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SUMMARY

Dr. Conrad Worrill is the Director and Professor at the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (CCICS) of Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU). CCICS was established in 1966, is located in the lower end of the south side of Chicago, and is housed in the former Abraham Lincoln Center. CCICS is part of NEIU's College of Education and housed in the Department of Educational Inquiry and Curriculum Studies. The Carruthers Center grants Bachelor and Master Degrees in Inner City Studies Education, and it is the home of the Kemetic Institute, the Great Black Music Project, and the Illinois Transatlantic Slave Trade Commission.

In 1976, Dr. Worrill joined the CCICS faculty after receiving his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI in 1973. He has dedicated himself to the mission of CCICS for the past thirty-five years. In addition to his longevity and dedication to the Carruthers Center and the larger Chicago community, Dr. Worrill is an innovative and fearless leader who is prepared to face the challenges of the new millennium.

Over the past thirty years, Dr. Conrad Worrill has been the quest speaker on over 150 college and university campuses throughout the United States. His lectures and presentations have covered a wide variety of historical, educational, and human rights issues. Additionally, Dr. Worrill has been called upon to give lectures, speeches, workshops, and presentations for religious, community, and educational institutions and organizations throughout the country. He has traveled extensively to parts of Africa, Europe, and the Caribbean on study tours and other speaking engagements since 1977.

Dr. Worrill was a founding member of the National Black United Front that emerged in 1980 in Brooklyn, New York at the founding convention. From that founding convention Dr. Worrill organized the local chapter of the National Black United Front and served as the organizations national secretary until 1985 when he was elected as the National Chairman of the National Black United Front (NBUF) in Houston, Texas replacing Reverend Herbert Daughtry. He served in this capacity from 1985 until 2009 and is now National Chairman Emeritus of NBUF.

Dr. Worrill is recognized as one of the foremost organizers in the country. He served as Special Consultant of Field Operations, Executive Council member, and as a member of the National Organizing Committee for the historic Million Man March held on October 16, 1995 in Washington, D.C. In 1997, Dr. Worrill participated in the United Nations Center for Human Rights Deliberations. He was also an organizing member of the Durban 400 who attended the United Nations World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, August-September, 2001.

Dr. Conrad Worrill has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions from schools, churches, and community organizations for his outstanding service and leadership in the African American community. He successfully hosted a talk show, "On Target," on radio station WVON in Chicago for ten years. Since October 1983, Dr. Worrill has written a syndicated weekly column, "Worrill's World" that appears in most African American newspapers across the country. Dr. Conrad Worrill continues to provide leadership in his role as a scholar activist organizer.