



## MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM SUMMER 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

Inter-generational Action Agenda  
Tougaloo College - Jackson, Mississippi  
June 23 - 29, 2014

### SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014

3:00pm – 7:00pm      **REGISTRATION**

4:00pm – 10:00pm    **YOUTH CONGRESS OPENING SESSION**

#### **YOUTH CONGRESS**

*Smith Robertson Cultural Museum – downtown Jackson*

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014

7:30am – 5:00pm      **REGISTRATION**

8:30am – 9:45am      **OPENING YOUTH PLENARY**

10:00am – 11:30am    **YOUTH CONGRESS BREAKOUT SESSIONS: BLOCK 1**

#### ***“Better Schools Better Jobs: Ballot Initiative”***

Amber Thomas and Charles Taylor – One Voice

**Location:** Woodworth Chapel

#### ***“To Be Young, Gifted and Black Queer Feminist: Queering the Agenda”***

Charlene Carruthers and Samantha Masters – BYP 100

R. Ashley Jackson - HRC

**Location:** Holmes Hall

#### ***“Messaging for Power”***

Erika Maye – Active Voice

**Location:** Youth Congress Tent

#### ***“Pass the Memo: The Legislative Process”***

Joi Owens - ACLU

**Location:** Library Townsend 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

***“The Brown Tougaloo Partnership”***

Laurel Oldershaw, Jenni Lee-Brown – Brown University  
Conisha Hackett – Tougaloo College  
**Location:** Woodworth Chapel Basement Conference Room

***“#NoJustice,NoPeace”***

Jahmaiah Lewis, Sammie Dow, Desmond Seymour – NAACP Youth College Division  
**Location:** Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Theatre

***“We Can’t Survive on \$7.25: The Fight for a Fairer Living Wage”***

Austin Thompson – SEIU  
Joshua Dedmond – UAW Global Organizing Institute  
**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

***“Got Strategy? Social Media: If You Fail to Plan, You Plan to Fail”***

Betty Yu – MAG-Net  
Jessica Pierce – BYP 100  
**Location:** BTC Room 209

***“Political Track Session 1”***

**Location:** Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

11:45am – 1:15pm

**YOUTH CONGRESS BREAKOUT SESSIONS: BLOCK 2**

***“Voter ID in the ‘Sip/My Vote, My V.O.I.C.E.’”***

Yasmin Gabriel, Antron McKay – Upgrade Mississippi  
Sammie Dow – NAACP Youth and College Division  
**Location:** Youth Congress Tent

***“What Makes You Mad? How to Connect Issues and Impact to Civic Engagement”***

Jessica Pierce, Charlene Carruthers, Cedric Lawson – BYP 100  
**Location:** Holmes Hall

***“Breaking Down the Prison Industry”***

Curtis Hierro – Dream Defenders  
**Location:** Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

***“Youth Organizing and Education Justice”***

Leidy Robledo, Alliance for Educational Justice  
**Location:** Woodworth Chapel

***“Not in Our State: Don’t Be Silent, Stop the Violence”***

Tawanda Fisher – Next Level Faith Ministry  
Rashad Jones – Murrah High School Student  
**Location:** Bennie Thompson Center 209

***“Reimagining the Future”***

Dr. Artika Tyner – University of St. Thomas School of Law  
**Location:** Library Roach 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

***“Federal Intervention on and Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline”***

Scott Roberts and Sean Flores – Advancement Project

**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

***“Political Track Session 2”***

**Location:** Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

1:15pm – 2:15pm

**LUNCH**

2:00pm – 8:00pm

**REGISTRATION – TOUGALOO AND JACKSON HILTON HOTEL**

2:30pm – 4:00pm

**YOUTH CONGRESS BREAKOUT SESSIONS: BLOCK 3**

***“Youth Organizing and School-to-Prison Pipeline”***

Leidy Robledo – Alliance for Educational Justice

**Location:** Woodworth Chapel Basement Conference Room

***“Think Critically, Act Creatively: Utilizing New Media Tools for Youth Empowerment and Movement Making”***

Jazmin Chavez, Edwin Salgado, Jaime Collado – Latino Justice

**Location:** Berkshire 107

***“Keys to Organizing Diverse Communities: Power, Purpose and Public Narrative in Movement Building”***

Shyria Parker and Barbara Cornejo – Drastic Measures Planning, Inc.

