In the Fall of 2017, Lexington made the national news when debate started around moving the Confederate statues in downtown Lexington. Mayor Gray poignantly highlighted Kentucky’s history as a border state with both Confederate and Union soldiers. This dichotomy and polarization is not simply in the past, but continues to be reflected in our current dialogue in the state and nation. Further, the perceptions of Kentucky do not always reflect the complexity of Kentucky.

Please join the CESJ and Mayor Gray in a conversation around how two sides struggle to find compromise, what it is like to personally engage in controversial decision, and how two different viewpoints can live and work together.