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REVEREND C.T. VIVIAN

The late Rev. C.T. Vivian was a Civil Rights activist who worked alongside Martin Luther King Jr **leading the Civil Rights Movement**. He was one of the founders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) which prepared students to **fight to end segregation**. As the Executive Director of the SCLC, he helped pass the **Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965**. He joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and took part in Freedom Rides in southern cities. Rev. Vivian continued to be a leader of racial justice and democracy until his recent passing in July, 2020.

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ROSA PARKS

Rosa Parks is known as the "**mother of the modern day Civil Rights Movement.**" In 1955, she refused to give up her seat to a White male on a bus in Montgomery, AL. This act started a movement of protests across the country known as the **Montgomery Bus Boycott.** She was an active member, secretary, and youth leader in her local branch of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She co-founded the **Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development** which works to **optimize youth outcomes.** In 1996, she received the **Medal of Freedom**, the highest award given to a civilian citizen.

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IDA B. WELLS- BARNETT



Ida B. Wells-Barnett was an activist, journalist, and researcher in the 18-19th century. She is known for her activism in the **Reconstruction Era** and the women's suffrage movement. Leading an **anti-lynching campaign**, Wells-Barnett wrote pamphlets and newspaper articles about lynching in America bringing global attention to the issue. She was at the founding of the NAACP in Niagara Falls, but is not listed as a founding member. Pushing through the racism she faced, Wells-Barnett was an active member of the women's rights movement. She founded many civil rights organization, including the **National Association of Colored Women**. In 2020, she was awarded a **Pulitzer Prize for her anti-lynching activism**.

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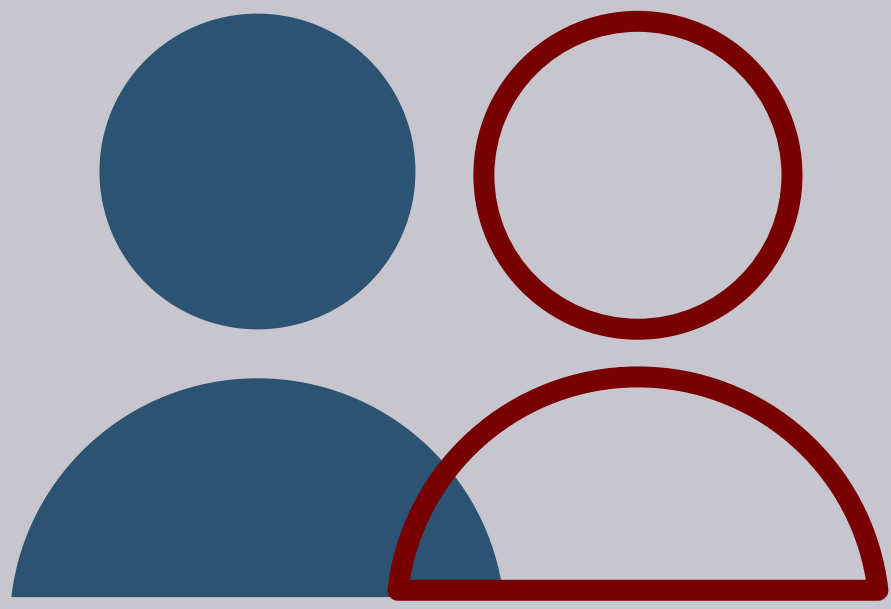
ESMERALDA SIMMONS, ESQ.

Esmeralda Simmons is an accomplished lawyer who has fought for human and civil rights for decades. She served as the **First Deputy Commissioner at the New York State Division of Human Rights**. She founded the **Center for Law and Social Justice** at Medgar Evers College which focuses on legal support and research for civil rights and domestic violence. Simmons has served on the board of many national organizations such as the Poverty and Race Research Action Council. **Her counsel has been sought for many federal court cases, including those concerning the Voting Rights Act.** Simmons has advocated for equity in public education, voting, and policing.

