

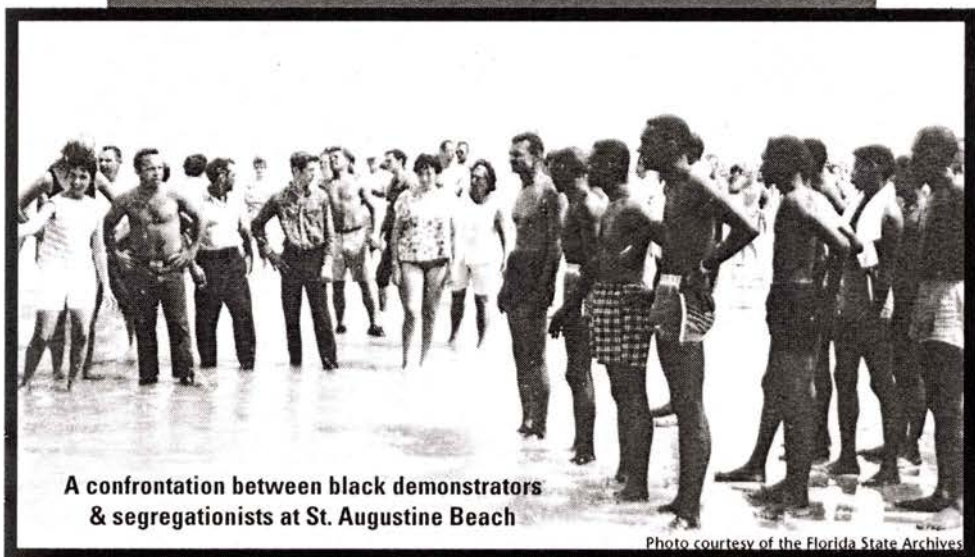
The University of South Florida, St. Petersburg  
Florida Studies Program Presents:

# The Civil Rights Movement In Florida

Conference

A gathering of Movement veterans, scholars, students  
& the community.

June 3-6, 2004



A confrontation between black demonstrators  
& segregationists at St. Augustine Beach

Photo courtesy of the Florida State Archives



## Welcome

On behalf of the Florida Studies Program of the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, I would like to welcome you to the first major conference devoted to the history of the Civil Rights Movement in Florida. The capstone of the University's commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, the conference promises to be the largest gathering of Movement veterans and scholars in the state's history. Featuring panel discussions, performances, documentary films, and music, this unique four-day event incorporates historical scholarship and personal memories in an effort to deepen our understanding of the freedom struggle that transformed Florida's political and social landscape during the second half of the twentieth century. It is our hope that conference sessions will encourage wide-ranging and open discussions of both past and current challenges to the realization of democratic ideals in Florida. Free and open to the public, the conference is co-sponsored by the Florida Studies Program and the University Honors Program of the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, the Florida Humanities Council, the Tampa Bay History Center, the Florida Studies Center of the University of South Florida Library System, the YWCA of Tampa Bay, Publix, and AARP Florida's Voices of Civil Rights Project.

Raymond Arsenault, Conference Director and  
John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History, USFSP

## Wednesday, June 2

- 4:00PM **\*Bus Tour**  
**St. Petersburg's Civil Rights & Black Heritage Sites**  
A two-hour tour conducted by USFSP Historian Raymond Arsenault and local historian Minson Rubin. Pick up points: Hilton Hotel-side entrance 3:30 p.m., Snell House 3:45 p.m. **Tour will conclude at the Snell House**
- 6:30 PM **\*Reception & Informal Barbecue Dinner**  
Location: Historic Snell House  
**\*Require Advanced RSVP (and payment for non-participants.)**  
Contact: Monica Rowland, 727.553.4840, or mrowlan3@mail.usf.edu