Samantha Simpore – Youth Escape Arena

**Location:** Berkshire 202

***“Know Your Rights”***

Constance Gordon - ACLU

**Location:** Woodworth Chapel

***“Education Funding”***

Allytra Perryman – Mississippi Center for Justice

Wendy Johnson – Whitten Middle School

**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

***“Systems Designed Against Us: Incarceration and Immigration”***

Sofia Campos – United We Dream

**Location:** Holmes Hall

***“Freedom Summer: Stories and Strategies/Telling Your Story in Community Organizing”***

Anna Davis – Mississippi Safe Schools Coalition

R. Ashley Jackson – Alabama Safe Schools Coalition

**Location:** Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

***“National Student Bill of Rights”***

Amatullah Mervin – Boston-area Youth Organizing Project

Saeda Washington – Youth United for Change

Tre Murphy – Baltimore Algebra Project

**Location:** Library Roach 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

***“Political Track Session 3”***

**Location:** Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

- 4:15pm – 5:15pm      **STATE AND REGIONAL MEETINGS**  
Youth Congress Tent  
Berkshire 107  
Woodworth Chapel  
Owens Wellness Center Gym  
Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 6:00pm – 7:30pm      **FULL CONFERENCE WELCOME RECEPTION**  
Tougaloo College, Bennie Thompson Center
- 7:30pm – 9:30pm      **OLD SCHOOL/NEW SCHOOL MASH-UP**  
Tougaloo College, Wellness Center

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014**

- 7:30am – 5:00pm      **REGISTRATION**
- 7:30am – 8:00pm      **YOUTH CONGRESS BUSES DEPART FOR CHILDREN’S DEFENSE FUND FREEDOM TOUR**
- 9:00am – 11:30am      **FULL CONFERENCE OPENING PLENARY**  
Dr. Joyce Ladner, Convener  
***“The Freedom Struggle in Mississippi - 1944-2014”***  
**Speakers:** Hollis Watkins, Derrick Johnson, Danny Glover, The Freedom Singers
- 12:15pm – 1:45pm      **LUNCH**
- 12:00pm – 7:00pm      **FREEDOM FILM FESTIVAL – Bennie Thompson Center**  
12:00pm    “When the Movement Came to Mississippi”  
1:00pm    “Neshoba” – Rev. Julia Chaney Moss  
2:00pm    “The Intolerable Burden” – Connie Curry  
3:30pm    “An Ordinary Hero” – Joan Trumpauer Mullholland  
5:30pm    “Black Natchez”
- 1:00pm – 2:30pm      **YOUTH CONGRESS**  
  
***“I Got My People With Me: New Approaches to Labor”***  
Joshua Dedmond, UAW Global Organizing Institute  
**Location:** Youth Tent  
  
***“Political Track 4”***  
**Location:** Library Townsend 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- 2:15pm – 4:00pm      **BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1**

