



CONGRESSMEN JOHN ROBERT LEWIS

February 21, 1940 - July 17, 2020



[Joseph Rainey](#) (left) and [Shirley Chisholm](#) (right) are, respectively, the first African American and woman to serve in the [United States House of Representatives](#).



Civil rights leaders meet with President John F. Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon Johnson after the [March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, 1963](#). **Lewis** is fourth from left.



Leaders of the March on Washington, 1963. Lewis is second from right.



Lewis with [President Jimmy Carter](#) in 1979



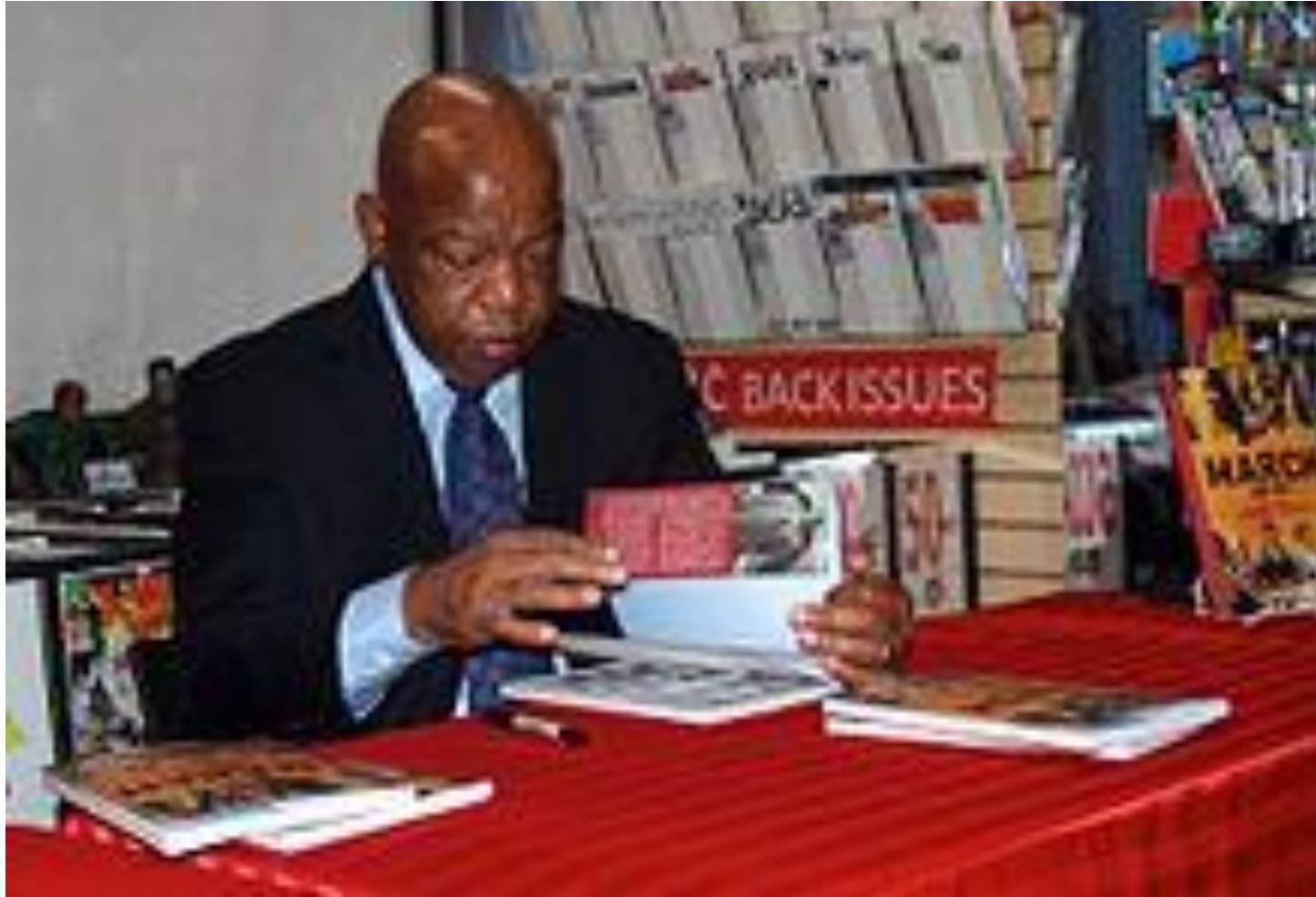
Receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom - 2011



