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 3rd Floor
“The Brown Tougaloo Partnership”
Laurel Oldershaw, Jenni Lee-Brown – Brown University
Conisha Hacket – Tougaloo College
Location: Chapel Basement Conference Room

“No Justice, No Peace”
Jahmaiah Lewis, Sammie Dow, Desmond Seymour – NAACP Youth College Division
Location: Ballard 2nd 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 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd Floor

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“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 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd Floor
“Political Track Session 3”

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

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 Mullholland
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

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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 1st Floor

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 3rd 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 3rd 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 1st Floor

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THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014

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

7:30am – 5:00pm REGISTRATION

9:00am – 11:00am MORNING PLENARY
MacArthur Cotton, Convener
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

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

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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 1st 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 3rd Floor

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

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

“*Political Track Session 6*”
**Location:** Berkshire 202

3:15pm – 4:45pm

“*The People’s Movement Assemblies*”
**Location:** Youth Tent, Library Roach 3rd Floor, Ballard 2nd Floor, Library Townsend 3rd 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*

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**Location:** Chapel

**WORKERS’ RIGHTS:** *Building Alliances with the Civil Rights Immigrant Rights Movement*
**Moderator:** Heather Booth
**Panelists:** Julian Bond, Carman Berkley, Cristina Jimenez

**Location:** Library 1st Floor

**5:00pm – 6:30pm**

**YOUTH CONGRESS**

“The People’s Movement Assemblies”
**Location:** Youth Tent, Library Roach 3rd Floor, Ballard 2nd Floor, Library Townsend 3rd 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 Pickett
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

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Martha Noonan Prescod  Rep. David Jordan
Mary King  Michael Edmonds
Dottie Zellner  Curtis Austin
Judy Richardson  Leslie Kelen
Jean Smith Young  James Marshall
John Dittmer  Dr. Michael Wilkins
Flonzie Brown Wright  Jim Dann
Douglas Blackman  Grace Sweet & Benjamin Bradley
Akinyele Umoja  Susan Follett
Geraldine Hollis  Aram Goudsouzion
Carol Ruth Silver  Freddi Williams Evans
Janis Kearney  M. J. O’Brien
Sue Lorenzi Sojourner

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
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

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