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MMTC Honors Clyburn; Interviews Pai, O’Rielly, and Carr; Announces New Henry Rivera Fellowship; and Convenes Tech Innovators, Financing Experts, Advocacy Leaders, and More at the 16th Access to Capital and Telecom Policy Conference #MMTC18

WASHINGTON, DC, 7/17/2018 – On July 19, 2018, the Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) will hold its 16th Annual Access to Capital and Telecom Policy Conference, **“Turning Disruption into Opportunity.”** The conference will convene media and telecom industry experts, innovators, and investors to discuss the latest developments in tech accountability, online privacy, diversity, the future of work, innovative financing, spectrum, and next generation technology and opportunities for smart cities and entrepreneurs.

Hon. Mignon Clyburn, the first woman FCC chair and the first African American woman commissioner, will receive MMTC's Everett C. Parker Lifetime Achievement Award during the FCC Commissioners' Awards Luncheon. During the luncheon, MMTC also announces its new Fellowship, named in honor of former FCC Commissioner and first MMTC Chair, Hon. Henry Rivera, and Davis Wright Tremaine receives the Distinguished *Pro Bono* Service Award.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONFERENCE LOCATION HAS CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS – IT IS NOW AT THE HOGAN LOVELLS CONFERENCE, 555 13TH STREET NW, WASHINGTON, DC.

Conference Highlights:

- **Telecom Policy:** Net neutrality, consumer privacy, digital redlining, Smart Cities and the nation's infrastructure, broadband deployment, procurement, EEO, broadcast media incubators, digital equity, and more.
- **Access to Capital:** Financing media and telecom businesses using venture capital, angels, incubators, accelerators, crowdfunding, FinTech, and other alternative financing sources.
- **FCC Policy and Honoring Mignon Clyburn:** MMTC presents Hon. Mignon Clyburn, first African American woman commissioner and first woman FCC chair, with its highest honor, the Everett C. Parker Lifetime Achievement Award.
- **Congressional Breakfast:** Members of Congress from the Tech Accountability Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, and Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus address net neutrality, online privacy legislation, algorithm discrimination, media ownership, and other media and telecom issues impacting communities of color.



Agenda Snapshot

TIME	PANEL
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open
8:00 AM – 9:15 AM Room 202/203	Congressional Breakfast: Tech Accountability, Online Privacy, and Diversity
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Room 202/203	The Future of Work: Turning Innovation into Opportunity
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM Room 202/203	Keeping Things in Per-Spectrum: Next Generation Technology and Opportunities for Smart Cities and Entrepreneurs
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Room 106/107	FCC Commissioners’ Awards Luncheon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation of Everett C. Parker Award to Hon. Mignon L. Clyburn, First woman FCC Chair</i> • <i>Fireside Chat with FCC Chairman Ajit Pai (Via Video)</i> • <i>Featuring FCC Commissioners Brendan Carr and Michael O’Rielly</i> • <i>Presentation of Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award to Davis Wright Tremaine</i> • <i>Announcement of MMTC’s New Henry M. Rivera Fellowship</i>
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Break
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM Room 202/203	Disruption and Opportunity: Reimagining Broadcasting, Cable, and OTT
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Room 202/203	Innovative Financing: Friend or Foe to Diverse Entrepreneurs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Equity Crowdfunding, Cryptocurrencies, Vendor Financing, and FinTech</i> • <i>Featuring Howard University Blockchain Lab</i>
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Room 106/107	Networking Reception

We encourage all media and press to take advantage of complimentary conference registration, and we offer technical capabilities for teams to broadcast our conference live. For questions or information on press registration, please contact MMTC Communications Director Marcella Gadson at mgadson@mmtconline.org.

For information on sponsorships, call 202-332-0500.

