

# (1928) BEATRICE MORROW CANNADY SPEAKS TO THE NAACP

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Beatrice Hulon Morrow Cannady

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*When in June 1928, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) chose to hold its 19th annual conference in Los Angeles, California, it was the first time the Association's meeting was held in the West. W.E.B. DuBois was the major speaker. He was followed by a then relatively unknown young attorney from Portland, Oregon, Beatrice M. Cannady. Part of Cannady's Speech to the Conference on June 28 appears below.*



“This organization which is doing more than any other organization in America to break down the barriers of race color and class prejudice is the only child of a woman and while this woman is biologically white- yet her long years of laboring for and with the Negro entering so fully into the things which effect his life in America that she has become psychologically a Negro.

Some few years ago it was our pleasure to read in a leading American magazine, a criticism on one of her books which she had written on some phase of Negro life in which the noted critic concluded: “It would be expected that she would take such a view point, being a Negro herself.”



Photo courtesy of Walter P. Reuther  
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“The history of the progressive is  
one of dodging the race issue  
whenever possible.”

Mary White Ovington,

co-founder of NAACP



“Honor us not in fulsome praise  
by doing the things we left  
undone.”

A great philosopher and teacher once said, “The servants of humanity are the superior men of whatever race, nation or creed.”

“That one indeed is a man who, today, dedicateth himself to the service of the entire human race....”

Baha'i Writings

“Negro Women who occupy places of leadership, whether with or without the consent of those led – are too often lukewarm about the race and are often responsible for much of the indignities against and half loaves handed out to our race. The time demands **real** women.” Beatrice

Morrow Cannady



Studio portrait of Maj.  
Martin Delany in military  
uniform, circa 1864. Sold for \$59,375

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# First Lieutenant William Dominick Matthews

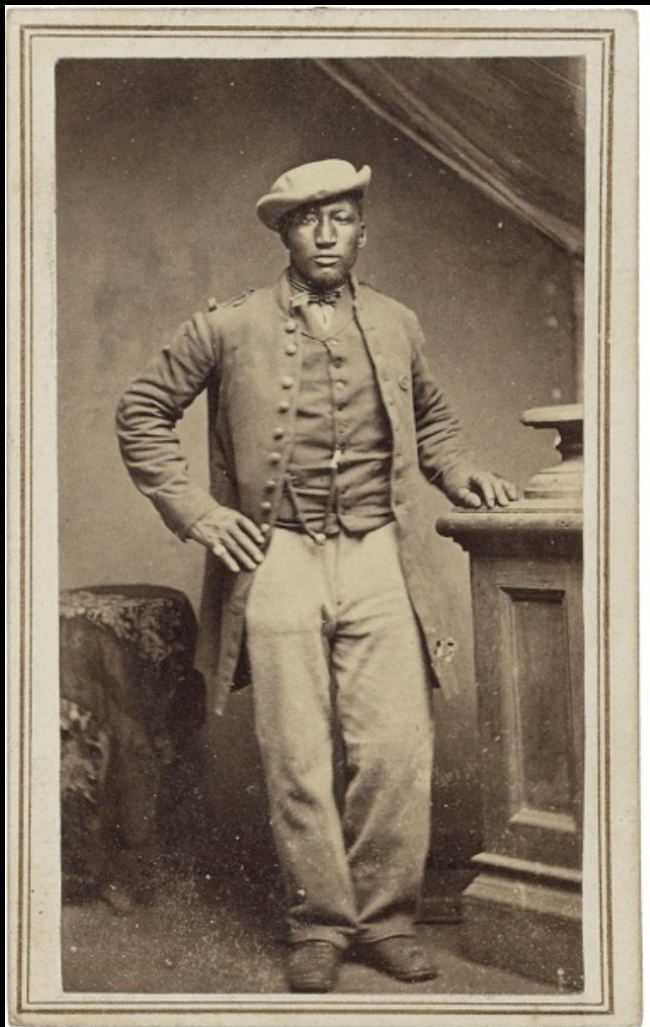
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1861 and 1865





Unidentified  
African-American Union  
veteran. From the Liljenquist Family



# Edmund Delaney

Company E, 117th

United States Colored Infantry



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Lewis Henry Douglass was promoted to Sergeant Major on March 25, 1863. Sergeant Major was the highest rank that a Black man could achieve during the Civil War.





¶ “You see, I’m a Captain  
now—and I want to marry—”



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**"Love came to me, and I was not afraid to marry the man I loved because of his color,"** Helen Pitts Douglass

Frederick Douglass with Helen Pitts Douglass (seated, right) and her sister Eva Pitts (standing, center). They were married January 24, 1884.





A newsboy says to a bootblack: "Hi Yi, dere Jimmy, whose dem folksees whats got de Sulfur Bitters?" The bootblack replies "Spec dats Fred. Douglass and his wife. Golly he is going to take de Sulfur Bitters for his complexion."









THOMAS DIXON, Jr.

Dixon wrote: "I am not attacking the Negro of today. I am recording faithfully the history of fifty years ago." (New York) Globe and

Commercial Advertiser, April 8, April 9, 1915.



# The Birth of a Nation: Media and Racial Hate

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## Abstract

This paper documents the impact of popular media on racial hate by examining the first American blockbuster: 1915's *The Birth of a Nation*, a fictional portrayal of the KKK's founding rife with racist stereotypes. Exploiting the film's five-year "roadshow", I find a sharp spike in lynchings and race riots coinciding with its arrival in a county. Instrumenting for roadshow destinations using the location of theaters prior to the movie's release, I show that the film significantly increased local Klan support in the 1920s. Roadshow counties continue to experience higher rates of hate crimes and hate groups a century later.

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“....the Negro Women will find a broad avenue for rich service not alone to the Negro race, but to the White race as well.

Paradoxical as it may seem the Negro Women of America must become the teachers of the white race.”



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## **Respond to Racism**

### **Executive Director Job Description**

#### **Overview:**

The Executive Director (ED) is the strategic leader for the organization and is responsible for its impact and performance in carrying out its mission. In collaboration with the President and the Board, the ED establishes strategic goals, shorter-term objectives and operational plans, garnering input from the leadership team and various areas of the organization where input is helpful. The ED oversees and manages implementation of the strategic plan, financial health of the organization, and policies of the Board. The ED inspires, guides, unites, motivates, encourages, and supports the staff and volunteers in their various roles. Most importantly, the ED ensures that the values of the organization are upheld, informs the Board of the state of the organization and collaborates with them in accessing needed resources.

#### **Requirements:**

- Previous experience in management of teams.
- Previous work with non-profits is desirable but not mandatory.
- Has to have a passion for racial justice and be completely aligned with the mission, vision and values of the organization.
- Residency in Lake Oswego is desirable but not required.
- Must be a team player and have a collaborative management style.
- Accepts constructive feedback with a posture of learning and shows patience with the learning curve of others in the organization.
- Takes care of responsibilities in a proactive manner and meets deadlines.

Salary: \$75,000 plus benefits