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The SLP Movement History Summit Interns with attendee Professor Kim Worthy. MHS Year 2 (2026) focuses on engaging academicians, archivists, and activists/organizers in understanding and teaching the Black Freedom Struggle. Photo Credit: Nick Moreland

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SAVE ACT UPDATE

To a degree, the SAVE Act is related to the surge of race-targeted gerrymandering that followed the Supreme Court's recent ruling in the *Callais* case. The SAVE Act is highly partisan legislation designed to reduce the number of eligible voters in targeted demographic groups. It makes it difficult for low-income Americans, anyone born without a formal birth certificate, and those who have assumed their spouses surnames, to register to vote or to remain on the voter-rolls. It also limits vote-by-mail options which directly impacts working people who have difficulty voting in-person at their home precinct because of job-hours, long commutes, or multiple jobs.

So far, the SAVE Act's backers have been unable to enact it Act in Congress as a stand-alone bill. They are now trying to do so by inserting it in the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA is a major defense bill that currently controls roughly 52% of discretionary federal spending leaving 48% for everything else (housing, education, health, science, justice, etc).

In addition to the SAVE Act, the House versions of the NDAA calls for increasing overall defense spending to 63% which means everything else will be correspondingly diminished. It also fails to impose Constitutional and War Powers Act limits on the Iran War, and it mandates an integration of U.S. and Israeli defense activities to a level that no other nation enjoys — not even NATO or the U.K.

The Senate NDAA version is currently blocked by a filibuster so its contents have not yet been finalized. Once the Senate passes their version of the NDAA, the two bills go to a conference committee that is dominated by the majority party. That committee will merge them together into a final NDAA version.

The final NDAA version traditionally passes both chambers with broad bipartisan support because it's immensely popular with the defense industry who are major campaign donors to both political parties. If that final version contains the SAVE Act, its backers hope that senators who oppose the SAVE Act will still vote for the NDAA and thus enact the SAVE Act into law. Opponents of the SAVE ACT (and other provisions in the NDAA) are urging their senators continue filibustering against it at all stages until its most egregious flaws are corrected.

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With a Little Help From Our Friends,
We'll keep on keeping on.

Ever since we established the CRMA (originally known as "CRMVet") in 1999, it has been almost entirely funded by personal donations from Freedom Movement veterans and individual supporters. We carry on this work with almost zero institutional support, foundation grants, or philanthropic contributions. So if you find our CRMA site useful and worthy, please click donate to keep us alive and growing. You can donate via **check,** your bank's **Bill Pay** service, or **PayPal.** Thank you for anything you are able to contribute.

OUR SISTER SITES

SNCC Legacy Project (SLP). SLP preserves and extends SNCC's legacy. Although SNCC the organization no longer exists, we believe that its legacy continues and needs to be brought forward in ways that continue the struggle for freedom, justice and equality today.

Movement History Initiative. A collaborative effort by multiple organizations to build an integrated platform for preserving — and continuing to make freely available to the public — the history, thoughts, stories, strategies, images, videos, and materials of up-from-below peoples' struggles for freedom, justice, and equality. It is being created by veterans of the 1960s Freedom Movement and modern-era, grassroots social- justice activists in Black communities who share their lives-lived experiences from the inside-out to combat distortions, false-narratives and censorship. And to provide momentum for movement building today.

SNCC Digital Gateway (SDG). A joint project of SLP and Duke University, SDG tells the story of how young activists in SNCC united with local people in the South to build a grassroots movement for change that empowered the Black community and transformed the nation.

Black Power Chronicles. The SNCC Legacy Project created the Black Power Chronicles (BPC) in 2015 to help fill the informational void that exists in our historical record about the impact of the Black Power Movement in local communities throughout America.

SCOPE 50. Preserving Civil Rights and the Story of Voting. Website of SCLC/SCOPE project activists.

Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement. Empowering the next generation, passing it on to carry it on by preserving the history of the Mississippi Movement.

Teaching for Change and Zinn Education Project. Provides teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write, and change the world by promoting and supporting the teaching of people's history in middle and high school classrooms across the country.

