MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM SUMMER 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE
Inter-generational Action Agenda
Tougaloo College - Jackson, Mississippi
June 23 - 29, 2014

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014
11:00am – 6:00pm  REGISTRATION
Location: Jackson State University – Dixon Hall
6:00pm – 10:00pm  YOUTH CONGRESS FREEDOM SUMMER BLOCK PARTY
Location: Smith Robertson Cultural Museum – Downtown Jackson

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014
7:30am – 5:00pm  REGISTRATION
Location: Tougaloo College – Owens Wellness Center
8:00am – 5:00pm  PRE-REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP
Location: Jackson Hilton County Line Road
8:00am – 6:00pm  MEDIA CHECK-IN
Location: Tougaloo College - Owens Wellness Center
8:30am – 9:45am  OPENING YOUTH PLENARY
Location: Tougaloo College – Owens Wellness Center Gym
10:00am – 11:30am  YOUTH CONGRESS BREAKOUT SESSIONS: BLOCK 1

“Better Schools Better Jobs: Ballot Initiative”
Amber Thomas and Charles Taylor – Better Schools Better Jobs
Location: Woodworth Chapel

“To Be Young, Gifted and Black Queer Feminist: Queering the Agenda”
Charlene Carruthers and Samantha Masters – Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100)
R. Ashley Jackson – Human Rights Campaign (HRC)
Location: Ballard 2nd Floor Theater

“Messaging for Power”
Erika Maye – Active Voice
Location: Youth Congress Tent

*INVITED
“Pass the Memo: The Legislative Process in Mississippi”
Joi Owens – American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi (ACLU of Mississippi)
Location: Coleman Library 3rd Floor - Townsend

“Building Grassroots Power for Media Justice to Transform Structural Racism”
Betty Yu – Media Action Grassroots Network (MAG-Net)
Location: Woodworth Chapel Basement Conference Room

“How to Connect Issues and Impact to Civic Engagement”
Jessica Pierce, Charlene Carruthers, Cedric Lawson – BYP100
Location: Holmes Hall

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TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 CONTINUED

11:45am – 1:15pm
“Federal Intervention on and Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline”
Scott Roberts and Sean Flores – The Advancement Project
Location: Owens Wellness Center Gym

“Political Track Session 2”
Location: Coleman Library 1st Floor

1:15pm – 2:15pm
LUNCH

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 – Maya Angelou Academy
Location: Berkshire 202

“Know Your Constitutional Rights in School”
Constance Gordon - ACLU of Mississippi
Location: Woodworth Chapel

“Education Funding in Mississippi”
Allytra Perryman – Mississippi Center for Justice
Wendy Johnson – Whitten Middle School
Location: Holmes Hall

“Mississippi Goddam: Still Building a New World Together in the South”
Joshua Dedmond – UAW Global Organizing Institute
Location: Owens Wellness Center Gym

“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 2nd Floor
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 CONTINUED

2:30pm – 4:00pm  “National Student Bill of Rights”
Amatullah Mervin – Boston-area Youth Organizing Project
Saeda Washington – Youth United for Change
Tre Murphy – Baltimore Algebra Project
Location: Coleman Library 3rd Floor - Roach

“Political Track Session 3”
Location: Coleman Library 1st Floor

4:15pm – 5:15pm  STATE AND REGIONAL MEETINGS
Youth Congress Tent
Berkshire 107
Woodworth Chapel
Owens Wellness Center Gym
Coleman Library 1st Floor

6:00pm – 7:30pm  CONFERENCE WELCOMING RECEPTION
Sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign
Tougaloo College, Bennie Thompson Center

7:30pm – 9:30pm  OLD SCHOOL/NEW SCHOOL MASH-UP
Tougaloo College, Bennie Thompson Center Courtyard

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

7:30am – 5:00pm  REGISTRATION
Location: Tougaloo College - Owens Wellness Center

8:00am – 6:00pm  MEDIA CHECK-IN
Location: Tougaloo College - Owens Wellness Center

8:00am - 8:30am  YOUTH CONGRESS BUSES LOAD AND 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”
Location: Owens Wellness Center Gym

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”

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014 CONTINUED

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: Coleman Library 3rd Floor - Townsend

2:15pm – 4:00pm  BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1

2:15pm – 4:00pm  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: Coleman Library

2:15pm – 4:00pm  VOTING RIGHTS: “Our Southern Strategy: Taking the Leadership”
Moderator: Derrick Simmons
Panelists: Mike Sayer, Rep. Sonya Williams-Barnes, Dr. D’Andrea Orey, Rashad Robinson*
Location: Owens Wellness Center Gym

2:15pm – 4:00pm  HEALTH: “Mississippi 1964 Health Workers on the Front Line: A Proud Legacy Continues”
Moderator: TBD
Panelists: Dr. Robert Smith, Dr. Aaron Shirley*, Dr. Helen Barnes*
Location: Woodworth Chapel

2:15pm – 4:00pm  WORKERS’ RIGHTS: “Organizing in the South”
Moderator: Larry Rubin
Panelists: Richard Bensinger, Monica Russo, Jaribu Hill
Location: Coleman Library 1st Floor