**EDUCATION: “The Crisis: How Does Public Education Survive and Thrive?”**

**Moderator:** John Pierre

**Panelists:** Raynard Sanders, Jon Hale, John Brittain, Diane Ravitch\*, Dr. Earl Watkins

**Location:** Holmes Hall

**VOTING RIGHTS: “Our Southern Strategy: Taking the Leadership:**

**Moderator:** Derrick Simmons\*

**Panelists:** Jaime Harrison, Scott Colon\*

**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

**HEALTH: “Mississippi 1964 Health Workers on the Front Line: A Proud Legacy Continues”**

**Moderator:** John Dittmer\*

**Panelists:** Dr. Robert Smith, Dr. Aaron Shirley, Dr. LaShawn Steptoe\*, Dr. Helen Barnes\*

**Location:** Woodworth Chapel

**WORKERS’ RIGHTS: “Organizing in the South”**

**Moderator:** Larry Rubin

**Panelists:** Richard Bensinger, Monica Russo\*, Jaribu Hill

**Location:** Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

2:45pm – 4:15pm

**YOUTH CONGRESS - “Jews and Freedom Summer”**

Etta King – Institute of Southern Jewish Life

**Location:** Youth Tent

**“Political Track 5”**

**Location:** Library Townsend 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2**

4:15pm – 5:00pm

**EDUCATION: “The Role of Higher Education in the Struggle”**

**Moderator:** Dr. Geri Augusto

**Panelists:** Dr. Ronald Mason, Lani Guinier, Liza Baskerville, Craig Steven Wilder\*, Imani Perry\*

**Location:** Holmes Hall, Bennie Thompson Center 109, 110

4:15pm – 6:00pm

**VOTING RIGHTS: “One Person, One Vote”**

**Moderator:** Dr. Leslie McLemore

**Panelists:** Judith Browne Dianis, Gilda Daniels, Sherrilyn Iffel\*

**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

4:15pm – 6:00pm

**HEALTH: “Increasing Minority Participation in the Affordable Care Act”**

**Moderator:** Corey Wiggins

**Panelists:** Rev. Rims Barber, Dr. L Toni Lewis, Dr. Demetri W. Marshall\*

**Location:** Woodworth Chapel

4:15pm – 6:00pm

**WORKERS’ RIGHTS: “Youth as Labor Organizers”**

**Moderator:** Monica Adkins

**Panelists:** Albert Sykes, Kimar Cain, Yasmin Gabriel, Loreal Cornell

**Location:** Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

5:00pm – 6:00pm      **Education Breakout Working Groups**  
**Location:** Holmes Hall, Bennie Thompson Center 109, 110

8:00pm – 10:00pm      **“FREEDOM SUMMER”:** Film screening with Director Stanley Nelson  
**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014**

7:30am – 5:00pm      **REGISTRATION**

9:00am – 11:00am      **MORNING PLENARY**  
MacArthur Cotton, Convener  
**“Freedom Summer 1964: *Its Historic Importance*”**  
**Moderator:** Charlie Cobb  
**Panelists:** David Dennis, Marian Wright Edelman, Bob Moses, Taylor Branch  
**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

11:00am – 12:30pm      **Freedom Summer Role Call**  
**Moderator:** Dr. Frank Smith  
**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

12:45pm – 2:15pm      **LUNCH**

12:30pm – 7:30pm      **FREEDOM FILM FESTIVAL** – Bennie Thompson Center  
12:00pm    “Scarred Justice: The Orangeburg Massacre 1968” – Judy Richardson  
1:30pm     “My Mind Stayed on Freedom: Arc of History” – Dr. Roy DeBerry  
3:00pm     “Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek” – Leah Mahan, Derrick Evans  
4:30pm     “Al Helm: Martin Luther King in Palestine” – Dr. Clayborn Carson  
6:00pm     “Freedom Summer” (This is a play on film) – William Tucker

1:00pm – 3:00pm      **YOUTH CONGRESS**  
  
**“Mississippi Goddam: Still Building a New World Together in the South”**  
Joshua Dedmond – UAW Global Organizing Institute  
**Location:** Youth Tent

**“Inter-generational Healing: Triumph or Trauma”**  
Malkie Schwartz – Institute of Southern Jewish Life  
Albert Sykes – The Young People’s Project  
**Location:** Library, Roach 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**“Creating a Campus Grassroots Campaign”**  
Edwith Theogene – Feminist Majority Foundation  
**Location:** Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**“Understanding Identity, Privilege, and Power”**  
Mia Henry – Freedom Lifted  
**Location:** Library Townsend 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