WEBSITE REPORT

As of August 1st, our online archive contained **12,095** viewable pages, documents, images, and recordings, **517** videos in our Vimeo video channel, and listings for **697** Freedom Movement veterans.

According to Google, there were **179,544** visits to the CRMA website during June for an average of **5886** per day. This is enormously more than July of last year. However, it appears that the great majority of those visits were from China — a trend that began in August of last year. We don't know why there has been this huge increase in visits from China. It may be some artifact of AI development or testing rather than a sudden spike in people seeking our content.

Google reports that out on the global internet there are **30,973** backlinks to materials on our site by people, organizations, schools, and colleges using us as a trusted information resource.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Protest to Power Podcasts. SNCC Legacy Project (SLP). The central theme of these visual podcasts is the ongoing effort of the Black community to achieve the power to define its existence in America.

SNCC: The New Abolitionists, new 3rd Edition with new commentaries by Anthony Arnove and Barbara Ransby. Available from Hayarket Books.

Another Sojourner Looking for Truth: My Journey from Civil Rights to Black Power and Beyond, by Millicent Brown. South Carolina, school desegregation, Black freedom struggle. University of South Carolina Press. 2024. Memoir on the struggle for civil rights.

Movement Art: If you are aware of any works of art related to the Freedom Movement such as paintings, drawings, murals, statues, and so on, please take a look at our Civil Rights Movement Art page to see if we already have an image of it in our collection. If it isn't included in our collection please email us an image we can post, or a weblink, or some other information that we can use. Thanks.

Movement Materials: Please continue to email to us documents, letters, reports, stories, and other Southern Freedom Movement materials from the period 1950-1970. *See* Submissions details.

TOP-TEN MOST VIEWED

According to Google, here are the top-ten, most-visited sections and individual pages in July.
(Note that Google does not count how often PDF files are accessed. Since most of our documents are in PDF format, the "Top Ten" lists are not all that accurate.)

Sections, Landing & Reference Pages

1. Freedom Rides and Freedom Riders Resources
2. Freedom Movement Photo Album
3. Freedom Movement Bibliography
4. About the Civil Rights Movement Archive
5. MLK Speeched & Writings,
6. Movement History 1950-1970
7. Poems of the Civil Rights Movement
8. Roll Call of Freedom Movement Veterans
9. Freedom Movement Videos
10. Original Movement Documents by Organization

Individual Pages & Documents

1. The Other America, Dr. Martin Luther King. (1967)
2. Documents From the Montgomery Bus Boycott
3. Photo Album: The Children's Crusade: Birmingham (1963)
4. Movement History: 1960 (student sit-ins)
5. Bigger Than a Hamburger, Ella Baker. Address: SNCC founding conference (1960)
6. Movement History: 1961 (Freedom Rides, MS voter registration, Albany GA)
7. Photo Album: They Say Freedom is a Constant Struggle (1963-1964)
8. Poem: Ain't I A Woman? Sojourner Truth
9. An Appeal For Human Rights (Atlanta Student Movement) (1960)
10. Poems of Langston Hughes

Top Ten Sections & Pages That Others on the Internet Link To

1. CRMA Home Page
2. The Other America, Dr. Martin Luther King. (1967)
3. Are You "Qualified" to Vote?—Literacy Tests & Voter Applications
4. Public Opinion Polls on Civil Rights Movement activities, 1961-1969
5. *Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story* Comic Book. (FOR)
6. Movement History: 1961 (Freedom Rides, MS voter registration, Albany GA)
7. *Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence*, Dr. Martin Luther King. (April 4, 1967)
8. Speech to Anti-War Protest, Dr. Martin Luther King. (April 15, 1967)
9. Movement History: 1963 Jan-June (Birmingham, Greenwod, Danville)
10. Final Plans for the March on Washington, 1963

New CRMA Video & Audio

No new videos or audios posted in July

New Movement Documents

1950 Telling the Story ... Civil Rights Congress. 67-page pamplet describing CR activities in 1930s and 1940s. Undated probably 1950 or 1951.

