

**THE TAMPA BAY GREAT BOOKS COUNCIL'S EIGHTH ANNUAL  
FALL CONVERSATION CONFERENCE**

WHEN: Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

WHERE: Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club, 5811 Tampa Palms Boulevard

WHAT: *RACE MATTERS: FROM BALDWIN TO COATES*

The Tampa Bay Great Books Council is pleased to invite you to join us for its eighth annual **Fall Conversation Conference** this September 15<sup>th</sup>. As you may already know, our themes for past fall conferences have tried to focus on controversial and thought-provoking topics that often have contemporary relevance. This year, we believe that we are reaching that objective again by offering you two classic books on race and racism in the American experience: James Baldwin's *The Fire Next Time* and Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*. Written more than fifty years apart, these two studies of race in America provide an opportunity for the Tampa Bay community to engage in a timely and necessary conversation.

The conference will begin at 9:45 A.M. with coffee, socialization, and some introductory remarks. A bibliography on the topic will be available to participants to seek further information and resources. At 10 A.M., we will form break-out groups in separate meeting rooms and have a two-hour discussion on *The Fire Next Time*. Following the morning discussion, registrants will be served a buffet luncheon in the main dining room. From 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. there will be a discussion of *Between the World and Me*. At the end of the afternoon discussion, we will re-assemble to have a full-group summary session for about half an hour before adjourning.

**REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO THIRTY (30) PARTICIPANTS**, SO REGISTER NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT! THE REGISTRATION FEE IS JUST **\$35**, WHICH COVERS YOUR TWO BOOKS AND LUNCH. To register, fill out the enclosed REGISTRATION FORM on the next page, attach your check for **\$35**, payable to the "**Tampa Bay Great Books Council**," and mail to: **Patrick DeMarco, 9707 Sunnyoak Drive, Riverview, FL 33569**.

If you have any questions, please contact Patrick at [pdemarco@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pdemarco@tampabay.rr.com) or call him at (813) 672-9052.

We look forward to having you be at the conference in September!

**TO REGISTER FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 FALL CONVERSATION CONFERENCE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORM BELOW AND ATTACH A CHECK FOR \$35, PAYABLE TO THE "TAMPA BAY GREAT BOOKS COUNCIL."**

**SEND THIS FORM AND YOUR REGISTRATION FEE TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

*PATRICK T. DEMARCO, 9707 SUNNYOAK DRIVE, RIVERVIEW, FLORIDA 33569*

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