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Welcome to the 11th Annual National Civil Rights Conference

Dear National Civil Rights Conference Planning Committee and Conference Participants:

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Eleventh National Civil Rights Conference. The National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc., Miami University and the Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice-Southern University Law Center are proud to co-sponsor the Eleventh Annual National Civil Rights Conference. The 2022 conference, held in Baton Rouge (LA), will provide an opportunity to remember, reflect, and jumpstart the spirit, commitment, and courage that fueled a movement that changed the nation. During this day and age and at this time, when voting and citizenship are so important, we can and should do nothing less than follow the example of history. We appreciate your presence and participation in activities focusing on civil rights, social justice and human dignity.

The two-day conference provides a wide range of topics related to the conference theme, *Engage, Educate, & Empower*. We hope you will take full advantage of the workshops, artistic productions, sessions, tours, vendors and networking opportunities that will be available.

This conference, perhaps more than any other, provides a broad range of learning experiences for you to engage in. More important, this conference promises to generate considerable intellectual dialogue and debate, as well as create opportunities to strengthen existing networks and forge new relationships.

Again, welcome to the Eleventh National Conference on Civil Rights. If we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,



Dr. Keith D. Parker, Chair
NCRC Planning Committee

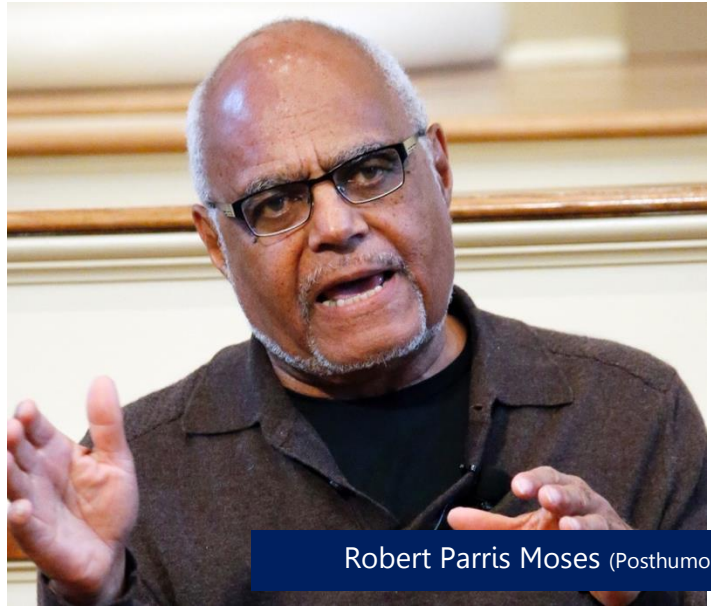


John Pierre, Chancellor
Southern University Law Center

2022 Social Justice Award Honorees



Dr. Jerome Smith



Robert Parris Moses (Posthumously)



Judge Calvin Johnson



Don C. Hubbard



Matt Suarez



Fred Johnson



Robert Jones



Kevin Griffin-Clark



Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, PhD

As chair of the league's Voter Education Fund, Jefferson-Jenkins promoted democracy-building efforts in Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, the Netherlands, Israel and a group of African countries.

She is the author of *The Road to Black Suffrage* and *One Man, One Vote: The History of the African-American Vote in the United States*. Her most recent book, *The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters*, was released last year in honor of the organization's centennial celebration.

Edwin C. Williams, Sr.



On April 27, 1943, Edwin Clifford Williams, Sr., a 32-year-old Black man, dared to defend his family from three white U.S. Navy sailors who were stationed in Algiers. As the Williams family walked home from Beautiful Zion Baptist Church under the Algiers viaduct at Pacific Avenue and Newton Street, Walter Curry Sherwood and two other U.S. Navy Sailors poured beer on the Williams family. Upon hearing the protestations of Mr. Williams, the sailors descended from above the viaduct with a broken beer bottle and fatally beat and stabbed Mr. Williams in front of his wife, Lillian Williams, and two youngest children. The next day, seeking justice, Mrs. Williams gave a statement to the New Orleans Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. about the fatal attack. After a hurried investigation, charges were filed only against Walter Curry Sherwood. In June of 1943, Sherwood was tried for manslaughter and acquitted after only 55 minutes of deliberation by an all- white jury. The U.S. Navy never disciplined Sherwood for killing Mr. Williams. This case was investigated in pursuit of truth and justice by the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project.

