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Honoring Rev. William A. Lawson
Featuring Dr. Stephen L. Klineberg
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PRESENTED BY  
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AWARDED TO  
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10 Years, One Vision

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Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Rice University School of Social Sciences

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Bill Fulton

Bill Fulton has been director of Rice University’s Kinder Institute for Urban Research since 2014. He is a former mayor of Ventura, California, and director of planning & economic development for the city of San Diego. Fulton has also served as vice president for policy at Smart Growth America, principal in the California-based urban planning firm now known as PlaceWorks and senior fellow at the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. He is the board chair of MetroLab Network and is the founding editor and publisher of California Planning & Development Report and author of five books, including Guide to California Planning, the standard urban planning textbook in California, and The Reluctant Metropolis: The Politics of Urban Growth in Los Angeles, which was an L.A. Times best-seller. His most recent book is Talk City: A Chronicle Of Political Life In An All-American Town. Fulton holds master’s degrees in mass communication from The American University and urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles.

David W. Leebron

David W. Leebron has served as Rice University's seventh president since 2004, a period of growth and transformation for the university, including making engagement with Houston a top priority. A native of Philadelphia, Leebron is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he was elected president of the Harvard Law Review. Following a judicial clerkship on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, he taught at the UCLA School of Law in 1980. After two years practicing with an international law firm in New York City, he joined the faculty at the NYU School of Law in 1983. In 1989, Leebron joined the faculty of Columbia Law School, where in 1996 he was appointed dean and served in that position until coming to Rice. He is a member of the political science faculty at Rice and has written about and taught international trade and investment, torts, privacy, corporate law and human rights. He has also been a visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany, and a Jean Monnet Visiting Professor at Bielefeld University. Leebron is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and he serves on a variety of boards including the Greater Houston Partnership. He has also been awarded Commandeur de l’Ordre National du Mérite by the government of France and the Encomienda de la Orden de Isabel La Católica by the government of Spain, and holds an honorary degree from Nankai University. Leebron and his wife, University Representative Y. Ping Sun, have two children, Daniel and Mei.
Professor Ruth N. López Turley founded the Houston Education Research Consortium, a research-practice partnership between Rice and 11 Houston-area school districts, representing over 700,000 students. HERC aims to improve educational equity by connecting research to policy and practice, working directly with district leaders. Turley also founded the National Network of Education Research-Practice Partnerships, which supports over 40 partnerships between research institutions and education agencies throughout the country. A graduate of Stanford and Harvard, she has served in elected and appointed positions in the American Sociological Association, the American Educational Research Association, the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, and the National Research Council of the National Academies. Turley received the George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching at Rice, and she is on Education Week’s list of US-based scholars “who did the most last year to shape educational practice and policy.”

Sylvester Turner was elected Mayor of Houston on December 12, 2015 and re-elected in December 2019, now serving his second four-year term. He was born and raised in the Acres Homes community in northwest Houston. Mayor Turner graduated from the University of Houston and Harvard Law School before joining the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski. He later founded the Houston law firm of Barnes & Turner in 1983. In 1988, Turner was elected to the Texas House of Representatives to serve the people of House District 139 in northwest Houston. He served until his election as mayor, working on the House Appropriations Committee for 21 years and serving as Speaker Pro Tem for three terms. He was appointed to several Budget Conference Committees to help balance the state’s budget and served on the Legislative Budget Board.

Lina Hidalgo is the first woman to be elected County Judge and only the second to be elected to the Commissioners Court. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Stanford University and a joint degree in law and public policy from New York University and Harvard. Hidalgo’s career experience includes working at the Texas Civil Rights Project, coordinating with advocacy groups to push for criminal justice reform, and working in Southeast Asia to promote transparency and accountability. She believes our region will remain competitive only through proactive and creative leadership on issues like flood control, transportation, criminal justice reform, and education.
Reverend William A. Lawson
2020 Klineberg Award Recipient

Reverend William A. Lawson has been one of Houston’s most influential spiritual leaders for over 60 years. Lawson was launched into the civil rights movement when 14 TSU students conducted a sit-in to protest segregation at a lunch counter. He helped lead the movement in Houston, organizing one of the first protests against segregated schools, registering thousands of black voters, and even marching with Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The Lawson family founded Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in their home in June 1962 with 13 members. The congregation has grown to over 15,000 members, hosting numerous outreach and advocacy programs for African Americans, Hispanics, women and the poor. Lawson’s lasting impact on the Houston community continues through the William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity, a nonprofit advocacy agency created in 1996 in his honor.

_In recognition of Rev. Lawson’s service, the beautiful grove of trees situated between Herring Hall and Brochstein Pavilion on the Rice University campus will be named The Reverend William A. Lawson Grove—a place of natural beauty for members of the campus community and visitors._

The Stephen L. Klineberg Award

Named for Stephen L. Klineberg, Ph.D., founding director of Rice University’s Kinder Institute, the Klineberg Award recognizes individuals who have made, or are making a lasting impact on Greater Houston. Through work in urban planning, urban design, civic leadership, journalism or community engagement, recipients of the Klineberg Award embody the spirit of collaboration, broad perspective and positive charisma which characterize Dr. Klineberg in his life-long work on the Kinder Houston Area Survey. The Klineberg Award has been presented to Jeff Hines (2019), Angela Blanchard (2018) and Tom Bacon (2017).

Stephen L. Klineberg, Ph.D.
Keynote Speaker

Stephen Klineberg is the Kinder Institute’s founding director. Over the past 39 years, his annual Kinder Houston Area Survey has measured the evolving perceptions and experiences of Houstonians during a period of remarkable change. Klineberg’s long-awaited book on Houston, _Prophetic City: Houston on the Cusp of a Changing America_, will be released by Simon & Schuster on June 2, building on findings from the annual surveys. The recipient of 12 major teaching awards, he is a highly sought-after speaker in Houston and elsewhere. Klineberg is a graduate of Haverford College, with an M.A. from the University of Paris and a Ph.D. from Harvard.
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Featuring Dr. Stephen L. Klineberg

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Join us to celebrate 40 years of the Kinder Houston Area Survey — the longest-running survey of its kind! For four decades, this remarkable study has been tracking the changing attitudes and experiences of Houstonians.

We can’t wait to once again gather for the 2021 Kinder Institute Luncheon!

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Prophetic City
Houston on the Cusp of a Changing America

The long-awaited book about Houston by Kinder Institute founding director and renowned sociologist, Stephen L. Klineberg, Ph.D.

Long considered a traditionally blue-collar, black/white southern city, Houston has transformed into one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse metro areas in the nation, surpassing even New York by some measures. Based on 38 years of Dr. Klineberg’s unprecedented Kinder Houston Area Survey, Prophetic City tells the story of Houston’s evolution through fascinating, groundbreaking research.

This new, timely book tracks the progress of an American city like never before. Houston is at the center of the rapid changes that have redefined the nature of American society itself in the new century. Houston is where, for better or worse, we can see the American future emerging.

Prophetic City will be released on June 2, 2020 by Avid Reader Press / Simon & Schuster.

“Houston is one of America’s largest and most vibrant cities. Stephen Klineberg does a great service illuminating the key factors that have driven this city’s remarkable wave of growth and change.”

– Richard Florida, author of The New Urban Crisis

Urban Reads: Prophetic City

Virtual book launch event featuring Stephen L. Klineberg in conversation with Kinder Institute Director Bill Fulton

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 | 12:15 pm

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