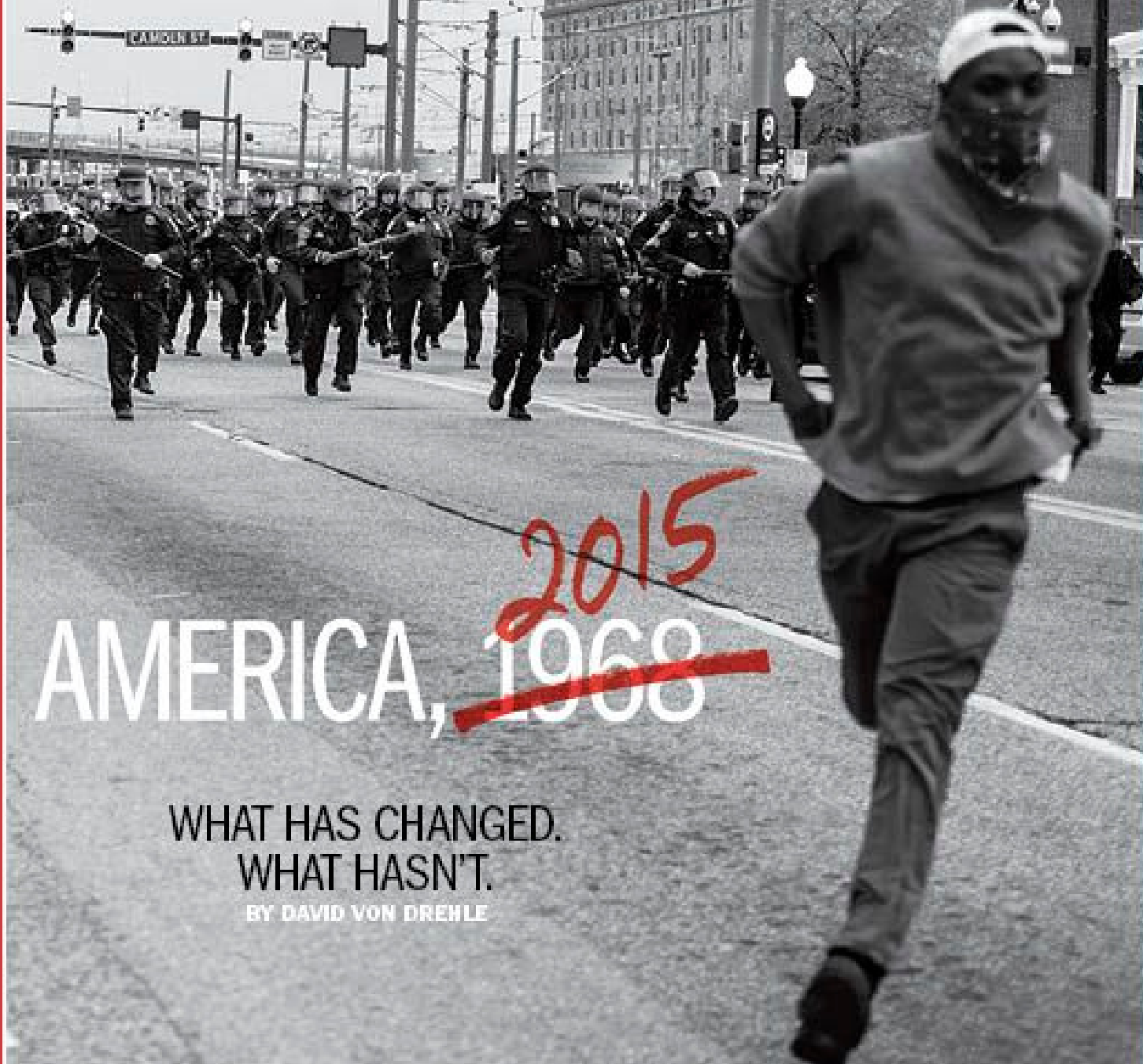


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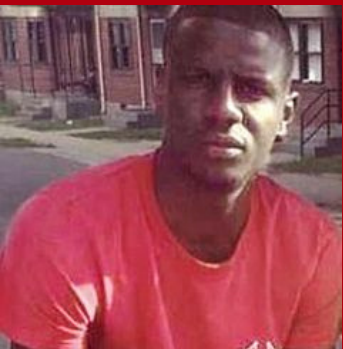
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"Martin Luther King said a riot is the language of the unheard. If we don't bother to teach our kids other languages then we better start hearing them."