2:45pm – 4:15pm  YOUTH CONGRESS – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

“Jews and Freedom Summer”
Etta King – Jewish Women’s Archive
Location: Youth Tent

“Political Track 5”
Location: Coleman Library 3rd Floor - Townsend

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

4:15pm – 5:30pm  EDUCATION: “The Role of Higher Education in the Struggle”
Moderator: Dr. Geri Augusto
Panelists: Dr. Ronald Mason, Lani Guinier, Liza Baskerville, Imani Perry
Location: Holmes Hall

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014 CONTINUED

4:15pm – 6:00pm  VOTING RIGHTS: “One Person, One Vote”  
Moderator: Dr. Leslie McLemore  
Panelists: Judith Browne Dianis, 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, Dr. Carl Reddix  
Location: Woodworth Chapel

4:15pm – 6:00pm  WORKERS’ RIGHTS: “Youth as Labor Organizers”  
Moderator: Monica Atkins  
Panelists: Albert Sykes, Kimar Cain, Yasmin Gabriel, Loreal Cornell  
Location: Coleman Library 1st Floor

4:30pm – 6:00pm  YOUTH CONGRESS  
“Understanding the Plight of DREAMers: Mississippi Immigrants’ Rights Alliance”  
Patricia Ice – Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance  
Location: Youth Tent  
“Political Track 6”  
Location: Coleman Library 3rd Floor - Townsend

5:45pm – 6:45pm  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  
Location: Owens Wellness Center

8:00am – 6:00pm  MEDIA CHECK-IN  
Location: Owens Wellness Center

8:00am - 4:45pm  FREEDOM SCHOOL REGISTRATION AND HARAMBEE  
Organizer: Children’s Defense Fund  
Location: Amphitheater

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

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THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014 CONTINUED

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

11:00am – 12:00pm  YOUTH CONGRESS – State and Regional Meetings  
**Location:** Youth Congress Tent

12:45pm – 2:15pm  LUNCH

12:00pm – 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  “Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek” – Reilly Morse, 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

1:30pm – 3:00pm  YOUTH CONGRESS – BREAKOUT SESSIONS (5)

“Systems Designed Against Us: Incarceration and Immigration”  
Sofia Campos – United We Dream  
**Location:** Youth Tent

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

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

“Understanding Identity, Privilege and Power”  
Mia Henry – Freedom Lifted  
**Location:** Coleman Library 3rd Floor - Townsend

“Disrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline”  
Dr. Artika Tyner – University of St. Thomas School of Law  
**Location:** Galloway 9

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1

**Moderator:** Dr. Bob Moses  
**Panelists:** Walt McDonald, Marian Wright Edelman, Lisa Delpit  
**Location:** Holmes Hall  
*Please note the early start time for this session – 2:15pm.*
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014 CONTINUED

2:30pm - 4:00pm  VOTING RIGHTS: “Voting as a Constitutional Right”
Moderator: Carroll Rhodes
Panelists: Ben Jealous, Julian Bond, Judith Browne Dianis, Lani Guinier
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. Amanda Rice
Location: Woodworth Chapel

2:30pm – 4:00pm  WORKERS’ RIGHTS: “Union Organizing/Community Organizing”
Moderator: Ira Grupper
Panelists: William Lucy, Sarah White, Sanchioni Butler, Saladin Muhammad
Location: Coleman Library 1st Floor

3:45pm – 5:15pm  “Education as a Constitutional Right” and “Fully Funding Public Education/MS Ballot Initiative”
Moderator: Dave Dennis
Panelists: Terron Ferguson, Charles Taylor, Amber Thomas
Location: Holmes Hall

3:15pm – 4:45pm  YOUTH CONGRESS - “The People’s Movement Assemblies”
Project South
Location: Youth Tent, Coleman Library Roach 3rd Floor, Ballard 2nd Floor, Coleman Library Townsend 3rd Floor

3:15pm – 4:45pm  ENVIRONMENTAL and CLIMATE JUSTICE – The People’s Movement Assembly
“Climate Change and Environmental Injustice: How Did We Get Here?”
Moderator: Jacqueline Patterson
Location: TBD

4:15pm – 5:45pm  BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

4:15pm – 5:45pm  VOTING RIGHTS: “Building Political Coalitions”
Moderator: Derrick Johnson
Panelists: Kevin Cosney, Gihan Perera, Maria Fernanda*, Brandon Presley, Rashad Robinson*
Location: Owens Wellness Center Gym

4:15pm – 5:45pm  HEALTH: “Dreams Deferred: Chronic Disease and Life Expectancy Rates Among African Americans”
Moderator: Makani Themba
Panelists: Peter Orris, 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: Coleman Library 1st Floor

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THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014 CONTINUED

5:00pm – 6:30pm  YOUTH CONGRESS — “The People’s Movement Assemblies”
Project South
Location: Youth Tent, Coleman Library Roach 3rd Floor, Ballard 2nd Floor, Coleman Library Townsend 3rd Floor

5:00pm – 6:30pm  ENVIRONMENTAL and CLIMATE JUSTICE – The People’s Movement Assembly
“Taking Back Our Communities and Building Local Economies: Where Do We Go From Here?”
Moderator: Jacqueline Patterson
Location: TBD

5:15pm – 6:30pm  EDUCATION WORKING GROUPS: “Education as a Constitutional Right” (3)
Location: Holmes Hall, Bennie Thompson Center 109, 110

5:00pm – 10:00pm  COFO/LYNCH STREET TAKEOVER
Free and open to the public

6:00pm – 8:00pm  “This Light of Ours”: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement
Mississippi Museum of Art
Invitation only – Civil Rights Veterans

8:00pm – 11:00pm  SOUNDTRACK OF 1964 CONCERT
Mississippi Museum of Art, Art Garden Stage
Free and open to the public

8:30pm  FREEDOM SUMMER FILM SCREENING: “Dirt and Deeds in Mississippi”
Jackson Convention Complex
Free and open to the public

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014

7:30am – 5:00pm  REGISTRATION
Location: Owens Wellness Center

8:00am – 6:00pm  MEDIA CHECK-IN
Location: Owens Wellness Center

8:00am – 4:45pm  FREEDOM SCHOOL REGISTRATION AND HARAMBEE
Organizer: Children’s Defense Fund
Location: Amphitheater

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
Location: Owens Wellness Center Gym

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FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014 CONTINUED

12:00pm – 2:00pm LUNCH

12:30pm – 1:45pm LUNCH THEATER: ACTS AND MOVEMENTS: Arts and Culture in Times of Struggle
Moderator: Carlton Turner
Panelists: Dr. Doris Derby, John O’Neal, Clarissa Myrick-Harris, Stephanie McKey, Mitchell Marsh
Location: Holmes Hall
*Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches to the session.

2:00pm 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 McCurtis
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

2:15pm – 3:30pm 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: Courtland Cox
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, R. Ashley Jackson
Location: Woodworth Chapel

2:15pm – 4:00pm ENVIRONMENTAL and CLIMATE JUSTICE: Rebel Smell: Voter Disenfranchisement and Environmental Justice in the South
Moderator: Jacqueline Patterson
Panelists: Seandra Pope*, Josie Mooney, Brentin Mock, Nathaniel Smith*
Location: Coleman Library, 1st Floor

2:15pm – 4:00pm MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM PUBLIC FORUM
Location: Bennie Thompson Center, 209

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2:15pm – 4:00pm  WORKERS’ RIGHTS: Support for Nissan workers in Canton, Mississippi

3:45pm – 5:00pm  Action Steps Presented by Education Working Groups
Moderators: Bob Moses and Dave Dennis
Location: Holmes Hall

4:15pm – 6:00pm  BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

4:15pm – 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 Kriegl, Diane Feldman, Denese Carroll, Bobby Clark, Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, Aisha Moodie Mills
Location: Owens Wellness Center Gym

4:15pm – 6:00pm  HEALTH: “The Faith-based Communities’ Role in Addressing Health Disparities: Shining a Light on the ’Mississippi Model’”
Moderator: Dr. Marino Bruce
Panelists: Rev. Michael Minor, Dr. Cheryl Taylor, Dr. Larry Johnson, Rev. Wendell Paris*
Location: Woodworth Chapel

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

7:00pm – 9:00pm  MEET THE AUTHORS BOOK SIGNING
Location: Warren Hall
Featured Authors:
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 Herron                                      Leslie Kelen
Martha Prescod Norman Noonan                     James Marshall
Dr. Mary King                                    Dr. Michael Wilkins
Dottie Zellner                                   Jim Dann
Judy Richardson                                  Grace Sweet & Benjamin Bradley
Jean Smith Young                                 Susan Follett
Flonzie Brown Wright                            Aram Goudsouzion
Douglas Blackman                                 Freddi Williams Evans
Akinyele Umoja                                   M. J. O’Brien
Geraldine Hollis                                 Dr. Ronald Alston
                      Betty Garman Robinson

8:00pm – 10:00pm  FREEDOM FEST: BLUES, JAZZ, HIP HOP AND STEP SHOW
Location: Owens Wellness Center Gym

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SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014

7:30am – 4:30pm  MEDIA CHECK-IN
Location: Owens Wellness Center

9:00am – 11:45am  OUR SOUTHERN STRATEGY: “Where Do We Go From Here?”
Courtland Cox, Convener
Moderators: Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton
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
“Promises Unmet: A Candid Discussion About the New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration and the War on Drugs on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Freedom Summer”
Location: Youth Tent

7:00pm – 10:00pm  FREEDOM SUMMER 50TH ANNIVERSARY LEGACY BANQUET & RECOGNITION
Jackson Convention Complex
*Ticketed Event
Karen Finney, Mistress of Ceremonies
Danny Glover, Master of Ceremonies
Julian Bond, Statement of the Occasion
Dick Gregory, Keynote Address
Ayanna Gregory, Performance

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2014

11:00am – 12:15pm  FAREWELL SERVICE
Location: Woodworth Chapel

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