

The Civil Rights Movement in Alabama

Join us in Fall 2001 in celebrating a series of public lectures, panels and firsthand accounts of the major developments of the Civil Rights Movement that took place in Alabama from 1954 to 1965.



Arrest of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Montgomery, September 1958*

UAH LECTURES

AUGUST 30

Inaugural Lecture

Taylor Branch, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-63* (1988) and *Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963-65* (1998).

SEPTEMBER 13

Early Years of the Movement (Part I)--

Diane Nash, student leader, Nashville sit-ins of 1960, Freedom Rides of 1961, and the Selma Right-to-Vote movement, and a founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

SEPTEMBER 27

The Montgomery Bus Boycott

Fred Gray, attorney for Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr., and author of *Bus Ride to Justice* (1995); Charles Moore, Tuscomb native and celebrated photographer of the civil rights era; D'Linell Finley, Sr., University of Alabama Department of Political Science.



Demonstrators at Kelly Ingram Park, Birmingham, May 1963*

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Marchers approaching Potts Bridge, Selma, March 1965*

OCTOBER 18

Trial by Fire and Water: Birmingham, 1963 (Part II)

Glenn Eskew, Georgia State University, author of *But for Birmingham: The Local and National Movements in the Civil Rights Struggle* (1997); Horace Huntley, University of Alabama in Birmingham, author of a forthcoming oral history of the Birmingham movement; Odessa Woolfolk, President Emerita of the Board of Directors of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

NOVEMBER 1

"Bloody Lowndes" and the Black Panther Party

John Hulett, Lowndes County activist during SNCC's local voter registration drive; Frye Gaillard, prize-winning journalist, author of *The Dream Long Deferred* (1988) and a forthcoming history of the civil rights movement in Alabama.

NOVEMBER 15

Turmoil in Tuskegee

Frank Toland, Tuskegee University Department of History.

AAMU LECTURES

SEPTEMBER 6

The Long Night's Journey, 1877-1941

Linda Reed, University of Houston, author of *Simple Decency and Common Sense: The Southern Conference Movement, 1938-1963* (1991).

SEPTEMBER 20

Early Years of the Movement (Part II)

J. L. Chestnut, Jr., attorney and civil rights activist, author of *Black in Selma: The Uncommon Life of J. L. Chestnut Jr.: Politics and Power in a Small American City* (1990).

OCTOBER 11

Trial by Fire and Water: Birmingham, 1963 (Part I)

Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, veteran civil rights fighter, pastor of Birmingham's Bethel Baptist Church between 1953 and 1961, and a founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

OCTOBER 25

Huntsville during the Civil Rights Movement

Sonnie W. Hereford, III, local physician and activist; Veronica Pearson, Fred Carodine, and other former Alabama A&M students active in the 1962 sit-ins.



Charles Moore, Tuscumbia native and renowned photographer of the Civil Rights era.

NOVEMBER 8

Selma to Montgomery, 1965

John Lewis, U.S. Congressman (Ga., D-5th) a native of Troy, Alabama and author of *Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement* (1998), active in the Freedom Rides and in the events of "Bloody Sunday" at Selma in 1965; Mary Stanton, author of *From Selma to Sorrow: the Life and Death of Viola Liuzzo* (1998).

NOVEMBER 29

The Case of Mobile

Walker LeFlore, Janet Owens LeFlore, and Burton R. LeFlore, family of the early civil rights leader John LeFlore; O. B. Purifoy, member of the Non-Partisan Voters League.

DECEMBER 4

The Civil Rights Movement in Alabama (A Look Back and a Look Ahead)

Aldon Morris, Northwestern University, author of *The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement: Black Communities Organizing for Change* (1984).

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All sessions are free and open to the public and will be held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., except the final session on Dec. 4, which will be on Tuesday. UAH programs will be held at Roberts Recital Hall. Alabama A&M programs will be held in the School of Business Multipurpose Room.

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