~ City Councilman Bill Henry



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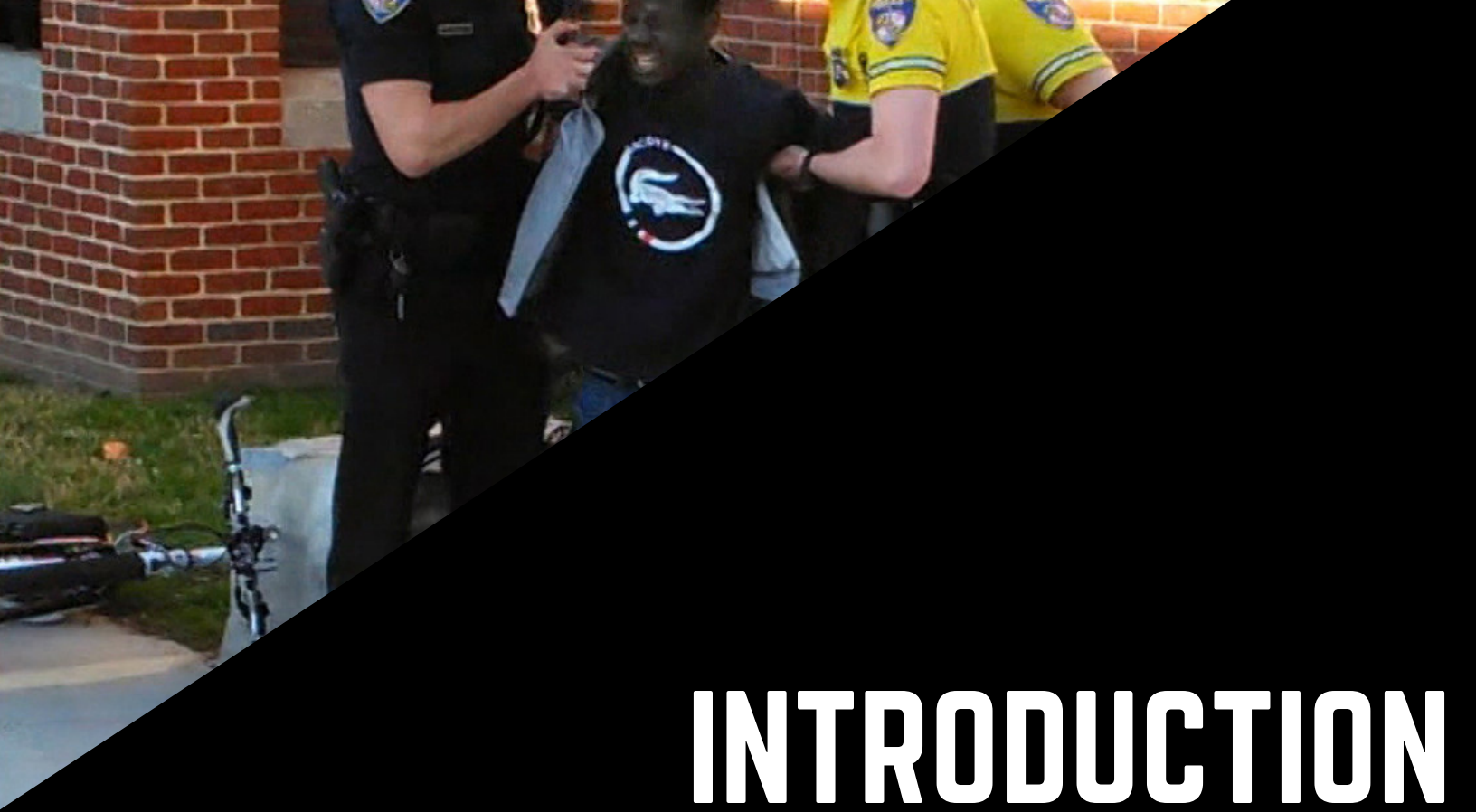
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**The riot didn't tear up the community, the condition of
the community caused the uprising that we had. —**