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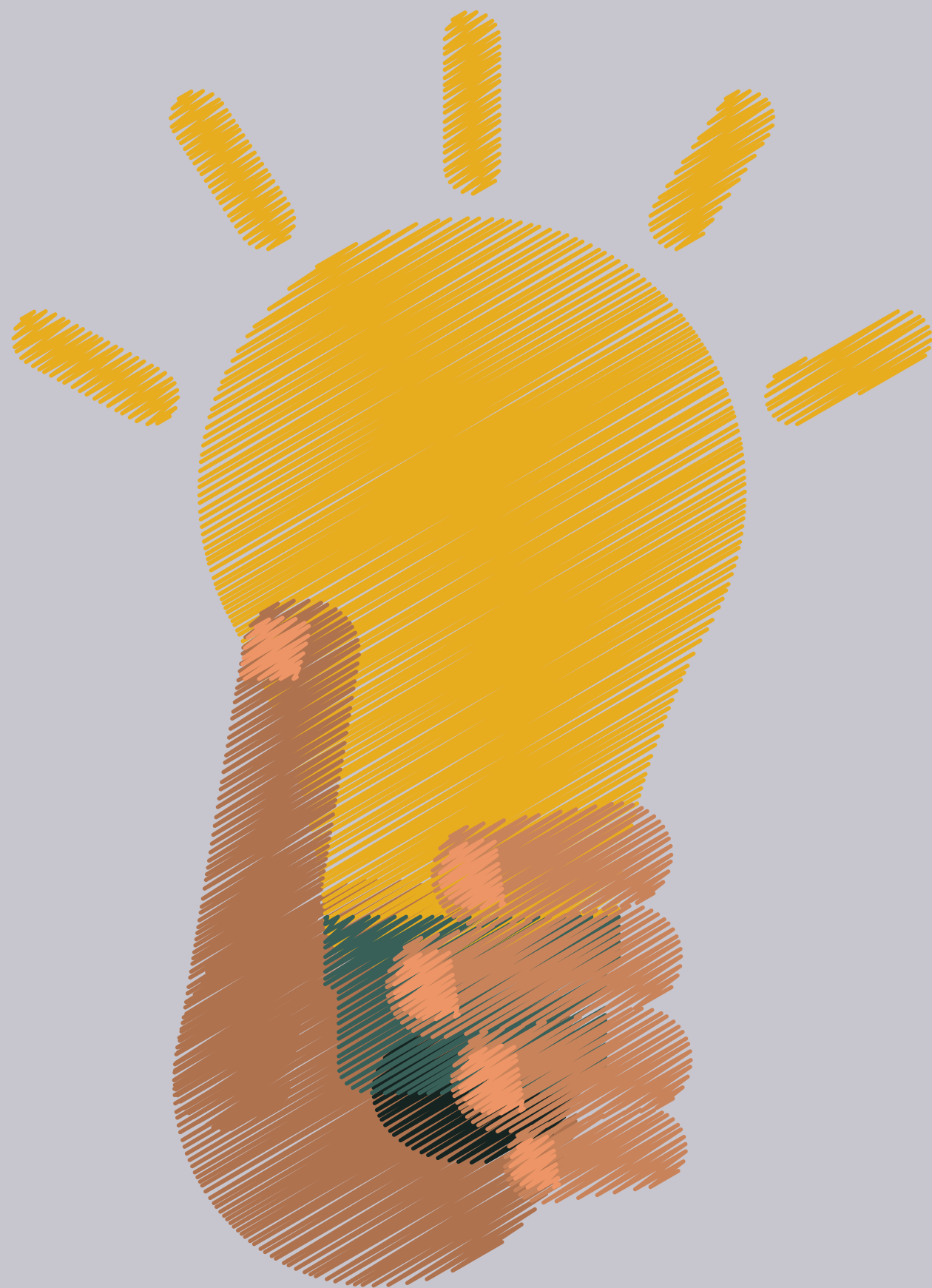


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These are just a few of the many activists who have fought or are fighting against racism.

We encourage you to learn about other activists!



Share the activists you are learning about with us! Write in the comments or tag us in your post. We can celebrate anti-racism together.

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