



**THRIVING**  
**TOGETHER**

*NAACP Salt Lake Branch*

**105th Annual Life Membership and  
Freedom Fund Banquet**

*October 27, 2023*

**The NAACP Salt Lake Branch  
cordially invites you to attend and support the  
105th Annual Life Membership and  
Freedom Fund Banquet**

**Theme:  
“Thriving Together”**

**Speaker:**

**Mary D. Burbank**

*University of Utah, Director of The Urban Institute for Teacher Education (UITE), Urban Institute for Teacher Education. Clinical Professor, College Of Education-Dean. Clinical Professor, Urban Institute for Teacher Education.*

**The Albert Fritz Award  
will be presented to:**

**William Smith**

*William Smith, Ph.D., recognized nationally for his research on racial battle fatigue, was appointed Chief Executive Administrator for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) at Huntsman Mental Health Institute (HMHI) at the University of Utah, June 2022.*

**The President’s Award  
will be presented to:**

**George B. Severson**

*Director of Local Programming & Creative Services  
Good4Utah - KTVX/KUCW*

Friday, October 27, 2023  
Reception: 6:00 p.m. -- Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Little America Hotel  
500 South Main  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101



### **Mary D. Burbank**

Mary D. Burbank is a Career Line Professor in the College of Education. She has served as the Director of the Urban Institute for Teacher Education since 2009 and is the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, Teacher Education, Engagement (Partnerships), and Professional Development. Mary began her career in education as a special education teacher at Bryant Middle School in the Salt Lake City School District. She also taught in Durham, North Carolina before pursuing graduate studies at Washington State University. She has been a faculty member at the University of Utah since 1994.



### **William Smith, Ph.D.**

“Dr. Smith has been instrumental in deepening our country’s understanding of the mental health toll of racism. Dr. Smith, a professor in the Department of Education, Culture, and Society in the College of Education, is one of University of Utah’s most influential scholars. He has written extensively about micro-aggressions experienced by Black faculty and students and coined the term “racial battle fatigue” in 2003.



### **George Severson**

George Severson is an award-winning journalist, television producer and media manager. He is the Creative Services Director for ABC4/CW30 in Salt Lake City. George is the creator of Utah’s premiere lifestyle talkshow, Good Things Utah – now in its 22nd season on ABC4. Community engagement is in his blood - proudly serving on the boards of a variety of organizations, including NAACP Salt Lake Branch, Aging and Living With Pride, Society of Professional Journalists, Camp K, American Cancer Society Utah, and Salt Lake Acting Company. George lives in Midvale with his husband Brian and their three fur-babies.

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The NAACP Salt Lake Branch was chartered in 1918. This is the major fundraiser for the Branch. Donations or contributions to the NAACP units are not tax deductible as charitable donations.

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