

BEYOND THE BARS

2025



*CELEBRATING
15 YEARS OF
CONFERENCES*

SANKOFA

LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD

FRIDAY NIGHT
MARCH 7, 2025

RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Beyond the Bars 2025: Sankofa: Looking Back to Move Forward Opening Night Program

Batalá New York Drummers

Welcome

Libation and Land Acknowledgment

**Celebrating 10 Years of the Beyond the Bars
Fellows**

**Plenary #1: Wisdom Circle: Past Lessons for
Future Actions**

Panelists:

Angela Davis (pre-recorded)

Gina Dent (pre-recorded)

Beth Richie

Katherine Franke

Mary Hooks

Moderator: Amanda Alexander

Right/Write to Heal Performance

**Plenary #2: Until She's Free: How Women
Leaders Challenge Oppression Across the
Globe**

Panelists:

Andrea James

Carol Bispo

Teresa Njoroge

Moderator: Dawn Harrington

Closing

About Right/Write to Heal

Right/Write to Heal is an initiative with the Center for Justice at Columbia University, in collaboration with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women in New York and Maine, that encourages women to write and share their own stories. We see art as a form of activism to grow and solidify our collective imagination for a more just world. Right/Write To Heal has performed all over the world including in Nairobi, Kenya; Brooklyn, NY; Louisville, KY; and Portland, ME. This month, we will collaborate with *Chicago* on Broadway and perform an original theater piece after one of the shows.

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