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CRMA
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT ARCHIVE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 1st, 2024

According to Google, there were **24,237** visits to the CRMA website during November for an average of **808 per day**. This is approximately **10% more** than November of last year.

On school days, our number of visitors ranged from **700 to 1000** per day.

Roughly **18%** of our visitors came from outside the U.S. On average, international users have made up around one fifth of our users for quite some time. We are proud that our Freedom Movement of the 1960s is still of interest to people around the world and that our site still stands as an international information resource.

Over the long term however, ever since 2020 our U.S. traffic has been slowly declining. Since two-thirds of our visitors are students (grade school and college) we believe that a significant portion of this decline stems from the unrelenting attacks being waged by Republicans and MAGAites against teachers, librarians, school boards, and universities who dare stand against systemic racism and educate around issues of racial injustice. Nevertheless, we will persevere.

As of December 1st, our online archive contains 10,485 viewable pages, documents, images, and recordings, plus 418 videos in our Vimeo video channel.

Google reports that out on the global internet there are **29,373** backlinks to our site by people, organizations, and schools using us as an information resource.

PLEASE DONATE

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Second edition of Putting the Movement Back Into Civil Rights Teaching, by Menkart, Murray, and View. 2024. Lessons, quizzes, images, essays, articles, primary source documents, and poetry, to help teachers go beyond a "heroes and holidays" approach to teaching about the Freedom Movement in K-12 classrooms. The focus is on people of color, women, youth, organizing, culture, institutional racism, and the interconnectedness of social movements — Desegregation of Public Spaces, Voting Rights, Black Power, Labor and Land, Transnational Solidarity, and Student Engagement.

Unlawfully Incarcerated At Age Thirteen, by Emmarene Kaigler Streeter, 2024. The personal story of one of the 17 Black girls arrested in Americus, Georgia in July, 1963, jailed under horrific and deplorable conditionsand, and not released until September 13, 1963. Sometimes referred to as the "Stolen Girls of the Lee County Stockade." Available on Amazon.

SCOPE 60th Anniversary Reunion. Feb 27-March 2, 2025. Montgomery & Selma AL. Lodging in Montgomery. Day trip to Selma. Montgomery sites: Rosa Parks Museum, Freedom Riders Museum, First Baptist Church, SPLC Civil Rights Memorial; Dexter Avenue King Memorial Church, National Memorial for Peace and Justice (the Lynching Memorial) and Legacy Museum.

Announcements, *cont'd*

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, our top-ten, most-visited sections and individual pages in November were:

Sections, Landing & Reference Pages

1. Are You "Qualified" to Vote?—Literacy Tests & Voter Applications
2. Documents From the Montgomery Bus Boycott
3. Site Search: Civil Rights Movement Archive
4. Freedom Rides and Freedom Riders Resources
5. Original Freedom Movement Documents
6. Freedom Movement Bibliography
7. Poems of the Civil Rights Movement
8. Civil Rights Movement History 1950-1970
9. Documents From the March on Washington
10. Documents From the 1960s Sit-Ins

Individual Pages & Documents

1. Civil Rights Movement History: 1961 (Freedom Rides, MS voter registration, Albany GA)
2. Louisiana Voter Application and Literacy Tests
3. Civil Rights Movement History: 1960 (student sit-ins)
4. The Other America, Dr. Martin Luther King. (1967)
5. Alabama Voter Literacy Test
6. Martin Luther King Interview, Robert Penn Warren, for book. 1964
7. Poems of Langston Hughes
8. Photo Album: The Sit-Ins—Off Campus and Into Movement (1960)
9. Photo Album: Freedom Movement Posters
10. Speech to Anti-War Protest, Dr. Martin Luther King. (April 15, 1967)

(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.)

CRMA Video & Audio

Our CRMA Video Channel on the Vimeo hosting service provides videos created by Freedom Movement veterans (or their immediate families) and videos created by others that are substantially about Movement veterans. When you visit the channel, please consider adding yourself as a "follower" for social-media metrics. Thanks.

New videos posted in November:

Rev. Frederick Reese, interviewed by Blackside. Voting rights, Selma AL, March to Montgomery. 1985. 42 min.