National Civil Rights Conference Agenda 2022
Pre-conference Events: Saturday, June 18, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana

Time	Event
8:30am	Historical New Orleans Tours by <u>Know Nola Tours</u>
9 - 9:50am	Pre-conference Opener: Artistic Presentation featuring <u>April Fitzpatrick</u> <u>Ashe' Cultural Arts Center</u> 1712 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70113
10 – 12pm	<u>Restorative Justice Circle</u> <i>Living in Times of Fear</i> featuring Dr. Shailly Agnihotri of The Restorative Center Ashe’ Cultural Arts Center
Noon	Lunch on your own
1-2pm	<u>Restorative Justice Circle</u> - Ashe’ Cultural Arts Center
1-2:30pm	<i>Know Your Rights Training</i> featuring <u>Daughters Beyond Incarceration</u> & Dave Daniels of Flip 4 Life <u>Ashe’ Power House Theater</u> 1731 Baronne Street, New Orleans, LA 70113
3 – 5pm	Film Screening and Panel Discussion <i>A Crime on the Bayou</i> moderated by <u>Blaine G. LeCesne</u> , <u>Lolis Eric Elie</u> , <u>Gary Duncan</u> , and others. Ashe' Power House Theater
6 – 7pm	National Civil Rights Pre-conference Reception Ashe Cultural Arts Center
7 – 9pm	<u>Restorative Justice Circle Community & Stakeholder Circle</u> <i>The Truths that Must be Spoken</i> featuring Dr. Shailly Agnihotri Ashe' Cultural Arts Center

Pre-conference Events: Sunday, June 19, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana

10am	Edwin C. Williams, Sr. Historical Marker Presentation & Williams Family Program Beautiful Zion Baptist Church 1017 Elmira Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70114
10am	Whitney Plantation Tour 5099 LA-18, Edgard, LA 70049 (POVs required, Lunch not provided)
2pm	NCRC Presents: <i>Fathers of the Civil Rights Movement Program</i> <u>The Historic Carver Theater</u> 2101 Orleans Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116
3:30pm	NCRC Honoree Reception <u>The Historic Carver Theater</u>
4pm	<u>Jerome "Big Duck" Smith</u> <i>Second Line</i> to <u>Hunter's Field</u> 1600 N. Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116

Pre-conference Events: Sunday, June 19, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana

Monday, June 20 | The Hilton Hotel

8am – 4pm	Registration Vendor Tables	The Gallery The Gallery
8:30am	Welcome and Morning Keynote Welcome Morning Keynote	Riverview Room Mayor Sharon Weston Broome David Dennis Sr.

9:30am 10:20am Sessions 1-A – 1-C

Session 1-A

Riverview Room

Out of the Shadows: Black Women ‘Allowed’ to Assert Authority and Power in the United States of America

Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, PhD

Former President

League of Women Voters, United States

Miami University Freedom Summer of

‘64 Award Recipient, March 2020

Cecile M. Scoon, Esq.

President

League of Women Voters of FL

Session 1-B

King Room

*Facilitating Engaged Citizenship through the Finding Freedom Summer
Traveling Panel Exhibit*

Zack Tucker, Miami University (OH)

Stephanie Danker, Miami University (OH)

Building Coalitions Through a Different Lens

Karel Sloane-Boekbinder

Kineen Mafa

Jasmine Davis

Session 1-C Youth Workshop #1

Governor Room

*From Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter: How We Can Build Revolutionary
Youth-Adult Partnership*

LaMarr Shields, PhD, The Cambio Group

Sameera Shields, The Cambio Group

Sanaa Shields, The Cambio Group

Frances Staten, PhD, Grambling State University

Session 2-A**Capitol Room***Testimonials from Black Elders on The Effects of the Civil Rights Movement on Their Mental Health: A Panel Discussion of Research Findings*

Thomas Durant, PhD,	LSU Emeritus Professor of Sociology
Alma Thornton, PhD,	Professor of Education, Jackson State University
Jeton McClinton, PhD,	Professor of Education, Jackson State University
Joseph Stevenson, PhD,	Professor, University of the Virgin Islands
Frances Staten, PhD,	Professor of Sociology, Grambling State University