## Thursday, June 3

- 8:30 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Location: KSA
- 9:00 AM **Florida in the Age of Jim Crow: Seedtime of the Movement**  
Location: KSA  
Chair: Gary Mormino  
Panel: Susan Greenbaum • Robert Cassanello • Maxine Jones • Arnett Doctor • John Bracey • Stetson Kennedy • Art Ellis
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **The Intolerable Burden, A Documentary by Connie Curry on School Desegregation**  
Introduction: Julie Armstrong  
Location: KSA
- 12:00 PM **Lunch Break (on your own)**
- 1:30 PM **Desegregating Florida's Schools: The Brown Decision and It's Legacy in the Sunshine State**  
Location: KSA  
Chair: Gordon Mantler  
Panel: Ben Houston • Joel Buchanan • Philip Meyer • Jack Gordon • Enrique Escarraz • Arnett Smith • John Due
- 3:00 PM **Break**
- 3:15 PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- The Tallahassee Movement**  
Location: FCT 118  
Chair: Glenda Rabby  
Panel: Patricia Stephens Due • Greg Padgett • Mike Pope • Henry Marion Steele • Israel Dresner • James Orange
- The Miami Movement**  
Location: KSA  
Chair: Ray Mohl  
Panel: Jack Gordon • Bobbi Graff • Thalia Stern Broudy • John Due • Marvin Dunn
- 5:00 PM **Break**
- 7:30 PM **\*Reunion Reception: An Evening with Patricia Stephens Due**  
Songs of the Movement Performed by Maurice Jackson & Sabrina Johnson Partick  
Location: **Mirror Lake Lyceum (an off campus event)**  
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## Friday, June 4

### 9:00 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### The Gainesville Movement

Location: FCT 118

Chair: David Chalmers

Panel: Dan Harmeling • Vivian Filer •  
Betty Stewart Dowdell • Marshall Jones •  
Connie Canney • Carol Thomas

#### The Movement in Central Florida

Location: KSA

Chair: TBA

Panel: Len Lempel • Jim Perry •  
Mel Estroff • Jim Holton •  
James Huger • Jake Miller

### 10:30 AM Break

### 10:45 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### The Jacksonville Movement

Location: KSA

Chair: Carolyn Williams

Panel: Rodney Hurst • Abel Bartley •  
Donal Godfrey • Iona King

#### The Movement in Tampa Bay

Location: FCT 118

Chair: Ray Arsenault

Panel: Sevell Brown • Darryl Rouson •  
Omali Yeshitela • James Ransom •  
Delano Stewart • Winnie Foster

### 12:15 PM

#### \*Luncheon

Speaker: Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth  
Songs of the Movement Performed by  
Maurice Jackson & Ann Birdstone

Location: CAC

### 1:45 PM

#### Crisis in Black and White: The St. Augustine Movement

Location: CAC

Chair: Clennon King

Panel: Robert Hayling • Willie Bolden •  
Fred Shuttlesworth • Audrey Nell Edwards •  
Jo Ann Anderson • Samuel White •  
Deric Gilliard • Dan Warren

### 3:15 PM

#### Break

### 3:30 PM

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### Labor, Race & Economic Justice

Location: FCT 118

Chair: Charles McKenzie

Panel: Nano Riley • Evan Jorn • James Orange •  
Marvin Dunn • Otis Anthony

#### Florida Politics:

#### Moderation and Massive Resistance

Location: KSA

Chair: Brian Ward

Panel: Darryl Paulson • Jim Schnur •  
Martin Dyckman • Sarah H. Brown •  
Paul Mohr • Evangeline Moore

### 5:00 PM

#### Dinner Break (on your own)

### 7:30 PM

#### Performances

Phyllis McEwen as  
Zora Neale Hurston

Betty-Jean Steinshour as  
Majorie Kinnan Rawlings

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### 9:00 AM

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### Organizing the Movement: NAACP, SCLC, SNCC

Location: FCT 118

Chair: Caroline Emmons

Panel: Ben Green • Charles Arnade •  
Darryl Rouson • Sevell Brown •  
Gordon Carey • Alvelita Donaldson •  
Marjorie Arnade

#### "Freedom's Daughters": Women in the Movement

Location: KSA

Chair: Carol Giardina

Panel: Jean Chalmers • Stephanie Evans •  
Maxine Jones • Ruth Uphaus •  
Ellen Babb • Bettie Wright Blakely

### 10:30 AM Break

### 10:45 AM

#### Direct Action: Sit-ins and Freedom Rides in Florida

Location: KSA

Chair: Ray Arsenault

Panel: Omali Yeshitela • Patricia Stephens Due •  
Israel Dresner • Gordon Carey

### 12:15 PM

#### Brown Bag Lunch

#### Guest Speaker: Rep. Walter Fauntroy

Location: Snell House Courtyard

Box lunches will be available for sale.

