



the **SNCC Legacy Project**



**Center for  
Documentary  
Studies**  
AT DUKE  
UNIVERSITY

**VOTING RIGHTS CONFERENCE**  
**“One Person, One Vote: Learning From the Past, Organizing for the Future”**

**DUKE UNIVERSITY**  
**THE MILLENNIUM HOTEL, DURHAM, NC**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18–SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**Opening Session**

2:45 – 3:55 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

- Call to Order*                      Courtland Cox, SNCC Legacy Project
- Freedom Songs*                      Hollis Watkins Muhammad, Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc.; SNCC Veteran  
Mary Williams, Duke University
- Welcoming Remarks*              Sally Kornbluth, Duke University Provost
- Defining the Work*                      Derrick Johnson, Mississippi NAACP
- Young Activists’  
Commitment*                      Austin Thompson, Youth Engagement Fund at the Democracy Alliance
- “How Many Black  
Jelly Beans Are  
In the Jar?”*                      NPR/StoryCorps

**Opening Plenary:              “Putting the Question of Voting as a Constitutional Right on the Table”**

4:00 – 5:10 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

- Introduction*                      Wesley Hogan, Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University
- Keynote Speaker*                      Bob Moses, The Algebra Project; SNCC Veteran
- Guided Response*                      Moderated by Joyce Ladner, SNCC Veteran  
Tyler Swanson, North Carolina NAACP

**Dinner**

5:20 – 6:30 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

**Concurrent Workshop Sessions: Asserting and Maintaining the Right to Vote**

6:40 – 8:00 p.m. | Various conference suites

- Workshop 1:      New Federal Voting Rights Legislation and Lobbying**  
*Facilitator*              Caitlin Swain, Advancement Project; NAACP Legal Team  
Amzie Moore  
Conference  
Suite 502
- Workshop 2:      #BlackPoliticsMatter**  
Annie Devine  
Conference  
Suite 507

<i>Facilitator</i>	Kimberly Ellis/Dr. Goddess, #BlackPoliticsMatter	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing an Effective Method</li> <li>• Communicating Through Established Media</li> <li>• Communicating Through Social Media</li> </ul>	
<b>Workshop 3:</b> <i>Facilitators</i>	<b>Coordinated Actions at the State Level</b> Laurel Ashton, North Carolina NAACP Frank Smith, African American Civil War Museum	C.C. Bryant Conference Suite 505
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voter Registration Drives</li> <li>• Legislation That Increases Voter Participation</li> <li>• Direct Action in Support of Legislation and Registration</li> </ul>	
<b>Workshop 4:</b> <i>Facilitators</i>	<b>Increasing Participation Among Registered Voters</b> Maisha Moses, Young People’s Project Amber Thomas, Better Schools, Better Jobs, Inc.	C.O. Chinn Conference Suite 602
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Reasons to Vote</li> <li>• Focus on the Youth</li> <li>• Overcoming Disillusionment</li> <li>• Disenfranchisement of Felons</li> </ul>	
<b>Workshop 5:</b> <i>Facilitators</i>	<b>Voting Rights Research and Communication With Activists</b> Vashti Hinton, North Carolina NAACP Tomas Lopez, Brennan Institute at the NYU Law School	E.W. Steptoe Conference Suite 603
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voting Disenfranchisement Legislation</li> <li>• Voting Disenfranchisement Executive Orders</li> <li>• Voting Disenfranchisement Policies</li> </ul>	
<b>Workshop 6:</b> <i>Facilitators</i>	<b>Legal Strategy and Eliminating Obstacles to the Vote</b> Sunny Osmont, North Carolina NAACP Caitlin Swain, Advancement Project; NAACP Legal Team	Myles Horton Conference Suite 604

**Break**

8:00–8:15 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

**Cultural Work, Part 1:           Setting the Tone**

8:15 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Presenters*       Omisade Burney-Scott, Tia Hall, Mya Hunter, and Heather Lee, SpiritHouse

