CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT: Rodney Hurst

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

The session(s) in which you are scheduled to participate: Jacksonville

Date and time of session(s): Friday, June 4, 10:45 a.m.

Topic we would like for you to discuss: Personal Experiences

Chairperson of this session: Carolyn Williams

Other confirmed participants: Abel Bartley

Each panel discussion will last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. The Chair of the panel will give a 15-20 minute introduction; each panelist will then speak for 10-15 minutes. At the end of the formal presentations there will be a question-and-answer session involving the audience. The Chair of the panel will be responsible for facilitating the panelists’ participation, as well as moderating the question and answer session.

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CONFIRMED PANELISTS

Gary Mormino
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Robert Cassanello
Ben Green
Gordon Mantler
Ben Houston
Joel Buchanan
Henry Marion Steele
David Nolan
Philip Meyer
Jack Gordon
Glenda Rabby
Patricia Stephens Due
Greg Padgett
Mike Pope
Henry Marion Steele
Ray Mohl
Bobbi Graff
Thalia Broudy
David Chalmers
Dan Harmeling
Vivian Filer
Betty Stewart Dowdell
Marshall Jones
Vibert White
Len Lempel
Cliffston Lewis
Jim Perry

Rufus Brooks
Carolyn Williams
Rodney Hurst
Abel Bartley
Ray Arsenault
Ellen Babb
Goliath Davis
Susan Greenbaum
Clennon King
Carol Giardina
Jean Chalmers
Stephanie Evans
Maxine Jones
Darryl Paulson
Jim Schnur
Carolyn Emmons
Ben Green
Charles Arnade
Omali Yeshitela
Israel Dresner
Gordon Carey
Kenneth Nunn
Goliath Davis
Harry Singletary
John Due
Philip Myer
Jack Davis
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THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN FLORIDA

Conference Participants

JONATHAN ALPERT is a Tampa civil rights attorney and the recipient of the *Southern Christian Leadership Conference Martin Luther King, Jr. 2002 Legacy of the Dreamer Award.*

JO ANN ANDERSON, AUDREY NELL EDWARDS, and SAMUEL WHITE were arrested as teenagers in St. Augustine in the 1960s and held in state detention facilities for six months with no direct contact with their families.

OTIS ANTHONY is a longtime Tampa activist, poet, and the host of a popular radio talk show, "The Sunday Forum," on WMNF 88.5 FM. The show focuses on race, class, politics, and power.

JULIE ARMSTRONG is an assistant professor of English at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. Her research and teaching interests focus on African-American literature and civil rights.

CHARLES ARNADE is Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the University of South Florida, Tampa. A noted historian of Spanish Florida and Bolivia, he was an active member of the NAACP in Pasco County during the 1960s.

MARJORIE ARNADE is a professional librarian who helped organize the Pasco County branch of the NAACP.

RAYMOND ARSENAULT is the John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History, Director of the University Honors Program, and Co-Director of the Florida Studies Program at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. His most recent book, co-edited with Roy Peter Clark, is *The Changing South of Gene Patterson: Journalism and Civil Rights, 1960-1968.*

ELLEN BABB is the Curator of Education at the Heritage Village Historical Park and Museum in Largo. Her research interests include the role of African-American women in the Florida civil rights struggle.

ABEL BARTLEY is an assistant professor of history at the University of Akron, and the author of *Keeping the Faith: Race, Politics, and Community Development in Jacksonville, Florida, 1940-1970.*

ANN BIRDSONG is an accomplished vocalist who works at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa.

BETTY WRIGHT BLAKELY, inspired by Patrician Stephens (Due) while attending FAMU in the early 1960s, was instrumental in establishing the Dunnellon chapter of CORE in 1963. She is currently employed at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, in Princess Anne, Maryland where she focuses on training students for careers in dietetics.
WILLIE BOLDEN has enjoyed a long career in civic leadership and civil rights activism, including eight years in the SCLC under the leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Ralph Abernathy. He now serves as pastor of the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Cedartown, Georgia.

JOHN BRACEY is a professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and the author and editor of numerous books on the African-American experience, including works on African-American social history.

THALIA BROUDY (formerly Thalia Stern) was one of the original organizers of the Miami chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

MARK B. BROWN, formerly a professor of law at the Stetson University College of Law, has taught constitutional law at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio since 2003. He has served as a cooperating attorney with the ACLU Foundation of Florida, Inc., and has litigated cases involving the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the International Peoples' Democratic Uhuru Movement.

