will welcome Dr. Andre M. Perry as the conference keynote speaker. Dr. Perry is a senior fellow in the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings, a scholar-in-residence at American University, and a columnist for the Hechinger Report. He is the author of the book, *Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in American's Black Cities*, which is [currently available](#) wherever books are sold. More info on the conference can be found on the [FHCCI Events Page](#).



Dr. Andre M. Perry

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During April, the FHCCI will also be releasing **two new fair housing videos**. The first video, which will premiere at the FHCCI conference, is titled, *A History of Real Estate Sales Discrimination in Indianapolis*. The 7 minute video will explore the discriminatory practices and actions that were at work in Indianapolis that are still impacting our neighborhoods today. The second video, of a similar length, will define and explain “reverse redlining” so victims can better identify and report. These videos were funded through support of First Merchants Bank. The videos may be found on the [FHCCI YouTube Page](#) or via FHCCI social media accounts.

Finally, on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 from 3:00-4:30 PM (EST), the FHCCI will host with community partners Kheprw Institute and Indiana Legal Services, ***The Color Tax: Origins of the Modern Day Wealth Gap***. *The Color Tax: Origins of the Modern-Day Racial Wealth Gap*, is Episode 3 of the five-part documentary series, *Shame of Chicago*. *The Color Tax* tells the story of how a system of predatory home contract sales during the 1950s and 60s plundered enormous sums of wealth from Black families seeking the American dream of homeownership, but denied access to standard mortgages. In a compelling narrative format, *The Color Tax* documents who peddled the contracts, how and why they were allowed to do it, and what happened when Black families organized to fight back, in one of Chicago’s most heart-wrenching and perilous campaigns for racial and economic justice. The event is part of the FHCCI’s work to spread information and awareness about housing rent-to-own, contract for deed, and land contracts. The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana has filed two federal court actions to date alleging fair housing violations as part of these transactions. We will show the short film and then have a panel discussion with local advocates and the film’s producer, [Bruce Orenstein](#), on the continued impact and use of modern day rent-to-own housing transactions and land contracts. The event is free

but advance registration is required. It has also been approved for 1.5 CLEs. More info on the [FHCCI Events Page](#).

Happy Fair Housing Month!

The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, non-profit fair housing organization founded in 2011 and based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education and outreach. For more information, visit: www.fhcci.org

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