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BROWN COMMISSION HEADS TO KANSAS IN TOUR OF STATES

The Kansas meeting of the Brown Commission will convene in March in conjunction with a major [University of Kansas conference](#). The conference begins Sunday, March 14, 2004. Official Commission activities will begin March 16th, with Commissioners arriving throughout the day to attend conference sessions which will include topics such as "The Latino Pursuit of Excellence in Education"; "Race, Ethnicity and U.S. Public Education"; "U.S. Foreign Policy and *Brown*." The closing plenary of the day, entitled "The Economics of *Brown*", will be presented by noted economist and columnist Julianne Malveaux.



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March 17, 2004, the opening plenary session, presented by Commissioner Ted Shaw, is entitled "*Brown v. Board, Origins and Legacies*". This is followed by a session including Professor Gary Orfield and Commissioner John Jackson. The Commission meeting will convene at the University of Kansas Alumni Center followed by travel to Topeka for a tour of the *Brown v. Board of Education* National Historic Site.

MIXED MEDIA MENTIONS OF *BROWN*...

Throughout the year, thousands of media outlets will focus on the 50th anniversary of 1954 *Brown v. Board* decision. The Commission invites you to read beyond the headlines, such as:

["Alabama's *Brown v. Board* Commemoration Kick-off Hailed as a Success"](#)
(Tuskegee University).

SPECIAL *BROWN* EVENTS

March 5-7, Harvard's Black Law Students remember *Brown* by taking a look at "The Halls of Congress Fifty Years After *Brown v. Board of Education*."

Organizers hope to provide students with the practical knowledge necessary to make career decisions, highlight the contributions of African American lawyers in the years following *Brown*, as well as engage in a discourse that examines both the current state of affairs and the future ambitions of the black legal community. The event will feature, among others, Representatives John Conyers, Jr., William J. Jefferson, Elijah E. Cummings, Arthur Davis, the Honorable Vanessa Gilmore and Damon Keith. If you need further information please visit the [the conference site](#).

COMMISSIONER PROFILE

Honorable Judge Roger Gregory, U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, exemplifies the power and promise of the American dream. A Richmond, Virginia native who was the first in his family to finish high school, Gregory went on to college and law school, returning as a young adjunct professor to a school where his mother had worked as a maid. The Fourth Circuit, which hears appeals from trial courts in Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, has the largest African American population of any circuit in this country, yet it has never had an African American appellate judge until Judge Gregory.



"Brown evinced a living spirit in American Jurisprudence, and gave this Nation a new birth of equal justice under law."

INTERESTING *BROWN* LINKS

- [Maryland Humanities Council: *Brown v Board* Resources for Program Planners](#)
- [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#)
- [University of Baltimore School of Law](#)

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