SARAH H. BROWN, an associate professor of history at Florida Atlantic University, is the author of, *Standing Against Dragons, Three Southern Lawyers in an Era of Fear, 1945-1965*. Her current research focuses on massive resistance to desegregation during the 1960s.

SEVELL BROWN is the longtime head of the St. Petersburg branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

JOEL BUCHANAN, one of first black students to attend Gainesville High School in 1964, was later a civil rights activist at the University of Florida in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He is currently a Special Projects Coordinator at the University of Florida.

CONNIE M. CANNEY and her husband Robert were active in the Civil Rights and Anti-Vietnam War Movements throughout the 1960s and early 1970s. In 1970, Robert Canney was among fourteen people arrested while participating in a St. Petersburg antiwar rally. Removed from his teaching position at the University of Florida, he served six months of a two-year prison sentence for “resisting arrest with violence.”

GORDON CAREY, national field secretary of CORE during the early 1960s, was a principal organizer of the 1961 Freedom Rides. From 1970 to 1976, he was general manager of Floyd McKissick's North Carolina-based Soul City Company.

ROBERT CASSANELLO, a visiting assistant professor at the University of Central Florida, is a scholar of early-20th-century Florida history and the co-founder of H-Florida, a humanities and social science list serve for scholars and researchers of Florida history.
DAVID CHALMERS, professor emeritus of history at the University of Florida, is the author of numerous books on race and civil rights, including the classic study, *Hooded Americanism: The History of the Ku Klux Klan.*

JEAN CHALMERS is a veteran civil rights activist, and the former mayor of Gainesville. She also served a term as president of the Southern Regional Council.

ED CHARLES is a black Floridian who enjoyed a long and successful career as a Major League infielder with the Kansas City Athletics and the New York Mets. In 1946, he witnessed Jackie Robinson's first spring training game in Daytona Beach.

FORREST S. CLARK covered school desegregation and other civil rights issues in Florida in the 1950s as editor of the *Lake City Reporter* and as a reporter for the *Sarasota News.* He retired from Gannett Newspapers in 1987.

BENJAMIN ELTON COX was one of the original 13 CORE Freedom Riders in 1961. As a young minister in High Point, North Carolina, and later as an NAACP and CORE staff member, he spearheaded a variety of nonviolent direct action efforts across the South. Known as "Beltin' Elton," he became one of the nonviolent movement's most forceful advocates.

CONNIE CURRY, a noted civil rights activist and documentary film producer, is the author of *Silver Rights.* Her recent film on school desegregation in Sunflower County, Mississippi, *The Intolerable Burden,* will be shown on the first day of the conference.

JACK E. DAVIS, an associate professor of history at the University of Florida, is the editor of *Making Waves: Female Activists in Twentieth-Century Florida and The Civil Rights Movement,* and the author of an award-winning book on race relations in Natchez, Mississippi, *Race Against Time.*

BOB DEVIN-JONES is an accomplished St. Petersburg actor and playwright. At the conference, he will portray the life of Harry T. Moore.

ARNETT DOCTOR is a descendant of three families of Rosewood, Florida, where a white-led massacre in 1923 devastated an all-black community. Doctor led the struggle to rediscover this forgotten tragedy, seeking justice for the surviving families.

BOBBY DOCTOR is a longtime official of the United States Civil Rights Commission. For two years he served as executive director of the Commission in Washington, and he recently retired as Southeast Regional Director. He lives in Atlanta.

ALVELITA DONALDSON is a longtime St. Petersburg activist affiliated with the International Peoples' Democratic Uhuru Movement.

ISRAEL S. DRESNER is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Tikvah, in Wayne, New Jersey. One
of the "Tallahassee Ten" arrested during the 1961 Freedom Rides, he later earned the sobriquet "the most arrested rabbi in America."

JOHN DUE is a longtime civil rights attorney and veteran of the Voter Education Project. He was active in the legal effort to desegregate Florida's public schools. He is the husband of Patricia Stephens Due.

PATRICIA STEPHENS DUE, leading CORE activist and pioneer of the "jail, no bail" movement in Tallahassee during the early 1960s, won the 1960 Gandhi Award. With her daughter Tananarive Due, she is the co-author of *Freedom in the Family: A Mother-Daughter Memoir of the Fight for Civil Rights*.

MARVIN DUNN is a professor of psychology and departmental chairperson at Florida International University. Born in Deland, he is the author of *The Miami Riots of 1980* and *Black Miami in the Twentieth Century*. In 1989, the Florida Civil Rights Commission named him Educator of the Year.

MARTIN DYCKMAN, a longtime journalist and editor with the *St. Petersburg Times*, is currently writing a biography of Governor LeRoy Collins.