Councilman Carl Stokes



INTRODUCTION

AS A CHILD, GRAY'S LIFE WAS MARKED WITH FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FROM THE BEGINNING. HIS MOTHER AND STEPFATHER RAISED HIM AND HIS SIBLINGS IN A HOME SO SQUALID, THEY WON A SETTLEMENT FROM THE LANDLORD OVER LEAD PAINT EXPOSURE, THE BALTIMORE SUN REPORTED. GRAY AND HIS SISTERS HAD DAMAGING LEVELS OF LEAD IN THEIR BLOOD, LEADING TO MYRIAD EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES, THE PAPER REPORTED. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A LAWSUIT FILED IN 2008 AGAINST THE OWNER OF THE HOME THE FAMILY RENTED FOR YEARS. THE CASE WAS REPORTEDLY SETTLED BEFORE IT WENT TO TRIAL, BUT DOCUMENTS FROM THE LAWSUIT GIVE AN INSIGHT INTO GRAY'S EARLY LIFE. HE AND HIS SISTERS WERE BORN "PREEMIE," THEIR MOTHER SAID IN A DEPOSITION. GRAY LIVED IN THE HOME AT THE CENTER OF THE LAWSUIT FROM AGES 2 TO 6. DURING A 2009 DEPOSITION, THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED, GRAY'S MOTHER WAS QUESTIONED AND REPORTEDLY SAID THAT SHE COULDN'T READ, HAD NEVER BEEN TO HIGH SCHOOL AND HAD A DAILY HEROIN HABIT, BUT THAT SHE STOPPED USING IT AFTER SHE ENTERED TREATMENT. DURING HIS OWN DEPOSITION, GRAY SPOKE ABOUT PEELING PAINT AND SAID HE WAS PUT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES. HIS SISTERS TESTIFIED THAT THEY HAD TO REPEAT GRADES.

ON APRIL 12, 2015, FREDDIE CARLOS GRAY, JR., A 25-YEAR-OLD AFRICAN AMERICAN MAN, WAS ARRESTED BY THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR POSSESSING WHAT THE POLICE ALLEGED WAS AN ILLEGAL KNIFE. GRAY DIED ON APRIL 19, 2015, AFTER SUFFERING A SPINAL INJURY WHILE IN POLICE CUSTODY. HIS DEATH SPARKED PROTESTS AGAINST POLICE IN BALTIMORE, WHICH LATER SPREAD TO MAJOR CITIES NATIONWIDE. COURT DOCUMENTS SAID GRAY WAS ARRESTED AFTER RUNNING AWAY FROM POLICE. ~CNN- WHO WAS FREDDIE GRAY?

AFTER THE DUST SETTLED FROM THE BALTIMORE UPRISING, THERE WAS AN URGING NEED FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT CAUSED SUCH A TRAGEDY. THE NEED TO KNOW FOR MANY WERE DIFFERENT, FOR SOME IT WAS TO VILIFY THE VICTIM AND FOR OTHERS MAYBE JUST PLAIN CURIOSITY. FOR WHATEVER REASON PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN THE LIFE OF FREDDIE GRAY, THE MOST BENEFICIAL REASON WOULD BE TO FIND A SOLUTION IN HISTORY THAT COULD HELP PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. WHAT IF WE WERE MORE INFORMED ABOUT FREDDIE GRAY AND THE MANY PEOPLE LIKE HIM GROWING UP IN BALTIMORE. WHAT IF WE LOOKED AT THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE PEOPLE IN URBAN COMMUNITIES AND HOW IT HAS SET THE STAGE FOR PREMATURE DEATH, POVERTY AND INCARCERATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PEOPLE? IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES. FREDDIE GRAY IS THE UNEXPECTED CASE STUDY THAT POLICY MAKERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT AGENTS SHOULD BE STUDYING. THIS CAN HELP US UNDERSTAND THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. THIS SYLLABUS IS A COMMUNAL EFFORT TO COMPILER WRITTEN AND VISUAL MEDIA THAT WILL ENLIGHTEN AND PROVIDE INSIGHT ON THE URBAN COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE.



