



2026 CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 7:30 am **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:30 am -
Auditorium **Land Acknowledgment & Welcoming Remarks**
Joseph Bad Moccasin II – enrolled member of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of South Dakota
Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, Mayor, City of Lincoln
Jamie Reyes, Director, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights
Joseph Wilson, State, Local & Tribal Program Manager, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- 9:00 am -
Auditorium **Keynote Speaker**
Dr. Alisa Warren, Ph.D., President, International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies
- 10:30 am **Morning Breakout Sessions:**
- Auditorium **Employment Track I: Employment Legal Update**
Luke Hertenstein, Trial Attorney, Kansas City Office, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Room A1 **Housing Track I: Hot Topics in Fair Housing**
Kurt Elder, AICP, GISP, Senior Planner/Information Intelligence, Department of Urban Development, City of Lincoln
Jamie Reyes, Director, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights
- Room A2 **Social Justice Track I: Building a More Climate Resilient Lincoln**
Maizie Humm, Climate and Health Resilience Coordinator, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
Kim Morrow, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Lincoln
- Room A3 **Belonging Track I: Dismantling the Bias Smokescreen**
Karen Bell-Dancy, Executive Director, YWCA Lincoln
Myeisha Essex, Associate Director, YWCA Lincoln
- 11:45 am **Break**

12:00 pm – Main Room	<p>Gerald Henderson Human Rights Award Luncheon</p> <p><i>Performance by Nonde Udon Dance Group</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of the 2026 Gerald Henderson Human Rights Award- Presented by John Goldrich, Chair, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights</i></p>
1:00 pm	Afternoon Breakout Sessions:
Auditorium	<p>Housing Track II: Fair Housing Legal Update</p> <p><i>Abigail Littrell, Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Lincoln</i></p>
Room A1	<p>Employment Track II: Humans, Resources, and Robots: HR in the Age of AI</p> <p><i>Sydney Huss, Attorney, Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather</i></p>
Room A2	<p>Social Justice Track II: How to Support Youth as They Navigate “Second Chances”</p> <p><i>Josué Covarrubias, Principal, Boys Town Home Campus School</i></p>
Room A3	<p>Belonging Track II: Reversing Burnout: Mental Health, Self-Care, and Building Stronger, More Equitable Workplace Cultures</p> <p><i>Gatran Gatnoor, Graduate Student- Mental Health Counseling, University of Miami</i></p>
2:15 pm	Break
2:30 pm - Auditorium	<p>General Session</p> <p>CORAL on the 3rd Presents: Hyphen-American-Intersections of Identity</p> <p><i>Christian Wurst, Associate Curator for Exhibitions, Sheldon Museum of Art</i></p> <p><i>Randy Guthmiller, Associate Director for Learning, Engagement, and Public Practice, Sheldon Museum of Art</i></p>
3:45 pm - Auditorium	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Francisca Beltran, Education & Outreach Coordinator, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights</p>