1964 Why We Protest flyer regarding the Atlanta Sit-ins 1963-194. Unsigned (probably by student protesters).

1964 Canton Mississippi report on Feb 28 Freedom Day and aftermath. Ed Hollander, CORE, Canton MS. 3/9/64. 6 pages.

1964 Largest Miss. Voter Registration Attempt in Canton, description of Feb 28 Freedom Day. Ed Hollander, CORE. 3/22/64. 3 pages.

1964 List of those in jail arrested on May 29. CORE, Canton MS. 5/29/64. 3 pages.

1964 Statement opposing police brutality in Canton MS, Rev. J.F. McRee, George Raymond, CORE. Undated (possibly June 1964.

1964 Telegram to Jet Magazine about violence and repression in Canton MS. Richard Haley, CORE. 6/12/64. 3 pages.

1964 Minutes Union County MFDP Convention for election of delegates. 7/30/64.

1964 Talking abouts about Mississippi and the Movement, oriented towards Stanford University and California. Deb (or Bob?) SNCC. 8/21/64. 9 pages.

1964 SNCC Executive Committee notes (handwritten). September 1, 1964. 31 pages.

1964 SNCC Executive Committee notes. Undated (probably Fall 1964). 9 pages.

1964 To All Campus Contacts call for volunteers to help with Freedom Vote. John Else, MFDP. Undated (probably mid-October 1964)

1964 Memo: Re News Errors in Vicksburg, MS Incident. Unsigned SNCC. 11/4/64.

1964 Practice Mississippi voter registration form for election of November 5, 1964

1964 Atlanta Sit-In Cases, legal documents and list of those arrested 1963-1964. 36 pages.

1964 Freedom Democratic Party Challenge, Betty Garman, SNCC. Memo to Friends of SNCC chapters. 12/3/64.

1966 The 66 Hour Marathon Program Outline, Howard Univ. students. Actions in support of Free D.C. and Home Rule at White House Conference. Undated(probably late May1966)

1966 The White House Conference, Marion Barry, SNCC. Report to SNCC Executive Committtee regarding the conference, Howard students, Julius Hobson protest, and the Free DC Movement (FDCM). Undated 1966 (probably June). 2 pages.

1964 Report to SNCC Executive Committtee on Los Angeles situation, Clifford Vaughs, SNCC. (Pages may be missing and/or may be portions of two reports.) 7/16/66. 3 pages.

1964 The Free D.C. Movement (FDCM), Marion Barry, SNCC/FDCM. (Pages may be missing and/or may be portions of more than one report). 8/1/66. 6 pages.

Live With Lyndon in the Great Society, SNCC

Life With Lyndon in the Great Society Vol. 1 Number 1, January 21, 1965. Colonialism, War on Poverty, hunger, corporate corruption, Humphrey, Selma, IAD/CIA. 3 pages.

Life With Lyndon in the Great Society Vol 1 Number 10, April 1, 1965. LBJ & Alabama, U.S. corporations & South Africa, profits from poverty, price of bread and corporate price-fixing. 7 pages.

Life With Lyndon in the Great Society Vol 1 Number 11, April 15 , 1965. Hoover, the FBI & Proctor & Gamble, Olin-Mathieson & Vietnam corruption, Chase Bank & South African apartheid, corporations and universities. 6 pages.

Life With Lyndon in the Great Society Vol 1 Number 12, April 15 , 1965. Johnson/Humphrey administration and Louisiand and Alabama; KimberlyClark Inc. in South Africa; Shah of Iran, U.S. oil companies, and bribery of U.S. officials; German NAZIs and current (1965) U.S. chemical business. 6 pages.

Life With Lyndon in the Great Society Vol 1 Number 13, April 22 , 1965. War on Poverty and "profits from poverty," Litton Industries; domstic service and the poverty program; Selma and the Southern States Industrial Council (SSIC), Vietnam War and military contracts. 6 pages.

Life With Lyndon in the Great Society Vol 1 Number 15, May 6 , 1965. U.S. occupation of Dominican Republic, American business interests, and racism; FBI informant, assasination of Viola Liuzzo, and DoJ fund; Federal Services

Prese Releases

3/30/65 COFO Madison County MS voter registration day at courthouse

8/9/65 COFO Telegram to MS State Attorney General re voter registration. Madison County, MS

WATS & Phone Reports (Log of daily phone-in reports)

COFO July 22, 1964. Selma AL, McComb, Natchez, Greenwood, Leland, Jackson, Lexington, MS.