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Alyn Shipton

Somebody once said we never
know what is enough until we
know what's more than enough.
~Billie Holiday



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"Baltimore always seems like the kind of city you either leaving or just returning to. Ain't no kinda place to hang your hat. Even as a kid I dreamed of getting out."
— Esi Edugyan



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Punishment in a Divided City

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We're in a community where it's
underserved and over-policed.—
Chief Melvin Russell

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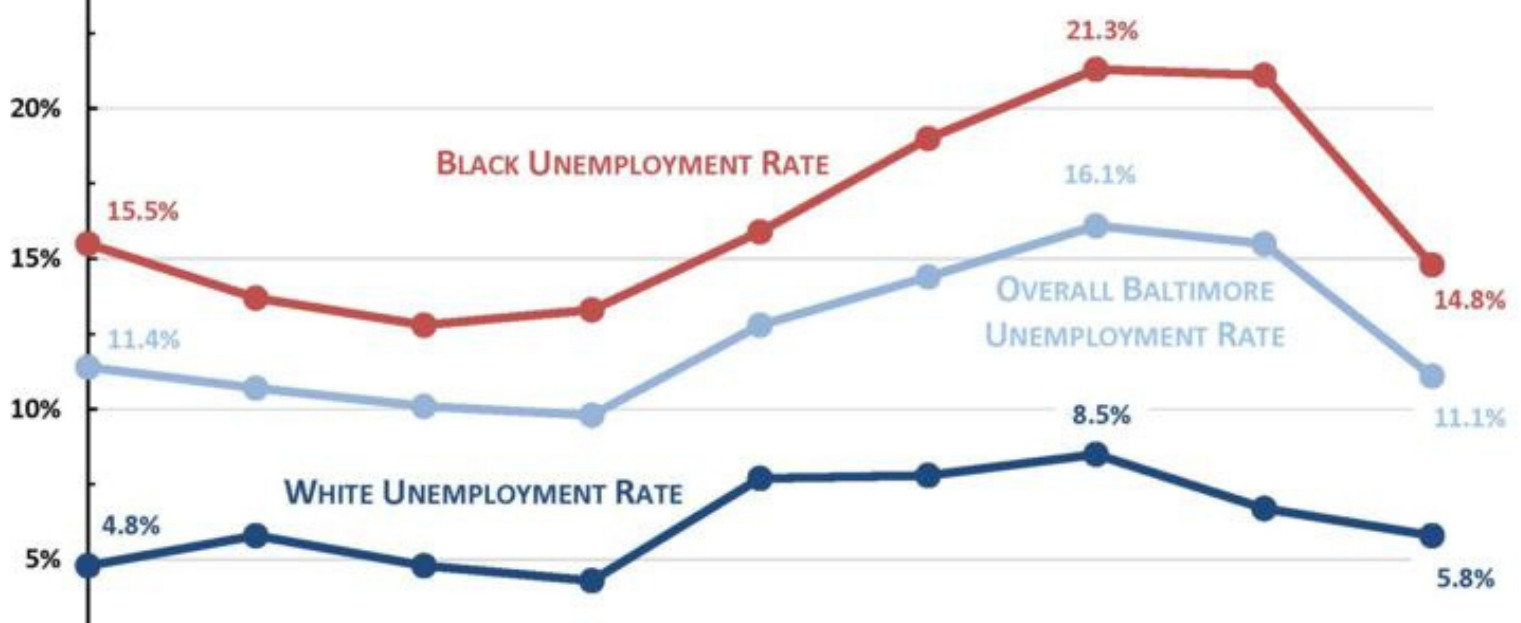
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