QUOTES FROM FERGUSON TOWNHALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
DECEMBER 3, 2014

“Ferguson is a tipping point for us and a chance for law enforcement to make a change.”
Chief Mitchell, University of Maryland police department

We are in a “period of sustained mobilization.” Dr. Odis Johnson, Chair of African American Studies, University of Maryland

“100 days is not going to change 400 years of racial disenfranchisement. We need boots on the ground.” Dr. Rashawn Ray, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland

“I will not apologize for being a threat. I am not sorry for my Blackness.” Black woman

“You have changed the way I look at Black people. Be the change you want to see. Be the relationship that changes the cognitive dissonance.” Black female executive with 25 year old son

“HANDS UP if you knew that African-American males are more likely to be stopped and when they are stopped less likely to have weapons or drugs found on them than their white male counterparts.” Jonathan England, Department of African American Studies

Police “should only the power to make us safe.” Unknown

“Is that the man that killed that boy?” Four year old son of a woman audience member

“A courtrooms isn’t where justice happens, it is where social structure happens.” Dr. Odis Johnson, Chair of African American Studies, University of Maryland

“Our prisons are full of young geniuses who can change the world.” Chief Mitchell, University of Maryland police department

“Hard to blame institutions so need a person.” Black woman

“Racism is a mechanism we use to understand the world.” White female student

“What is getting better is our awareness.” Unknown

“While not all cops do it [criminalize and profile], they are subjected to the same system.” Unknown
“I’m afraid… Afraid to make a wrong turn and have ID, license, and registration and worry about something else… I know my rights. Am I going to feel comfortable enough telling this police officer my rights.” Black male student recently stopped by university police

“People miss all the individuals who live to carry the mental, emotional, and physical scars of criminalization.” Dr. Rashawn Ray, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland

“Remaining silent is painful.” Dr. Hoda Mahmoudi, Bahai Chair for World Peace, University of Maryland

“Silence is acceptance. Passivity breeds a sustainability of inequality.” Dr. Rashawn Ray, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland

“No longer will we sit in a class and remain silent when classmates make ignorant comments. No longer we will scroll through our timelines and not challenge off-putting comments from so called friends.” Jonathan England, Department of African American Studies