Important Links

Conference Website – <http://www.mmtconline.org/mmtc18>

Full Downloadable Agenda – <http://broadbandandsocialjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/MMTC-2018-Access-to-Capital-Conference-Agenda-071718.pdf>

Conference Sponsorship Page - <https://bit.ly/2uGSRKs>

MMTC Website - <http://www.mmtconline.org>

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If you are unable to attend the conference, watch the live webcast or Facebook Live: <http://www.mmtconline.org/mmtc-live-stream/> and <http://facebook.com/mmtconline>.

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About MMTC:

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecommunications, and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation’s leading advocate for multicultural advancement in communications.

Confirmed Speakers

Hon. Angela Angel, Delegate, Maryland General Assembly (25th District); National Corresponding Secretary, National Organization of Black Elected Legislative (NOBEL) Women



Deb Bennett, Training Consultant and Director of Apprenticeship, Wireless Infrastructure Association; National Sponsor Facilitator, TIRAP

Hon. Tyrone Brown, Former Commissioner, FCC; Consulting Counsel, Wiley Rein

Hon. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), Co-Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Diversity Task Force; Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Hon. Brendan Carr, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

Hon. James Clyburn, Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Hon. Mignon L. Clyburn, Former Acting Chairwoman and Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

Brandi Colander, Head of External Relations, D&I, Charter

Melody Cooper, President, Midway Broadcasting – WVON, Chicago

Dr. Jayne Cabbage, Assistant Professor, Bowie State University

William Michael Cunningham, Founder, Creative Investment Research; Managing Partner, National Crowdfunding Services

Donna Epps, Vice President of Public Policy and Strategic Alliances, Verizon

Ari Q. Fitzgerald, Partner, Hogan Lovells; Secretary, MMTC Board of Directors

Maurita Coley Flippin, Acting President and CEO, MMTC

Debbie Goldman, Research Director and Telecommunications Policy Director, Communications Workers of America

Alex Hoehn-Saric, Chief Counsel, House Energy & Commerce Committee Democrats

Hank Hultquist, Vice President, Federal Regulatory, AT&T

Victoria Jeffries, Vice President & Assistant General Counsel, Public Policy, Univision

Dr. Ronald Johnson, Chair and Treasurer, MMTC Board of Directors

Derek Khlopin, Senior Advisor · Office of the Assistant Secretary, NTIA, US Department of Commerce

Erwin Krasnow, Partner, Garvey Schubert Barer; Vice Chair, MMTC Board of Directors

Nicolaine Lazarre, Esq., President, MMTC Broadcasting; General Counsel and Senior Vice President, National Urban League

Hon. Barbara Lee, (D-CA), Co-Chair, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Health Care Task Force; Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Ron Marlow, Vice President for Workforce Development, National Urban League

DuJuan McCoy, Owner, President, and CEO, Bayou City Broadcasting

Francisco Montero, Partner, Fletcher Heald & Hildreth; Member, MMTC Board of Directors

Maureen Murat, CEO, Crowdie Advisors

Hon. Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

Spencer Overton, President, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

Hon. Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (Via Video)

Jacquelyn Puente, Executive Director, External Affairs, Comcast Corporation

Steven C. Roberts, President and Founder, Roberts Broadcasting Company

Aaron Saunders, Chief Executive Officer, Inclusive Innovation Incubator (In³)

Bishop Steven Smith, Executive Director of the Media and Telecommunications Project and Public Policy Institute, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

Hon Clifford B. Stearns, Member of Congress Emeritus; Co-Chair, Telecom and Internet Policy Taskforce

Diane Sutter, President and CEO, ShootingStar Broadcasting

Rikin Thakker, Ph.D., Vice President of Telecommunications and Spectrum Policy, MMTC

Hon. Edolphus “Ed” Towns, Member of Congress Emeritus; Co-Chair, Telecom and Internet Policy Taskforce

S. Jenell Trigg, Member, Lerman Senter PLLC; Member, MMTC Board of Advisors

Hon. Richard “Dick” Wiley, Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Founding Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

Brent Wilkes, Former National Executive Director, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC); Member, MMTC Board of Directors



Sanford Williams, Director, Office of Communications Business Opportunities (OCBO), Federal Communications Commission

James Winston, Esq., President, National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB)