



## 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      **YOUTH CONGRESS 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:** 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:** Chapel Basement Conference Room

***“#No Justice, No Peace”***

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:** 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:** 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:** BGTC 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:** 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:** 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:** Chapel

***“Education Funding”***

Allytra Perryman – Mississippi Center for Justice

Wendy Johnson – Whitten Middle School

**Location:** 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”***

- 4:15pm – 5:15pm      **STATE AND REGIONAL MEETINGS**  
Youth Congress Tent  
Berkshire 107  
Chapel  
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, Bennie Thompson 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 – 5:30pm      **FREEDOM FILM FESTIVAL – Bennie G. 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 Mulholland  
5:30pm    “Black Natchez”
- 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\*, Earl Watkins  
**Location:** Holmes Hall
- 2:15pm – 4:00pm      **VOTING RIGHTS: “Our Southern Strategy: Taking the Leadership:**  
**Moderator:** Derrick Simmons\*  
**Panelists:** Jaime Harrison, Scott Colon\*  
**Location:** Wellness Center Gym

- 2:15pm – 4:00pm **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:** Chapel
- 2:15pm – 4:00pm **WORKERS’ RIGHTS: “Organizing in the South”**  
**Moderator:** Larry Rubin  
**Panelists:** Richard Bensinger, Monica Russo, Jaribu Hill  
**Location:** Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 1:00p – 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
- 2:45pm – 4:15pm **“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
- 4:00pm – 5:45pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2**
- 4:15pm – 5:00pm **EDUCATION: “The Role of Higher Education in the Struggle”**  
**Moderator:** Geri Augusto,  
**Panelists:** Dr. Ronald Mason, Lani Guinier, Liza Baskerville, Craig Steven Wilder\*, Imani Perry\*  
**Location:** Holmes Hall, BGTC 109, 110
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **Education Breakout Working Groups**  
**Location:** Holmes Hall, BGTC 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:** 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:** 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

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

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

12:45pm – 2:15pm **LUNCH**

12:00pm – 6:00pm **FREEDOM FILM FESTIVAL** – Bennie G. 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

2:30pm – 4:00pm **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, BGTC 109, 110

3:30pm – 5:00pm **“Education as a Constitutional Right” and “Fully Funding Public Education/MS Ballot Initiative”**  
**Moderator:** Jennifer Johnson  
**Panelists:** Teron Ferguson, Charles Taylor, Amber Thomas  
**Location:** Holmes Hall, BGTC 109, 110

2:30pm - 4:00pm **VOTING RIGHTS: “Voting as a Constitutional Right”**  
**Moderator:** Carroll Rhodes\*  
**Panelists:** Ben Jealous, Julian Bond, Charles Ogletree\*, Francois Aderson\*  
**Location:** 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:** 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
- 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
- 3:15pm – 4:45pm **“*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**
- 5:15pm – 6:00pm **EDUCATION: “*Education as a Constitutional Right*”**  
Educational Working Breakout Group  
**Location:** Holmes Hall, BGTC 109, 110
- 4:15pm – 5:45pm **VOTING RIGHTS: “*Building Political Coalitions*”**  
**Moderator:** Stacey Abrams\*  
**Panelists:** Kevin Cosney, Gihan Perera, Maria Fernanda\*, Wade Henderson\*  
**Location:** 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:** 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
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm **"This Little Light of Ours" Photographic Exhibit**  
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 – 9:10am **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 – 7:00pm **FREEDOM FILM FESTIVAL –** Bennie G. 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
- 3:15pm – 5:00pm      **Action Steps Presented by Education Working Group**  
**Moderators:** Bob Moses and Dave Dennis  
**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:** 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. Ashley Jackson  
**Location:** Chapel
- 2:15pm – 4:00pm      **WORKERS’ RIGHTS:** Support for Nissan workers in Canton, Mississippi
- 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:** 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:** Chapel
- 7:00pm – 9:00pm      **MEET THE AUTHORS BOOK SIGNING**  
Charlie Cobb  
Joan Sadoff  
Constance Curry  
Emilye Crosby  
Thomas Armstrong  
Dr. Michael Williams  
Matt Heron  
Peniel Joseph

Martha Noonan Prescod  
Mary King  
Dottie Zellner  
Judy Richardson  
Jean Smith Young  
John Dittmer  
Flonzie Brown Wright  
Douglas Blackman  
Akinyele Umoja  
Geraldine Hollis  
Carol Ruth Silver  
Janis Kearney  
Sue Lorenzi Sojourner

Rep. David Jordan  
Michael Edmonds  
Curtis Austin  
Leslie Kelen  
James Marshall  
Dr. Michael Wilkins  
Jim Dann  
Grace Sweet & Benjamin Bradley  
Susan Follett  
Aram Goudsouzian  
Freddie Williams Evans  
M. J. O'Brien

8:00pm – 10:00pm      **FREEDOM FEST: BLUES, JAZZ, HIP HOP AND STEP SHOW**

**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:** 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:** 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, State of the Occasion  
Dick Gregory, Keynote Address  
Ayanna Gregory, Presentation

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2014**

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