

## The Houston in Black & White Influencers:

**Rev. Hannah Terry**, Associate Pastor, FAM (Fondren Apartment Ministry)

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As an ordained United Methodist deacon, Hannah serves alongside and connects the church and the world as friend, neighbor, and visionary. She is passionate about creating community where all persons are welcomed. She discerned with the people of Westbury UMC that southwest Houston needs trust-building and holy friendships for the purpose of personal wholeness, communal healing, and systemic change. Hannah founded FAM (Fondren Apartment Ministry, circa 2013) which works for justice by building empowering community among refugees and immigrants and local Houstonians through practices of hospitality, mutuality, storytelling, and inclusivity. She lives in FAM's intentional Christian community and builds bridges in the neighborhood to cultivate communities of prayer and action. Hannah received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Roberts Wesleyan College and Master of Divinity degree from Duke University.

Fondren Apartment Ministry: <http://www.westburyumc.org/fondren-apartment-ministry>

**Dr. Andrew Hamilton, Founding Director, UH Bonner Leaders Program**

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Andrew is Associate Dean for Student Success in UH's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Founding Director of the UH Bonner Program. He has published widely in evolutionary theory and biological classification, as well as on effective university teaching. His most recent work in these areas can be found in his book, *The Evolution of Phylogenetic Systematics* (University of California Press), and in *Change* magazine. He is a strong advocate for student-centered learning, especially as it involves educationally meaningful service to the community. He teaches courses in biology and civic engagement. At UH he was instrumental in the establishment of the Campus Kitchen, which has provided more than 20,000 meals to low-income Houstonians in the last year, as well as the launching of several education projects at area middle and high schools that serve low-income students. Before coming to the University of Houston in 2012, he held appointments in the School of Life Sciences and the Global Institute of Sustainability at Arizona State University, where he was also Director of the Biology Graduate Program and an Associate Director at the International Institute for Species Exploration. In 2016, the UH Bonner Program was honored with UH System Regents' Academic Excellence Award for its work in fighting poverty and developing the next generation of civic leaders. Dr. Hamilton is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego, Boston College, and Berea College.

UH Bonner Leaders Program: <http://www.uh.edu/honors/Programs-Minors/honors-minors-programs/Bonner-Leaders/>

**Natalie Arceneaux**, business consultant, and conservative talk show host  
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Natalie brings her creativity, originality, drive, and her considerable experience to C+A Global Group, a woman-owned people focused consultancy, but her first fluency is always in people. Managing everything from projects, to communications to campaigns, Natalie has been in the trenches with teams in many industries, leading them all towards optimal solutions, greater efficiencies, increased revenues, and shared successes. Passionate about accountability, Natalie hosted her own weekly radio program for several years, dedicated to informing and inspiring her audience to do more related to culture, politics, and philanthropy. In an effort to continue engaging and informing audiences, she now co-hosts a weekly business radio show. Natalie is also a sought-after speaker at meetings, rallies, and conferences; inspiring grassroots activists to become engaged and involved in their communities and government.

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**Deric Muhammad**, Author/Activist  
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Deric Muhammad believes that man is given power for one reason; and that is to serve others. Muhammad is an accomplished Houston-based Activist/Organizer who addresses issues on Social Justice, Black Male Development, Police Brutality, Racial Inequality and other critical topics. Muhammad prides himself in being an “on the ground watchman” of Freedom, Justice and Equality for the Black community and other poor, underserved, disenfranchised communities, as well. A native Houstonian, Deric grew up on the rough and tumble streets of Northeast Houston. At the age of 11 his father died and his mother struggled with an addiction to drugs that she, later in life, overcame. Deric was raised in an environment where drugs, gang violence, prostitution, police brutality and other “social cancers” were prominent. This is important to know, because it verifies that Muhammad addresses these issues based on vast knowledge and personal experience. Like countless Black men who came before him, he changed his life around through his studies as a member of the Nation of Islam. Muhammad hosts an annual “Smart’n Up” Black Male Summit that deals with the unique issues that Black men and boys face in society. In 2009 he independently produced and starred in a critically

acclaimed documentary called “Raising Boys: Tips for Single Moms” that addressed the plight of Black women raising sons in the absence of a father. He recently launched a Houston-based Black Male Initiative called Project FORWARD that focuses on Stopping Inner-City Violence and creating Economic Development.

<http://dericmuhammad.com/>