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When Audrey Peterman gleefully took her husband up on his suggestion that they take a couple of months off and drive around the country to see America, she had no idea it would lead to her life's mission. Traveling from Florida to Maine, across to Washington State and back south through California covering 40 states, 12,000 miles and 14 national and state parks, they were stunned to discover the spectacular beauty of their country. In places such as the Badlands, Yellowstone, Olympic and Yosemite National Parks they marveled at the vast, untouched vistas, yet were equally stunned to see less than a handful of America's multi-ethnic and multi-racial citizens among the visitors and employees in the national parks. They became consumed with the desire to expose these natural wonders to all Americans who are the owners and stakeholders of our public lands system

Since 1995, the Peterman's have devoted themselves to this mission and have worked with legions of others to integrate the interests and perspectives of Americans of color into the environmental and conservation movements. They were part of the launch committee led by Iantha Gantt-Wright, former director of Cultural Diversity at the National Parks Conservation Association, that planned and executed three national, 'Mosaic in Motion,' conferences bringing a broad spectrum of racially and ethnically diverse Americans together with public land managers in San Francisco, Santa Fe and Atlanta in the late 1990s and early 21st Century.

The Peterman's moved to Atlanta in 2003 when Frank became the Southeastern Regional Director of the [The Wilderness Society](#) and continues to pursue their dream of a world in which people love and respect nature and are invested in its care. Through wide-ranging board service, speaking engagements, prolific writing and non-stop advocacy on behalf of people and the publicly-owned lands system, the Peterman's have joyfully embraced the opportunities leading up to the production of this conference, and anticipate literally "[Breaking the Color Barrier in the Great American Outdoors.](#)"

Quick Facts:

Frank Peterman: A graduate of Morehouse College and Howard University School of Law, Frank is an Omega Man and an alumnus of the [Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership](#) and the [Center For Whole Communities](#).

He serves on the board for [Visitors of the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University](#), [Earth Share of Georgia](#), [The Science and Environmental Health Network](#), [The Environmental Leadership Program](#), [Community Forestry](#), Atlanta Mayor, Shirley Franklin's [Sustainability Committee](#). Mr. Peterman is co-founder of the "[Keeping It Wild](#)" program in Atlanta.

Audrey Peerman: A graduate of the University of the West Indies and St. Thomas Aquinas College.

Audrey is a founding member of the [South Florida Community Partners](#) program and serves on the following boards: [National Parks Conservation Association](#); [Association of Partners for Public Lands](#); [Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper](#) and [Greening Youth Foundation](#) as well as on the steering committee of the, "[Keeping It Wild](#)," program.

The Petermans have six children, 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, hence their vested interest in helping preserve the biosphere.