ART ELLIS is the co-author of *The Trial of Ruby McCollum: The True-Crime Story that Shook the Foundations of the Segregationist South!*

CAROLYN EMMONS, an assistant professor of history at Hampden-Sydney College, wrote her Ph. D. thesis on the Florida NAACP. Her research interests include the career of the martyred NAACP activist, Harry T. Moore.

ENRIQUE ESCARRAZ is a St. Petersburg civil rights and civil liberties attorney who worked with James Sanderlin in the effort to desegregate Pinellas County's public schools.

MEL ESTROFF was a prominent member of Lakeland's business community and an active participant in Jewish educational and social justice initiatives.

STEPHANIE EVANS teaches women's studies and African-American studies at the University of Florida. Her current research focuses on the achievements of African-American women in higher education.

WALTER FAUNTROY is a former U. S. Congressman, and a former Director of the Washington Bureau of SCLC. One of the coordinators of the March on Washington in 1963, he also participated in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March and the 1966 Meredith Mississippi Freedom March.

VIVIAN FILER, president of the Greater Gainesville Black Nurses Association, is a nursing instructor at Santa Fe Community College, and a member of the *a cappella* singing group, the Washington Sisters.
WINNIE FOSTER is a longtime Pinellas County civil rights and civil liberties activist affiliated with the ACLU.

JUANITA FOUNTAIN is an instructor in elementary education at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. A graduate of Bethune Cookman College and the University of Florida, she is a specialist in the use and development of multicultural literature.

CAROL GIARDINA recently received her Ph.D. in History at the City University of New York. She is a scholar and co-founder of the Gainesville Women’s Liberation Movement.

DERIC GILLIARD, former National Communications Director for the SCLC, is the author of *Living in the Shadows of a Legend: Unsung Heroes and Sheroes Who Marched With Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

DONAL GODFREY, with the help of his mother Iona King, integrated Lackawanna Elementary School of Jacksonville, Florida in 1964 as a first grader. In response, the Ku Klux Klan bombed his family’s home.

PETER GOLENBOCK is a nationally prominent sports writer and oral historian who lives in St. Petersburg. His recent works include *Go Gators: An Oral History of Florida’s Pursuit of Gridiron Glory* and *Nascar Confidential.*

JACK GORDON is a former Florida state senator who was active in the civil rights struggles that transformed Miami and South Florida in the post-Brown era.

BOBBI GRAFF’s courageous activism provided much of the inspiration for historian Ray Mohl’s recent book on the origins of the Miami Movement, *South of the South.*

BEN GREEN is a professional writer and the author of three non-fiction books, including *Before His Time,* published in 1999 by The Free Press. Green was the primary consultant for *Freedom Never Dies,* a critically acclaimed PBS documentary on Harry T. Moore produced by The Documentary Institute at the University of Florida.

SUSAN GREENBAUM is a professor of anthropology at the University of South Florida, Tampa, and the author of the award-winning, *More Than Black: Afro-Cubans in Tampa.*

DANIEL HARMELING, along with his twin brother Jim, was a key organizer of the 1960s student movement in Gainesville.

DR. ROBERT HAYLING, the courageous NAACP leader who spearheaded the 1964 struggle for racial justice in St. Augustine, survived a vicious assault by Klansmen.

JIM HOLTON is an assistant professor of history at Warner Southern College in Lake Wales, Florida. His George Washington University Ph. D. thesis chronicles the effort to desegregate the public schools of Polk County.
BEN HOUSTON is a Ph. D. candidate at University of Florida studying the school desegregation crisis in Manatee County.

JAMES HUGER served as city commissioner of Daytona Beach and a Volusia County councilman during the 1960s and 1970s. He was appointed to Florida’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission in 1985.

RODNEY HURST, president of the Jacksonville Youth Council NAACP in 1959, led the 1960 sit-in demonstrations that provoked a white supremacist riot on “Ax Handle Saturday.” He is currently Director of Sponsored Programs at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville.

MONTE IRVIN was one of the first black players to follow Jackie Robinson into the Major League, and one of the first to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. He played outfield for the New York Giants. He was a member of the Giants in 1951, when the team conducted spring training in St. Petersburg.

MAURICE JACKSON is an accomplished musician and vocalist originally from Selma, Alabama. A resident of Tampa, he directs the choir at the Bethel AME Church in St. Petersburg.

MARSHALL JONES, a professor emeritus of behavioral science at Pennsylvania State University, was denied tenure by University of Florida president J. Wayne Reitz, who was offended by his civil rights activism.

