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# Is the Moral Arc Broken?

## Fall Convocation 2025

### Speakers



Her Freedom Rider mugshot has been called one of the most iconic in American history. By the time she was 23 years old, **Joan Trumpauer Mulholland** participated in over 50 sit-ins and demonstrations including the Freedom Rides, the Jackson Woolworth's Sit-in, the March on Washington, the Meredith March and the Selma to Montgomery March. Her path has crossed with some of the biggest names in the Civil Rights Movement: Martin Luther King, Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, John Lewis, Diane Nash, and Julian Bond to name a few.

**Loki Mulholland** is an Emmy-winning filmmaker, author, and activist. His work has received over 40 Telly Awards and his films on race and social justice issues have won over 20 Best Documentary awards. Loki is the author of multiple books including *She Stood for Freedom* and *Get Back to the Counter*. His films have appeared on Showtime, PBS and Amazon where "The Uncomfortable Truth" has been viewed over three million times. He is the founder and Executive Director of the Joan Trumpauer Mulholland Foundation which was created to end racism through education.



**Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre** – international scholar, documentarian, novelist, academic author, and scholar activist. The focus of Dr. De La Torre's academic pursuit is social ethics within contemporary U.S. thought, specifically how religion affects race, class, and gender oppression. Since obtaining his doctoral in 1999, he has authored over a hundred articles and published forty-one books (six of which won national awards). He presently serves as Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. A Fulbright scholar, he has taught in Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, Germany; and lectured in Costa Rica, Cuba, Palestine, Thailand, Taiwan. Within his guild he served as the 2012 President of the Society of Christian Ethics. He is the recipient of the 2020 AAR Excellence in Teaching Award and the 2021 Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award. Within the academy, he served as a past-director to the American Academy of Religion, and served on the editorial board of JAAR. Additionally, he was the co-founder and executive director (2013-2017) of the Society of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion and the founding editor of the Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion. Dr. De La Torre has written numerous articles in popular media and has served on several civic organizations.