

## **Stockton Distinguished Professor Wendel White Named to NJ Martin Luther King Jr. Commission**

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**Galloway Township, NJ** - Wendel White, Distinguished Professor of Art at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, has been appointed to the New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission by Gov. Chris Christie.

"We want to welcome you to this wonderful group of dedicated citizens whose mission is to raise public awareness of Dr. King's ideals and philosophy," said Rowena Madden, executive director, and Tom Jones, commission chair, in a letter to White. The Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission is part of the NJ Department of State.

"The mission is to quite simply to promote the ideals and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King in our state," said Professor White, whose work, "Small Towns, Black Lives," includes photographs and text, as well as a multimedia presentation.

"I am looking forward to making whatever contributions I can to the initiatives of the commission," said White.

He has received various awards and fellowships including a John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in Photography and two artist fellowships from the New Jersey State Council for the Arts.

Among his projects are: "Schools for the Colored," which is comprised of photographs of historically African American school buildings; and "Manifest," photographs of historical artifacts that speak to "the struggle for freedom and equality," White said. "Seven Steps to Freedom," a public art commission for the Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission, was funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

White served for 12 years on the board of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and in November 2013 concluded a three-year term as board chairman

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