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Governor Perdue & the Capital Planning Commission Give Approval for the Freedom Monument!



Bird's Eye View toward Lane Street and Bath Building
North Carolina Freedom Monument
Raleigh, North Carolina
June 2011

The 42nd Annual Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony

Jay Ferguson will be named, at the ACLU-NC Awards Ceremony on February 12, as the 20th recipient of the Paul Green Award for efforts to abolish the death penalty. A gifted attorney, Mr. Ferguson has an incisive mind and keen talent as a litigator who other attorneys seek out for advice and counsel. He has worked on many death penalty cases and has played a prominent role in securing passage of the Racial Justice Act and developing litigation strategy since this new law took effect. Mr. Ferguson will receive a \$1000 award and a plaque for his dedicated work. It's not too late to attend the awards ceremony where Tim Tyson will be the keynote speaker.



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After many years, the organizers of the North Carolina Freedom Monument Project have received the official approval to build a major work of public art in downtown Raleigh right across the street from the Legislative Building. **Freedom Grove** as it has become known, is a vast expanse of trees and space which will be transformed into an area where thousands of school children will visit each year as they study North Carolina history. With a focus on the African American experience, North Carolina's children will learn about the struggle and importance of Freedom for all.

Begun in 2002 and financially supported for many years by the Paul Green Foundation, the Project has since become a separate nonprofit. With this approval, the organizers under the leadership of co-chairs, **Jim Clark** and **Reg Hildebrand**, will begin the serious job of fundraising. \$5 million is needed to build this impressive and meaningful monument park.

Check out the website: ncfmp.org

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Laurence Avery's poem, "As If She Listened," is a very moving story about his Great Grandmother, who was part of the Cherokee band that evaded the disposition of Cherokee's to Oklahoma. His poem, published in the 2010 *North Carolina Literary Review*, has been nominated by the editors for a Pushcart Prize.

Fred Jerome has begun work on his fourth Einstein book, tentatively titled *Friends of Albert*. His first book, *The Einstein File: J. Edgar Hoover's Secret War against the World's Most Famous Scientist*, has been translated and published in nine countries and is under consideration by several filmmakers to do documentaries. The second book, *Einstein on Race and Racism*, written with co-author Rodger Taylor, has been optioned by Danny Glover for a movie.

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