Lewis receives an honorary degree from [Brown University](#) in 2012.
Lewis was awarded more than 50 honorary degrees, including:

- 1989: Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from [Troy State University](#) (now Troy University)
- 1995: Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from [Northeastern University](#)
- 1998: Honorary Humane Letters degree from [Brandeis University](#)^[225]
- 1999: Honorary [Doctor of Laws](#) degree from the [University of Massachusetts Boston](#)^[226]
- 1999: Honorary [Doctor of Laws](#) degree from [Knox College](#)^[227]
- 2001: Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from [University at Albany](#)^[228]
- 2002: Honorary D.H.L. from [Howard University](#)^[229]
- 2003: Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the [College of Wooster](#)^[230]
- 2004: Honorary degree from [Portland State University](#)^[231]
- 2004: Honorary LHD from [Juniata College](#)^[232]
- 2007: Honorary [LL.D.](#) degree from the [University of Vermont](#)^[233]
- 2007: Honorary LL.D. degree from [Adelphi University](#)^[234]
- 2012: Honorary LL.D. degrees from [Brown University](#),^[235] [University of Pennsylvania](#),^[236] [Harvard University](#),^[210] and the [University of Connecticut School of Law](#)^[237]
- 2013: Honorary [Doctor of Humane Letters](#)^[238] from Judson College.
- 2013: Honorary LL.D. degrees from [Cleveland State University](#)^[239] and [Union College](#)^[240]
- 2014: Honorary LL.D. degree from [Emory University](#)^[241]
- 2014: Honorary [Doctorate of Fine Arts](#) from the [School of Visual Arts](#).^[242]
- 2014: Honorary [Bachelor of Arts](#) from [Lawrence University](#).^[243]
- 2014: Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from [Marquette University](#)^[244]

- 2015: Honorary [Doctorate of Humane Letters](#) from the [McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University](#).^[245]
- 2015: Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from [Lawrence University](#)^[246]
- 2015: Honorary degree from [Goucher College](#)^[247]
- 2015: Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from [Hampton University](#)^[248]
- 2016: Honorary [Doctorate of Humane Letters](#) from [New York University](#).^[249]
- 2016: Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from [Bates College](#)^[209]
- 2016: Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from [Washington University in St. Louis](#)^[250]
- 2016: Honorary Doctor of Policy Analysis from the [Frederick S. Pardee RAND Graduate School](#)^[251]
- 2016: Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from [Washington and Jefferson College](#)^[252]
- 2017: Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from [Yale University](#)^[253]
- 2017: Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from [Berea College](#)^[254]
- 2017: Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from [Bank Street Graduate School of Education](#)^[255]
- 2018: Honorary Doctor of Law degree from [Boston University](#)^[256]
- 2019: Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from [City College of New York](#)^[257]
- 2019: Honorary Doctorate from [Tulane University](#)^[258]



Lewis signing copies of [*March Book One*](#) (2013), the first volume of his graphic novel autobiography, at [Midtown Comics](#) in Manhattan



House Democrats, led by Lewis, take the floor to begin a sit-in demanding [gun safety legislation](#) on June 22, 2016



John Lewis with [Frederick D. Reese](#) and [Terri Sewell](#) at a 2016 Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony honoring the [Selma to Montgomery marches](#).



John Lewis at the [2017 Women's March](#) in Atlanta



Senator John Lewis Funeral
Titled: The Boy from Troy Funeral Services



Senator Lewis Casket Crossing the Edmund Pettis Bridge

March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, on March 7, 1965,
crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge, Later known as “Bloody Sunday”