***“Political Track Session 6”***

**Location:** Berkshire 202

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1**

- 2:30pm – 3:15pm      **EDUCATION: “Structure Opportunities for Educational Access for the Bottom Quartile of the Economic Distribution: A Conversation”**  
**Moderator:** Bob Moses  
**Panelists:** Walt McDonald, Marian Wright Edelman, Lisa Delpit  
**Location:** Holmes Hall, Bennie Thompson Center 109, 110
- 2:30pm - 4:00pm      **VOTING RIGHTS: “Voting as a Constitutional Right”**  
**Moderator:** Carroll Rhodes\*  
**Panelists:** Ben Jealous, Julian Bond, Judith Browne Dianis, Francois Aderson\*  
**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym
- 2:30pm – 4:00pm      **HEALTH: “Child Obesity: Health Disparities Among African American Children”**  
**Moderator:** Dr. Tamika Bradley\*  
**Panelists:** Maya Rockeymore\*, Dr. Carl Reddix, Dr. Timothy Quinn  
**Location:** Woodworth Chapel
- 2:30pm – 4:00pm      **WORKERS’ RIGHTS: “Union Organizing/Community Organizing”**  
**Moderator:** Ira Gruper  
**Panelists:** William Lucy, Sarah White, Sanchioni Butler, Saladin Muhammad  
**Location:** Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 3:30pm – 5:00pm      **“Education as a Constitutional Right” and “Fully Funding Public Education/MS Ballot Initiative”**  
**Moderator:** Peggy Cooper-Davis  
**Panelists:** Teron Ferguson, Charles Taylor, Amber Thomas  
**Location:** Holmes Hall, Bennie Thompson Center 109, 110
- 3:15pm – 4:45pm      **YOUTH CONGRESS - “The People’s Movement Assemblies”**  
**Location:** Youth Tent, Library Roach 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Library Townsend 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- 4:15pm – 5:45pm      **BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2**
- 4:15pm – 5:45pm      **VOTING RIGHTS: “Building Political Coalitions”**  
**Moderator:** Stacey Abrams\*  
**Panelists:** Kevin Cosney, Gihan Perera, Maria Fernanda\*, Wade Henderson\*  
**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym
- 4:15pm – 5:45pm      **HEALTH: “Dreams Deferred: Chronic Disease and Life Expectancy Rates Among African Americans”**  
**Moderator:** Dr. Herman Taylor\*  
**Panelists:** Dr. Linda Rae Murray\*, Dr. Sandra Hayes, Dr. Claudia Fegan\*,  
Dr. Bethrone Mock-Muhammad\*  
**Location:** Woodworth Chapel
- 4:15pm – 5:45pm      **WORKERS’ RIGHTS: “Building Alliances with the Civil Rights Immigrant Rights Movement”**  
**Moderator:** Heather Booth

**Panelists:** Julian Bond, Carman Berkley, Cristina Jimenez

**Location:** Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

5:00pm – 6:30pm

**YOUTH CONGRESS**

***“The People’s Movement Assemblies”***

**Location:** Youth Tent, Library Roach 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Library Townsend 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