Traces of Elaine Tomlin: The Only Black Female SCLC Staff Photographer in the 1960s and How Her Images Help Us Reinterpret the Long Black Freedom Movement

Alysia Steele, Associate Professor of Journalism Instruction
The University of Mississippi

The Three Assassinations of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fredrick Douglass Dixon, PhD
Director, Black Studies Center, University of Wyoming

From Strikes, Marches, and Pickets to Title VII Precedents: Revisiting 'Bloody' Bogalusa's Black Freedom Struggle, 1964 - 1970

D. Caleb Smith, PhD Candidate, Department of History, Tulane University

Session 2-B**King Room***Students Rights and Responsibilities on College Campus: Rules and Regulations*

Mrs. Demetria Shelton, Office of Student Conduct, Grambling State University
Mrs. Inetha Wimberly, Office of Student Conduct, Grambling State University

Slave State Screening and Discussion

Marissa K. Bosley, JD, Southern University Law Center

Suspending Suspended Students: An analysis of inequities in juvenile court school settings

Florence Avognon, Juvenile Court School Educator, Educational & Literacy Specialist

Racial Disparities in Louisiana: Lessons from the Past, Looking to the Future

Will Snowden, Director, Vera Institute of New Orleans
Robert Jones, Director of Community Outreach, Innocence Project of New Orleans
Kirschelle McGowan, Staff Attorney, Innocence Project of New Orleans
John Collins, Law Fellow, Innocence Project of New Orleans

Session 2-C Youth Workshop #2**Governor Room***Make Life Work: 'Find Solutions not Excuses'*

Chantel Aquart, Founder
Amazing Life Consulting, LLC

12:10pm Luncheon & Presentations
Special Awards Presentation
The Baton Rouge Bus Boycott

Riverview Room
Catrena N. Carter
Eugene Collins, President,
Baton Rouge NAACP
Alfreda Tillman Bester,
Professor, SULC

2:00pm 3:30pm Sessions 3 A&B

Session 3-C Youth Workshop #3 Governor Room
Remembering and Researching Juneteenth Families and Individuals: A Video/Poster Presentation and Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic Policies on Diverse Populations and Youth
Frances Staten, PhD, (Lead Facilitator)
Louisiana Chapter of Pi Gamma MU International Honor Society
Youth Participants in the Black Empowerment Apprenticeship Program/NAACP
Geoffrey Lemmy Akoma, PhD, Grambling State University
John Nwoha, PhD, Louisiana Tech University

3:30pm 5:00pm Sessions 4 A&B

Baton Rouge Bus Boycott Tour

Selected Sites

Session 4-C Youth Workshop #4 Governor Room
Flip 4 Life "A Real Solution...Saving Lives"
Dave Daniels, Founder / CEO

6:00pm – Community Forum The Valdry Center for Philanthropy at Southern University

The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till, Film Screening & Panel Discussion
Featuring filmmaker Keith Beauchamp, Cynthia Dietle and Dale Killinger

The Presentation will include:

- 15- 20 Minute Introduction w/ Keith, Dale and Cynthia;
- 70 - Minutes screening of "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till;
- 3 - Minute "Till" the Movie Trailer; and
- Q & A with Keith, Dale and Cynthia.

Tuesday, June 21 | The Hilton Hotel

8am - 4pm	Registration Vendor Tables	The Gallery The Gallery
7am – 8am	Continental Breakfast Viewing of <i>Therapeutic Effects of Artwork: A Symbolic Transformation</i>	Riverview Room

8:10am – 9:00am Sessions 5-A – 5-C

Session 5-A

Capitol Room

Therapeutic Effects of Artwork: A Symbolic Transformation
April Fitzpatrick

Educating, Transforming, and Building Solidarity through the Mississippi Delta
Adolfo Romero, SPOHP, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, MFP Coordinator
MFP
Dr. Paul Ortiz, Director SPOHP
Deborah Hendrix, Filmmaker SPOHP
Lauren King, Student MFP Participant
Ronan Hart, Student MFP Participant

Oppressed at the Hands of the System: A Documentary on the Ramifications of Disparities in the Criminal Justice System on Communities of Color
Korin Jones, 2L, Southern University Law Center