COFO July 23, 1964 . Albany GA, Greenwood, Durant, Hattiesburg, Natchez, MS.

Documents from the Northern Wing of the Movement

8/19/64	NYPD	Bayard Rustin speaks on the meaning of the riots Surveillance report by New York City Police Bureau of Special Services ("Red Squad").
11/8/64	FoS	Admit One admission tickets. Committee Against HUAC. Madison WI
11/15/64	NCAHUAC	Trial by Blacklist, Hoke Norris. National Committee to Abolish HUAC
12/64	FSM/SDS	Souvenier Mourning Program for free speech at U.C. Berkeley. SDS/FSM. Undated (probably December 1964)
1968	P&F	Organizing materials, Peace & Freedom Party. JanNov. (21 documents)
3/9/68	EA	What is Peace? What is Freedom? A Declaration of Environmental Indepencence. Ecology Action (EA). 12 page pamphlet.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Documents

4/17/65	March on Washington to end the War in Vietnam, SDS flyer. April 17, 1965
5/68	The New Radicals and the Multiversity, An Anaysis and Strategy for the Student Movement. Carl Davidson, SDS. May 1968. 25 pages.
1/8/69	Oppose Racism at Fairfax flyer. Fairfax High School BSU & SDS. Los Angeles CA.
8/69	Northern California SDS Regional Conference, SDS (anti-PL). August, 1969. 6 documents, 9 pages.
8/15/69	Northern California SDS Regional Newsletter, Vol 1 #1. 8/15/69. Anti-PL. 4 pages.
9/8.69	Northern California SDS Regional Newsletter. 9/8/69. Anti-PL. 2 pages.

New Letters & Reports From the Field

5/10/64	JoAnn Ooiman, CORE	Letter to Congressman Schisler re MFDP in MS.
6/30/64	James Best, FOR	Letter to JoAnn Ooiman re writing an article about student activism in the MS
4/29/65	Unsigned SFTS	Currents San Francisco Theological Seminary newsletter. Report on Camden AL. 4 pages.
5/17/65	Unsigned, CORR	Program of CORR ... in Camden AL Summer of 1965, Camden AL.
5/25/65	Benjamin Reist, CORR	Letter to George Bryant, Presb. Church reporting on CORR project in Camden AL. 3 pages.
5/25/65	Benjamin Reist, CORR	Letter to Rev. Metz Rollins, Presb. Church reporting on CORR project in Camden AL. 3 pages

New Stories & Narratives

Amelia Boynton Robinson	Interview by Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI), Re background, Selma, and later. 2005.
Joe Hendricks	Interview by Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI) re Birmingham movement. 1995

In Memory, New Tributes

Bob "Luke" Block
Margaret Kibbee
Brenda Travis

Frequently Asked Questions, New Answers:

No new answers added this month.

New Poems

Peggy Trotter Dammond Preacely *From the Holds of Ships ... Juneteenth*

New Photos, Art, & Posters

Down to the Grassroots
March to Montgomery
Freedom Movement Posters

Web Links and Bibliography updated, revised, & expanded.

Archive of Previous Monthly Newsletters

Recent Books by or About Movement Veterans:

SNCC: The New Abolitionists, New 3rd Edition with new commentaries by Anthony Arnove and Barbara Ransby. Available from Hayarket Books.

Another Sojourner Looking for Truth: My Journey from Civil Rights to Black Power and Beyond, by Millicent Brown. South Carolina, school desegregation, Black freedom struggle. University of South Carolina Press. 2024. Memoir on the struggle for civil rights.

Civil Rights Warrior: A Life on the Front Lines of Justice, Equality, and the American Dream, by Evelyn (Evie) Jones Rich. Skyhorse. 2026. Autobiography of CORE activist and leader.

As always comments, suggestions, corrections, and submissions from Freedom Movement activists are welcome. Veterans of the Southern Freedom Movement who are listed on the website's Roll Call are encouraged to contribute to the website their stories, thoughts, documents, and memories & tributes of those who have passed on by emailing them in to us.

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