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

**Opening Session**

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Call to Order* Judy Richardson, SNCC Veteran  
*A Civil Rights Memorial* Photos by Jessica Ingram  
*Welcoming Remarks* Bill Chafe, Duke University  
*Workshop Report* Moderated by Judy Richardson, SNCC Veteran

### **Break**

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

### **Plenary 2: How to Engage People In Asserting Their Right to Vote**

10:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Introduction* Judy Richardson, SNCC Veteran  
*Panelists* Desmera Gatewood, North Carolina Activist  
Hasan Jeffries, Ohio State University  
Bettina Love, University of Georgia

### **Lunch**

12:05 – 1:15 p.m. | Medgar Evers Ballroom

### **Cultural Work, Part 2: Keeping Energy High**

1:20 – 1:45 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Presenter* Pierce Freelon, Beats Lab

### **Plenary 3: How to Increase Voter Participation in the South (NC, MS, GA)**

1:50 – 3:40 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Introduction* Judy Richardson, SNCC Veteran  
*Panelists* Desmera Gatewood, Activist (NC)  
Diane Feldman, The Feldman Group  
Senator Nan Grogan Orrock (GA)  
Hollis Watkins Muhammad, Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc.;  
SNCC Veteran (MS)  
Corey Wiggins, Hope Policy Institute (MS)  
*“Structural Change and Economic Justice”* William Darity Jr., Samuel DuBois Cook Professor of Public Policy, Duke University

### **Break**

3:40 – 3:50 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

### **Concurrent Workshop Sessions: Developing Strategies for Voter Engagement**

3:55 – 5:15 p.m. | Various conference suites

*Workshop 1:* Ballot Initiative in Mississippi  
*Facilitator* Charles Taylor, Mississippi NAACP

Annie Devine  
Conference  
Suite 507

**Workshop 2: Voter Registration and Participation in North Carolina**  
*Facilitators* Theo Luebke, America Votes  
Erin Dale Byrd, Blueprint NC

C.C. Bryant  
Conference  
Suite 505

**Workshop 3: Voter Registration and Participation in Georgia**  
*Facilitators* Demetrius Fisher, Georgia NAACP  
Ashley Lester, Georgia NAACP

505  
Amzie Moore  
Conference  
Suite 502

### **Workshop Report**

5:15 – 6:00 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Facilitators* Bill Chafe, Duke University  
Judy Richardson, SNCC Veteran

### **Dinner**

6:15 – 7:30 p.m. | Medgar Evers Ballroom

### **Spoken Word**

7:30 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Presenters* Adeyeni Adewuyi  
Destiny Hemphill  
Kimberly McCrae

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

### **Opening Session**

9:50 – 10:25 a.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Call to Order* Charlie Cobb, SNCC Veteran

*Songs of the  
Freedom  
Movement* Lois Deloatch

### **Plenary 4: Learning From the Past, Organizing for the Future**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Introduction* Charlie Cobb, SNCC Veteran

*Panelists* Moderated by Charlie Cobb, SNCC Veteran  
Umi Selah, Dream Defenders  
William Barber III, North Carolina NAACP  
Alicia Garza, #BlackLivesMatter  
Cristina Jiménez, United We Dream Network  
Derrick Johnson, Mississippi NAACP  
Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, University of Florida

James Hayes, Ohio Student Association

- Inter-Generational Bridge Building
- Where Do We Go From Here?

**Lunch**

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. | Medgar Evers Ballroom

**Closing Speakers**

1:15 – 2:10 p.m. | Ella Baker Ballroom

*Closing Remarks*            Valerie Ashby, Duke University

*Introduction*                Tim Tyson, Duke University

*Speaker*                        The Reverend T. Anthony Spearman

**Housekeeping and Other Issues**

2:10 – 2:20 p.m. | Greenbriar Ballroom