MAXINE D. JONES is a professor of history at Florida State University and co-author of the award-winning *African-Americans in Florida*. Her research interests include the history of black education and the Rosewood massacre.

NORMAN JONES II is the son of Norman E. Jones, Sr., a conservative black journalist sharply critical of the civil rights movement and desegregation. From 1956 to 1974, Jones wrote for several publications, including St. Petersburg’s *Weekly Challenger* and the Negro News page of the *St. Petersburg Times*.

EVAN JORN is the executive director of Beth-El Mission in Hillsborough County and a tireless advocate of farmworkers’ rights.

STETSON KENNEDY is a crusading activist and influential writer celebrated for his undercover investigation of the inner workings of the Ku Klux Klan. He is the author of *Southern Exposure*, *Palmetto Country*, and *The Jim Crow Guide to Florida*.

CLENNON KING is a veteran civil rights activist turned documentary filmmaker. His film documenting the turbulent events in St. Augustine will be released later this year.

IONA MAY HOLLAND KING survived the 1964 bombing of her home, a response to her son Donal Godfrey’s attempts to attend segregated Lackawanna Elementary School in Jacksonville, Florida.
BERNARD LAFAYETTE is a former Freedom Rider and SNCC activist who remains active as a leading international advocate of nonviolent direct action. During the 1960s, he earned the nickname "Little Gandhi."

LEONARD LEMPEL is a professor of history at Daytona Beach Community College. His research interests include the history of race relations and civil rights in Daytona Beach.

GORDON MANTLER is a graduate student in history at Duke University. His USF M.A. thesis chronicles the effort to desegregate the public schools of Pinellas County.

PHYLLIS McEWEN is a former USF librarian and Florida Humanities Council staff member currently living in Atlanta. An accomplished poet and actress, she is well-known for her dazzling stage portrayals of the novelist and folklorist Zora Neale Hurston.

CHARLES McKENZIE, Jr., Pastor Emeritus of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sanford, has worked as an educator in the public schools of Manatee and Sarasota County for 19 years. He is also a former congressional candidate, an active supporter of the Sarasota/Manatee County Farmworkers Association, and the Florida State Representative of Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

PHILIP MEYER, a reporter for the Miami Herald from 1958 to 1962, covered school desegregation in Dade County. He now holds the Knight Chair in journalism at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

JAKE MILLER is a longtime civil rights activist from Daytona Beach.

BOB "PEACHHEAD" MITCHELL was a prominent pitcher in the Negro Leagues during the early 1950s. In recent years he has served as a spokesperson and advocate for veterans of the Negro Leagues.

LEROY MITCHELL, a well-known actor in the west central Florida area, often performs under the auspices of the Florida Humanities Council. At the conference, he will portray the noted NAACP leader and writer James Weldon Johnson.

RAYMOND MOHL is a professor of history at University of Alabama, Birmingham and a leading historian of urban America. After conducting research on race relations in Miami, he served as an expert witness in open election and fair housing cases in Dade County and testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. His most recent book is South of the South, a study of the early civil rights movement in Miami.

PAUL MOHR, SR. is Director of Special Programs for the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. A native of St. Petersburg, he once taught at 16th Street Junior High School and Gibbs Junior College. He later served as president of Talladega College.

EVANGELINE MOORE is the daughter of martyred NAACP leader, Harry T. Moore.
GARY MORMINO is the Frank E. Duckwall Professor of Florida History and Co-Director of the Florida Studies Program at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. With George Pozzetta, he is the co-author of *The Immigrant World of Ybor City*.

KENNETH NUNN is a professor of law at the University of Florida. In 2000, Nunn stepped down from his position as an associate dean to protest the law school’s resistance to racial diversification.

JAMES ORANGE was one of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s first SCLC staff members and a dedicated youth organizer during the 1960s.

GREG PADGETT, a professor of history at Eckerd College, is completing a biography of the Rev. C. K. Steele, the leader of the 1956 Tallahassee Bus Boycott.

SABRINA JOHNSON PATRICK is a gifted vocalist who sometimes performs gospel and freedom songs with accompanist Maurice Jackson.

EUGENE PATTERSON won a Pulitzer Prize as the editor of the *Atlanta Constitution* during the 1960s, before moving on the *Washington Post* and the *St. Petersburg Times*. His contributions to civil rights journalism are profiled in the recent book, *The Changing South of Gene Patterson: Journalism and Civil Rights, 1960-1968*, co-edited by Roy Peter Clark and Raymond Arsenault.

