

# Ida's Legacy

Ida B. Wells Legacy Committee

*Activist - Crusader - Disrupter - Feminist - Journalist - Strategist*

## Legacy & Libations

Join us for networking, political action and discussing the state of progressive politics.

**Thursday, August 24, 2023 ~ 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Truth Italian Restaurant**  
56 E. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL

### Program

Networking And Libations

#### **Welcome:**

Delmarie Cobb

*Ida's Legacy Committee Founder, Political Consultant and Commentator*

#### **Video Overview of Ida's Legacy**

#### **Featured Speaker**

*Mary Pattillo, Author, Professor, Sociologist*

Q&A

#### **Ida's Legacy Award Recipient**

Anjanette Young

*Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Founder of "I Am Her" Foundation*

Announcements and Acknowledgements

Closing Remarks

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**Mary Pattillo**  
*Featured Speaker*

"Segregation is not bad because it means Black people live with each other," says Mary Pattillo. "What we need to fight against is how when Black people live together it allows banks to target us with subprime mortgages and other types of discrimination."

Currently living on Chicago's South Side, Mary Pattillo was born in Milwaukee, WI, and bussed to a wealthy white suburban high school as part of a desegregation program. She soon noticed similarities continued to exist with experiences her parents described in the Jim Crow Louisiana where they were reared, particularly housing discrimination and protests against police brutality. Such topics became central to her academic and research pursuits, largely to answer the question, "Why do Black people need to live with white people in order to have good grocery stores, a bank or good schools?"

The ethnographer is Harold Washington professor of Sociology and African American Studies and Institute for Policy Research faculty associate at Northwestern University. She is a professionally acclaimed author of "Black on the Block: The Politics of Race and Class in the City" (2007) and "Black Picket Fences" (1999), co-edited "Imprisoning America: The Social Effects of Mass Incarceration" (2004), and co-wrote "Church Culture as A Strategy of Action in the Black Community" for the American Sociological Review (1998).

"There's nothing wrong with us associating with ourselves...and there are many good things that come of it," concludes Pattillo. "For example, that's what sustains Black political power, because politics is a geographic game. Without these concentrations of Black residents, we don't have that kind of Black political power."



**Anjanette Young**  
*Ida's Legacy Award Recipient*

"My passion for people and my professional work is rooted in my DNA," says Anjanette Young, "My grandmother was a civil rights activist who marched with Dr. King. I am devoted to do my part to carry on my family legacy and raise the bar of accountability regarding social justice."

The modest Licensed Clinical Social Worker's most publicized act of courage in that regard stemmed from a dozen Chicago Police officers wrongfully raiding her home in February 2019 while she was changing clothes. Guns drawn, they left her handcuffed and naked, ignoring her pleas to dress, for 40 minutes. "What stands out to me most is that I was invisible to them."

Young made the "very hard decision" to sue the city for acquisition and release of the bodycam footage not for fame and fortune, but to expose the city's refusal to exact accountability for institutionally acceptable inequalities that occur repeatedly in Black and brown communities. "I am choosing to find ways to live on purpose and not let this one incident define me for the rest of my life," Young said, at the same time acknowledging it pushed her to be a more active advocate for reforms.

As president and CEO of Café Social Work, Young seeks to fill a need for social work mentorship. Her "I AM HER" Foundation honors Breonna Taylor and is designed to provide girls and women of color opportunities to speak truth to power about the issues that impact the quality of life for them, their loved ones and, as a result, us all.

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The purpose of Ida's Legacy is to develop the next generation of progressive African-American women candidates who are willing to speak truth to power and work in the best interests of their constituents, keep voters informed and engage political activists around public policy decisions that positively or adversely impact their respective communities.

Ida's Legacy is inspired by the bravery and selflessness of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, whose advocacy for quality education, a free press, women's rights, civil rights and the safety and protection of all American citizens is still relevant.

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