Session 5-B

King Room

Grassroots Voices of Louisiana: Fighting for the Ballot, Fighting Against Prison Bars
Ashley K. Shelton, Founder, President and CEO of the Power Coalition for Equity and Justice
Norris Henderson, Founder and Executive Director of VOTE (Voice of the Experienced)
D. Caleb Smith, PhD Candidate Department of History, Tulane University

What About the Children?
The Rev. Andy Andrews, DMin, The Church of the Holy Trinity
Dr. Gloria J. Burgess, CEO, Jazz Inc.
Rev. Les Hegwood, Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church, Cleveland, MS
Ellen H. Ruffin, Associate Professor/Curator, University of Southern Mississippi

Session 5-C Youth Workshop #5

Governor Room

Training for Freedom I

Jessica Barker (Lead Facilitator), Executive Director, Alabama Association for the Arts
Jacqueline Johnson, Miami University
Frances Staten, PhD, Grambling State University
Southern University Law Center

9:10am – 10:00am Sessions 6-A – 6-C

Session 6-A

Capitol Room

Whiteness, Not White Supremacy: Lesson Learned from the Whitening Process of Ottoman Greek Immigrants
Yiorgo Topalidis, University of Florida

Recognizing, Understanding, and Defining Systemic and Individual White Supremacy
April S. Love, Esq., Research Consultant, Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security

The Power of Public Memory: Lynching Memorials and the Deconstruction and Reconstruction of Public Memory in Duluth, Minnesota and Chattanooga, Tennessee
Jeff Hirschy, University of Southern Mississippi

Session 6-B

King Room

Rise and Advocate: Fusing Voting and Giving Power to the People
Carolyn Jefferson Jenkins, PhD, Former President, League of Women Voters, United States; Miami University Freedom Summer of '64 Award Recipient, March 2020
Jacqueline Johnson, Miami University

Lessons Learned from the 2021 Redistricting Cycle and Preparing for the 2030 Census
Tori Wenger, Legal Defense Fund
Jared Evans, Legal Defense Fund

Vaccine Mandate Discrimination, the American's with Disabilities Act, Human Rights Laws & Religious Exemptions
Jo Saint-George, Esq., Chief Legal Officer, Women of Color for Equal Justice
General Counsel, FHG Media Enterprises
Tammie Lindsey, Esq., Counsel, Women of Color for Equal Justice

Session 6-C

Youth Workshop #6

Governor Room

Therapeutic Artwork for Youth: A Symbolic Transformation
April Fitzpatrick
Southern University Law Center

Sessions A & B

The Valdry Center for Philanthropy at Southern University

Historical Harms & Restorative Justice: The Civil Rights & Restorative Justice Project Presentation featuring Professor Margaret Burnham and Stanley Nelson of the Louisiana State University Cold Case Project

Session 7-C

Youth Workshop #7

Governor Room

Training for Freedom II
Jacqueline Johnson (Lead Facilitator), Miami University
Frances Staten, PhD, Grambling State University
Jessica Barker, Executive Director, Alabama Association for the Arts
Southern University Law Center

12:00pm - Until

12:00pm	Youth Empowerment Luncheon	Smith & Brown Memorial Union, Southern University
12:00pm	Denver Smith & Leonard Brown Lunch Presentation featuring Donney Rose, Brock Facione, Denver Smith Foundation, Brittany Dunn, SULC Student	
2:00pm	Smith & Brown Memorial Walking Tour	Southern University
3:30pm	Youth Empowerment Presentations / Conference Round-up Youth Performances Closing Remarks	
5:00pm	Clark v. Edwards Display Unveiling & Conference Reception featuring The Michael Foster Project Southern University Law Center Atrium 2 Roosevelt Steptoe Dr., Baton Rouge, LA.	