5:15pm – 6:00pm

**EDUCATION: *“Education as a Constitutional Right”***

Educational Working Breakout Group

**Location:** Holmes Hall, Bennie Thompson Center 109, 110

6:00pm – 8:00pm

***“This Little Light of Ours”*: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement**

Mississippi Museum of Art

Invitation only

7:00pm – 10:00pm

**COFO/LYNCH STREET TAKEOVER--** Free and Open to the Public

8:00pm – 11:00pm

**SOUNDTRACK OF 1964 CONCERT**

Mississippi Museum of Art

Free and open to the public

8:30pm

**FREEDOM SUMMER FILM SCREENING—**Jackson Convention Complex

***“Dirt and Deeds in Mississippi”***

Free and open to the public

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014**

7:30am – 5:00pm

**REGISTRATION**

9:00am – 11:45am

**PLENARY SESSION: *“In the Mississippi River”***

Judy Richardson, Convener

Multi-media Presentation, ***“Heroes and Sheroes”***

A Tribute to those Murdered and Martyred in Mississippi

Freedom Singers, Timothy Jenkins, C. Liegh McInnis

12:00pm – 2:00pm

**LUNCH**

12:00pm

**MOBILIZATION TO SUPPORT THE NISSAN WORKERS IN CANTON, MISSISSIPPI**

Buses leave from Tougaloo

12:00pm – 8:30pm

**FREEDOM FILM FESTIVAL –** Bennie Thompson Center

12:00pm “Freedom on My Mind” – Connie Field, Marilyn Mulford

2:15pm “Wednesdays in Mississippi” – Marlene Carson

3:15pm “The Impact of One: The Gladys Noel Bates Story” – Dr. Wilma Clopton

4:15pm “Maestra” – Catherine Murphy

5:30pm “A Regular Bouquet” – Charles Prickett

7:00pm “Freedom Song” – Chuck McDew

2:15pm – 4:00pm

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1**

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- 2:15pm – 3:00pm      **EDUCATION: “Networking Organizations Working in After School Programs for Quality Education as a Constitutional Right and Freedom Schooling”**  
**Moderator:** Maisha Moses  
**Panelists:** Reps. from CDF, Baltimore Algebra Project, Others  
**Location:** Holmes Hall
- 2:15pm – 4:00pm      **VOTING RIGHTS: “From Protest to Politics: The Importance of Demographic Changes in the United States Over the Next 30 Years”**  
**Moderator:** Edith McCloud\*  
**Panelists:** Dr. Jennifer M. Ortman, Cristina Jimenez, Ivanhoe Donaldson, James Hayes\*  
**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym
- 2:15pm – 4:00pm      **HEALTH: “Targeted Marketing: Promoting Unhealthy Behaviors to African American Youth”**  
**Moderator:** Dr. Timothy Summers  
**Panelists:** Vikki Lassiter, Dr. Louis Saddler\*, George “Chuck” Patterson, Rashad Robinson\*, R. Ashleigh Jackson  
**Location:** Woodworth Chapel
- 2:15pm – 4:00pm      **WORKERS’ RIGHTS:** Support for Nissan workers in Canton, Mississippi
- 3:15pm – 5:00pm      **Action Steps Presented by Education Working Group**  
**Moderators:** Bob Moses and Dave Dennis  
**Location:** Holmes Hall
- 4:15pm – 6:00pm      **BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2**
- 5:15pm – 6:00pm      **EDUCATION: “A New Era of Philanthropic Support for Quality Education as a Civil Right for the Bottom Quartile”**  
**Moderator:** Michael Nettles  
**Location:** Holmes Hall
- 5:15pm – 6:00pm      **VOTING RIGHTS: “From Protest to Politics: Building a Political Infrastructure Using the Tools of Communications, Research and Data”**  
**Moderator:** Jennifer Lawson  
**Panelists:** Elan Kriegel, Diane Feldman, Denese Carroll, Bobby Clark, Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, Aisha Moodie Mills  
**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym
- 5:15pm – 6:00pm      **HEALTH: “The Faith-based Communities’ Role in Addressing Health Disparities: Shining a Light on the ‘Mississippi Model’”**  
**Moderator:** Rev. Reginald Buckley\*  
**Panelists:** Rev. Michael Minor\*, Dr. Cheryl Taylor, Dr. Larry Johnson, Rev. Wendell Paris, Rev. Sam Cameron\*  
**Location:** Woodworth Chapel

7:00pm – 9:00pm

**MEET THE AUTHORS BOOK SIGNING**

**Location:** Warren Hall

Charlie Cobb	Carol Ruth Silver
Joan Sadoff	Janis Kearney
Constance Curry	Sue Lorenzi Sojourner
Emilye Crosby	Rep. David Jordan
Thomas Armstrong	Michael Edmonds
Dr. Michael Williams	Curtis Austin
Matt Heron	Leslie Kelen
Martha Noonan Prescod	James Marshall
Dr. Mary King	Dr. Michael Wilkins
Dottie Zellner	Jim Dann
Judy Richardson	Grace Sweet & Benjamin Bradley
Jean Smith Young	Susan Follett
John Dittmer	Aram Goudsouzian
Flonzie Brown Wright	Freddie Williams Evans
Douglas Blackman	M. J. O'Brien
Akinyele Umoja	Dr. Ronald Alston
Geraldine Hollis	Betty Garman Robinson

8:00pm – 10:00pm

**FREEDOM FEST: BLUES, JAZZ, HIP HOP AND STEP SHOW**

**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014**

9:00am – 11:45am

**OUR SOUTHERN STRATEGY: “Where Do We Go From Here?”**

Courtland Cox, Convener

**Moderators:** Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton

**Panelists:** Rep. Bennie Thompson, Rep. Cedric Richmond, Rep. GK Butterfield\*

**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

12:00pm – 1:30pm

**LUNCH**

12:00pm

**FREEDOM FILM FESTIVAL – Bennie G. Thompson Center**

“The New Black” – Monica Anderson

1:30pm – 3:00pm

**“FREEDOM SUMMER CONTINUES: Boots on the Ground”**

A call to participate in various Freedom Summer 2014 actions, including youth-led projects in Mississippi, Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, and other areas across the United States.

**Location:** Owens Wellness Center Gym

2:00pm – 4:30pm

**YOUTH CONGRESS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE TOWN HALL**

**Location:** Youth Tent

7:30pm – 10:00pm

**FREEDOM SUMMER 50TH ANNIVERSARY LEGACY BANQUET & RECOGNITION**

Danny Glover, Master of Ceremonies

Julian Bond, Statement of the Occasion

Dick Gregory, Keynote Address

Ayanna Gregory, Performance

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2014**

11:00am – 12:15pm    **FAREWELL SERVICE**