

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Symposium Lecture Series
The Hamer Institute
Department of Political Science
**THE CURRENT STATUS OF CIVIL RIGHTS RESEARCH AND PEDAGOGY:
A GATHERING OF FRIENDS AND SCHOLARS**
October 3-5, 2007
Jackson State University
Jackson, MS

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

- 6:00 – 7:30 **Welcome and Greetings**
Presiding: Michelle D. Deardorff, Hamer Institute, Department of Political Science
Moderators: John Gibson and Margaret Block
Film: **Why Only Killen?**
Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center Auditorium
Questions and Answers
- 7:30 – 9:00 **Reception**
Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center Atrium & Kitchen

Thursday, October 4, 2007

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Opening Comments and Welcome**
Presiding: Leslie Burl McLemore, Director, The Hamer Institute
Velvelyn Foster, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Life
Dollye Robinson, Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Emmanuel Nwagboso, Interim Chair, Department of Political Science
Michelle D. Deardorff, Hamer Institute, Department of Political Science
- 9:30 – 11:30 **Panel: “Current Status of Research on Civil Rights and Social Movements”**
Moderator: Tyrone Hendrix, Graduate Student, Jackson State University
Lee Formwalt, Organization of American Historians
 “Sexuality as a Civil Rights Issue”
Charles McKinney, Rhodes College
 “Building History from the Ground Up: The continued
 relevance of local studies”
Rachel B. Reinhard, SUNY --- Cortland
 “‘We still ain’t figured all of it out yet’: Black Voters, White
 Candidates, and the Renegotiation of Political Space in Mississippi”
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch Westside Dining
Presiding: Mary D. Coleman, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Jerry Mitchell, Clarion-Ledger
 “Reexamining Past Civil Rights Cases: Political and Legal
 Challenges”
Renee Romano, Wesleyan University
 “Narratives of Redemption: Memory in Contemporary Trials for
 Civil Rights Era Crimes”

1:45 – 3:15

Panel: “Region and Place I”

Moderator: Jasmine Jones, Graduate Student, Jackson State University

Charles Vincent, Southern University

“Reconstruction in Louisiana: Precursor to the Civil Rights Movement”

Jim SoRelle, Baylor University

“Expanding the Map of the Civil Rights Movement: Texas as Fertile Ground for the Next Wave of Civil Rights Scholarship”

Marty Bennett, Santa Rosa Community College

“Labor Rights, Immigrant Rights, and the New Civil Rights in California”

3:30 – 5:00

Panel: “Current Status of Research on Civil Rights and Social Movements”

Moderator: Shuwaski Young, Graduate Student, Jackson State University

Michael Hoover, Seminole Community College

“Reconsidering Kennedy and Civil Rights”

Emilye Crosby, SUNY—Geneseo

“What Can We Learn From Local Movements?”

A.J. Stovall, Rust College

“Black Nationalist Influences in the Civil Rights Movement”

Friday, October 5, 2007

9:00 – 10:00

Presiding: Leon Newton, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Speaker: Charles McDew, Former Chair of SNCC, “Reassessing SNCC”

10:15 – 12:00

Panel: “Place and Region II”

Moderator: Ercilla Dometz, Graduate Student, Jackson State University

Jeff Kolnick, Southwest Minnesota State University

“New Ways of Teaching Race in 19th Century US History: The Civil War and Indians Wars from a Northern Perspective”

Hollis Watkins, Southern Echo

“Music in the Civil Rights Movement: Perspectives of an Activist”

Daphne Chamberlain, University of Mississippi

“A ‘Capital’ Campaign: Children’s Involvement in the Jackson Freedom Struggle”

12:15 – 2:00

Presiding: Jeff Kolnick, Founding Hamer Faculty

Tenth Anniversary Luncheon (Westside Dining)

Tiyi Morris, Ohio State University-Newark

“Music, Civil Rights, and Teaching Change”

2:15 – 3:30

Panel: “Recent Research, Pedagogy, and Civil Rights”

Moderator: Tameka Yates, Graduate Student, Jackson State University

Anne Aby, Minnesota West Community and Technical College

“The Turbulent Sixties: A Reassessment”

Rickey Hill, Mississippi Valley State University

“Teaching the Civil Rights Movement: A People’s Perspective”

Jeanne Theoharris, Brooklyn College, CUNY

“Education and Civil Rights: The Northern Experience”
Joan Browning, Independent Scholar
“The Views of a Veteran of the Civil Rights Movement: Teaching
and Preaching the Movement”

3:45 – 5:00

Roundtable: Teaching, Research, & Activism: Where Do We Go From Here?

Michelle D. Deardorff, Jackson State University
Leslie Burl McLemore, Jackson State University
Penne Laubenthal, Athens State College (retired)
Tim Huebner, Rhodes College
Isaiah Madison, Jackson State University
Margaret Burnham, Northeastern University Law School

6:00 – 8:00

Reception