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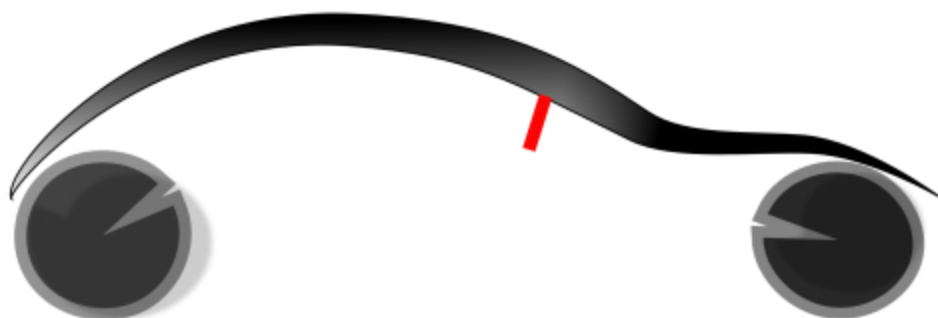
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SUMMER OF '64
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DR. CAROLYN JEFFERSON-JENKINS,
a graduate of the Western College for
Women which is now known as "Western
Campus" at Miami University, for her lifelong
leadership and accomplishments in support
of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and
Michael Schwerner were part of the
Freedom Summer project on the campus
of the Western College for Women when
they departed for Mississippi, where they
were murdered while registering Black
voters. Today, a monument commemorating
the Freedom Summer of 1964 is tucked into
a hillside on Western Campus to remind us of
the sacrifices of those who fought for a fairer,
more just society.





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RAMIREZ, M. CRISTINA ALCALDE)**



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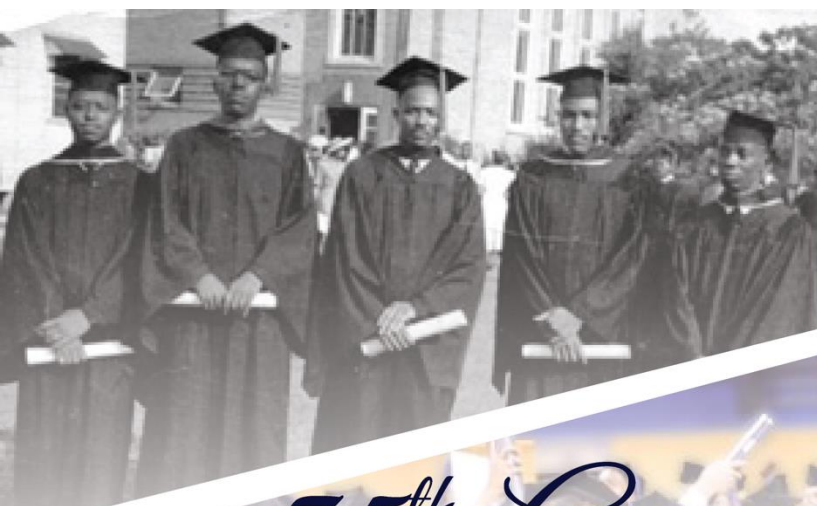
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12th National Civil Rights Conference Tallahassee, Florida



June 19–20, 2023

Conference Theme

Rise, Advocate and Educate: Protecting Our Future

Call for Participation

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The National Civil Rights Conference will coincide with (1) the Annual Mississippi Civil Rights Memorial Service: an annual event remembering and honoring the three slain civil rights workers (James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner) and other Mississippi civil rights movement participants; (2) memorial activities on the grounds of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church; and (3) memorial activities on the grounds of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

The National Civil Rights Conference is soliciting papers, panel sessions and workshops for the June conference. The conference theme is *Rise, Advocate and Educate: Protecting Our Future*. While the conference program planning committee welcomes papers, panels and artistic productions on any aspect of human and civil rights, priority will be given to submissions directly related to the conference theme.

The deadline for submission of paper, panel and artistic production proposals is April 1, 2023. Proposals should be submitted electronically and must include the title of paper or panel, author (s) name and affiliation (s), 200 to 250-word abstract of the paper or panel, and contact information. Proposals should be submitted to: kdarker@civilrightsconference.com.

Conference attendees and program participants are required to register for the conference. Registration includes admission to all sessions, and exhibit halls and daily keynotes. Service-learning training/registration (10 to 20 instructional hours or 1.0 to 2.0 CEUs) will be offered (at a small fee) to registered participants and specific audiences such as teachers, principals, and education leaders. Registration information and materials will be posted on the following web site: <http://civilrightsconference.com>.

Contact the planning committee chair (kdarker@civilrightsconference.com) or visit the conference web site for additional conference information.