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Annual Community Lecture Series

Topic: "Ensuring The Wealth and Health of Black Children Through Mentoring, Advocacy and  
Community Engagement"

6:00 PM—FRIDAY, May 16th, 2014 NYS Museum, 222 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY



Guest Lecturers:

**Stephen Powell** is the Executive Director at Mentoring USA based in New York, NY. An alumnus of the Institute for Not-for-Profit Management Executive Education Program at Columbia University's Graduate Business School, Stephen remains driven to lead program expansion and technical assistance efforts for Mentoring USA across the nation in major cities such as Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago, Orlando and Houston. Prior to joining Mentoring USA, Stephen worked in program development and management for local and national non-profits such as Family and Child Services of Washington, DC; VSA arts/Kennedy Center; the Anthony Bowen YMCA; Youth for Understanding; the Metropolitan DC Police Boys and Girls Club; and the Harlem Educational Activities Fund (HEAF). Powell's commentary on leadership, organizational strategy and mentoring can be found in the New York Times, Black Enterprise, the Costco Connection and other leading national publications. He has been honored by numerous organizations, including being recognized by the White House in January 2012 as a "Champion of Change Following in the Footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.."



**MELBA BUTLER, LCSW, PhD** is the founder and principal of Butler Consulting, which provides management and program development services for non-profit organizations, government and small businesses. Butler Consulting projects include management and board coaching; executive search; and conference planning and facilitation. Dr. Butler has broad experience in child welfare management, policy and program development and coalition building. For over sixteen years, she led Harlem Dowling-West Side Center for Children and Family Services, the oldest child welfare institution serving African-American children. She shaped the organization's response to growing and changing community needs, spearheaded the diversification of its family and child-focused services and brought Harlem Dowling to the forefront of child welfare organizations. Dr. Butler has served in leadership capacities on numerous boards of directors including Sisulu Academy-- A Public Charter School, Hale House, the Council on Family and Child Caring Agencies and Black Agency Executives. Dr. Butler is an Adjunct Lecturer at Hunter College School of Social Work.

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