DARRYL PAULSON is a professor of government and international affairs at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. A specialist in Southern and Florida politics, he is a frequent public commentator on contemporary political trends and issues, including race and civil rights.

JIM PERRY is the associate pastor of the Pine Hills Community Church and a former president of the Orange County Youth Council of the NAACP.

MIKE POPE, an editorial writer for the *Tallahassee Democrat*, wrote his Florida State University M.A. thesis on longtime *Tallahassee Democrat* editor Malcolm Johnson’s reaction to the 1956 Tallahassee Bus Boycott.

GLENDA RABBY is the Education Policy Director for the Council for Education Policy, Research and Improvement, in Tallahassee. She is the author of *The Pain and the Promise: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Tallahassee, Florida*.

JAMES RANSOM is a Tampa attorney with broad experience in civil rights. During the past twenty years, he has been one of Tampa’s most influential black professionals.

Darryl Rouson is a St. Petersburg attorney and president of the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP.

Minson Rubin is a local educator, youth leader, and the unofficial historian and archivist of black St. Petersburg.

Jim Schnur is the Special Collections librarian at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg’s Nelson Poynter Memorial Library. His USF MA thesis chronicles the anti-civil rights and other repressive activities of the infamous investigative committee known as the Johns Committee.

Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth led the Birmingham, Alabama civil rights struggle during the late 1950s and early 1960s. Known for his courageous stands against Bull Connor and other white supremacists, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio in 1961. Active in SCLC, he participated in the St. Augustine movement in 1964.

Howard Simon is the executive director of the ACLU of Florida. In the early 1980s, as executive director of the Michigan ACLU, he spearheaded ex-Freedom Rider Walter Bergman’s legal effort to recover damages from the FBI, which had allowed one of its undercover informers to participate in the brutal beating of Bergman in Alabama.

Arnett Smith is a longtime Pinellas County educator and school administrator with broad experience in school desegregation and other civil rights issues.

Reverend Henry Marion Steele, son of the legendary Reverend C.K. Steele, leader of the 1956 Tallahassee Bus Boycott, was a participant in the Tallahassee lunch counter sit-ins and the early “jail-no bail” movement. He has held pastorates in Montgomery, Valdosta, Atlanta, and Orlando.

Betty Jean Steenshouer is a St. Petersburg based actress and writer. She is well-known for her riveting stage portrayals of the novelists Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Delano Stewart is a Tampa attorney and longtime civil rights activist. For more than fifty years, he has been a leading figure in the effort to desegregate Hillsborough County’s legal, political, and social institutions.

Betty Stewart-Dowdell is a lecturer in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida, Director of the Student Enrichment Services Program, and co-author of African Americans at the University of Florida.

Carol Thomas participated in the lunch-counter desegregation demonstrations in Nashville in the early 1960s and later worked in voter registration drives and desegregation campaigns in Gainesville. She served eight months in the Alachua County Jail for her activism.
RUTH UPHAUS is a lifelong activist for peace and social justice who has worked with groups as varied as the United Nations Association, the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, and the NAACP. During the 1968 St. Petersburg sanitation workers strike, she conducted literacy classes among the striking workers.

BRIAN WARD, professor of history and chairperson of the history department at the University of Florida, is the author of the award-winning *Just My Soul Responding: Rhythm and Blues, Black Consciousness and Race Relations*. His forthcoming book, *Radio and the Struggle for Civil Rights in the South*, will be published in July 2004.

DAN R. WARREN, a longtime St. Augustine lawyer and former State Attorney, has just completed a book on the civil rights movement in St. Augustine. In 1964-65, while serving as Special Counsel to Governor Farris Bryant, he was assigned to handle the St. Augustine crisis.

CLIVE WEBB teaches American history at the University of Sussex in England. A specialist in the history of the American South, he is the author of *Fight Against Fear: Southern Jews and Black Civil Rights*.

SAMUEL WHITE was born in Denmark, South Carolina but moved to St. Augustine, Florida in 1957, at the age of eight. In 1964 he became actively involved in the St. Augustine movement.

CAROLYN WILLIAMS, an associate professor of history and director of the Gender Studies Program at the University of North Florida, focuses her scholarship on the connection between the struggle for racial equality and gender equity.

KEITH WOODS is a faculty member at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies and a well-known commentator on matters of race and the media.

OMALI YESHITELA, formerly known as Joe Waller, is a longtime activist in St. Petersburg. As leader of the local chapter of SNCC in the 1960s, he removed a racially insensitive mural from the St. Petersburg City Hall, an action for which he served more than two years in jail. He currently heads the St. Petersburg-based African Peoples’ Socialist Party.
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