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 50th 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

4:00 PM *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 Patrick
Location: Mirror Lake Lyceum (an off campus event)
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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

1:45 PM
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 Dresser • Gordon Carey

11:15 AM
Brown Bag Lunch
Guest Speaker: Rep. Walter Fauntroy
Location: Snell House Courtyard
Box lunches will be available for sale.

2:30 PM
Performances
Phyllis McEwen as Zora Neale Hurston • Betty-Jean Steinshour as Majorie Kinnan Rawlings
Location: KSA

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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 1st Street South at the southwest corner of campus.

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

CAC: Campus Activities Center.
Located on 2nd 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 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 is free and open to the public.
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