## Saturday, June 5

### 1:45 PM

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### Law, Race, and Social Justice

Location: KSA

Chair: Clive Webb

Panel: Kenneth Nunn • John Due •  
Mark Brown • Sarah H. Brown • Jonathan Alpert  
• Howard Simon

#### Covering the Movement: The Media in Florida

Location: FCT 118

Chair: Keith Woods

Panel: Philip Meyer • Forrest S. Clark •  
Norman Jones II • Gene Patterson

### 3:15 PM Break

### 3:30 PM

#### Playing Games: Sports, Race, & Desegregation in Florida

Location: KSA

Chair: Jack Davis

Panel: Peter Golenbock • Bob Mitchell •  
Monte Irvin • Minson Rubin • Ed Charles

### 5:00 PM Dinner Break

### 7:30 PM

#### Performances

Bob Devin-Jones as Harry T. Moore

Leroy Michell as

James Weldon Johnson

Location: KSA



## Sunday, June 6

8:30 AM

### **\*Farewell Breakfast & Music of the Movement**

Location: The Hilton Hotel

Speaker: Bernard Lafayette

Music of the Movement: The Washington Sisters

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## Abbreviations

**KSA: Karen Steidinger Auditorium  
@ the Florida Marine Research Institute (FMRI)**  
Located at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Street South at the southwest corner of campus.

**FCT 118: Florida Center for Teachers Room 118.**  
Located on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.  
Room 118 is on the south side of the ground floor.

**CAC: Campus Activities Center.**  
Located on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South across the street from the Florida Center for Teachers.

## Information

### Registration

Persons attending the conference are asked to sign the registration book at the sites of the panel discussions. All of the panel discussions are open to the public without charge. R.S.V.P. events- the Bus Tour, Barbecue Reception, Reunion Reception, Luncheon, and Farewell Breakfast- are free to presenters and invited guests. Other persons who wish to attend these events may do so by purchasing tickets at the Snell House any time before the start of each event. Advanced reservations are advised, as there is limited space for all R.S.V.P. events. Please contact Monica Rowland at (727) 553-4840 or [mrowlan3@mail.usf.edu](mailto:mrowlan3@mail.usf.edu) to reserve space. Prices are as follows:

Bus Tour, June 2: \$5.00

Barbecue, June 2: \$10.00

Reunion Reception, June 3: \$10.00

Luncheon, June 4: \$10.00

Farewell Breakfast, June 6: \$15.00

### Addresses

USFSP Snell House  
Near the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Second Street South, next door to the USFSP Welcome Center

Mirror Lake Lyceum  
737 Third Avenue North

Hilton St. Petersburg  
333 First Street South

### Parking

Parking permits are required for on-campus parking. Details are available at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Welcome Center on the corner of Second Street South and Fifth Avenue South, or by phone at (727) 553-4480.

### Shuttle Service

Day Service, June 3, 4, and 5:  
The Shuttle will run in a continuous loop, from 8:30 a.m. (8:00 a.m. on June 3rd) to 5:30 p.m., stopping every five to ten minutes at the following pick-up points:  
Hilton St. Petersburg-side entrance, south end of hotel  
KSA @ FMRI-front roundabout  
Florida Center for Teachers-alley on north side of building

Evening Service, June 3, 4, and 5:

The shuttle will run to and from the Mirror Lake Lyceum on the evening of June 3 beginning at 7:15 p.m. and ending at 9:45 p.m. Pick-up points will be:

Hilton St. Petersburg-side entrance, south end of hotel  
USFSP Snell House

The Shuttle will run to and from the Karen Steidinger Auditorium at the Florida Marine Research Institute on the evenings of June 4th and 5th from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Pick-up points will be:

Hilton St. Petersburg-side entrance, south end of hotel  
USFSP Snell House

**The Shuttle is free and open to the public**



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