Wyatt T. Walker, interviewed by Blackside. SCLC, Albany Movement, Birmingham, March on Washington. 1985. 37 min.

C.T. Vivian, interviewed by Blackside. Nashville TN Movement, SCLC, Freedom Ride, Selma AL. 1985. 70 min.

Lawrence Guyot, interviewed by Blackside. COFO, DNC, NAACP< MDFP Winona MS. 1979. 47 min.

Rosa Parks, interviewed by Blackside. NAACP, Montgomery Bus Boycott, voting rights. 1985. 36 min.

Calvin Taylor, interviewed by Blackside. 1968 Memphis sanitation strike, The Invaders, violence against nonviolent protesters. 1988. 36 min.

E.D. Nixon, interviewed by Blackside. Montgomery Bus Boycott, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King. 1979. 42 min.

Judy Varley, interviewed by Blackside. Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR), Jackson,

Mississippi, Black Power. 1989. 21 min.

Organizing in Selma Before Bloody Sunday, Bettie Mae Fikes, Martha Prescod Norman Noonan, Terry Shaw. 120min.

Teaching and Writing the Civil Rights Movement, Dorothy Dewberry Aldridge, Martha Prescod Norman Noonan, Jeanne Theoharis; Peter Blackmer. 98 min.

New Movement Documents

1950s Register to vote flyer. Baltimore NAACP. Undated (probably early 1950s)

1950s Vote Registration & NAACP Membership Questionnaire. Baltimore NAACP. Undated (probably early 1950s)

60-63? Jackson MS voter registration flyer. Unsigned (NAACP). Undated (probably 1960-1963)

1963 To All Responsible Citizens of Greater New Orleans, boycott flyer. NAACP & CLNO. 3/28/63.

1964 Freedom Candidates flyer. MFDP. Freedom vote and regular election. November 5, 1964.

1964 Workers in the State as of June 29, 1964. Mississippi. COFO. 12 pages.

1964 SNCC's Relationship and Responsibilities to the Southern Campus. James Forman, SNCC. Undated (probably September or October 1964).

1964 What is the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee? James Forman, SNCC. Waveland Conference. 21 pages.

1965 No Freedom In School, Issaquena & Sharkey Co. MS school boycott. Unsigned.February 2nd, 1965.

1965 Racial Discrimination in the Southern Federal Courts, Southern Regional Council report. April, 1965. 11 pages.

66? Discussion paper on the role of whites. Unsigned members of SNCC Vine City project. Undated (1966?).

1966 Rural Community Organizing and Farmers Organize. John Zippert, CORE/SSOC. March 1966. 6 pages.

1966 SCLC Staff Assignment to Marengo Co. AL Undated (probably 1966).

1966 MFDP Summer 1966, brochure. Unsigned MFDP.

1967 Attention: Help Elect a Negro Sheriff, MFDP, Holmes County MS

1967 Five SNCC Members Charged With Murder, James Forman, SNCC. July 1967. Texas Southern University (TSU), police fusillade and mass arrests.

1967 SNCC Appeals to the United Nations re American racism and the TSU Five. James Forman, SNCC. July 1967.

1968 Poor Peoples Campaign, flyer. SCLC. 1968.

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Press Releases

1963	SNCC	Rights Worker JimCrowed by Army, undated 1963
1963	SNCC	SNCC photos of Atlanta protest arrests, undated 1963.
1963	SNCC	Selma SNCC Office Freedom House Raided, Selma AL. Undated 1963.
9/15/63	SNCC	SNCC Workers Dispatched to Birmingham - Call For National Pressure Against Industrial Interests, response to church bombing.
12/11/63	SNCC	SNCC Workers Still in Arkansas Jail Henry Appeals Libel Suit
12/22/63	SNCC	Cambridge Movement to Renew Protests

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

SNCC, March 20, 1964.	Pine Bluff, Little Rock & Helena AR, Cliff Vaughs, Ruleville MS
SNCC, March 21, 1964.	Hattiesburg, Greenwood MS Charles Glenn, Mendy Samstein.
SNCC, March 22, 1964.	Gadsden AL, Greenwod, McComb, Canton, Jackson MS
SNCC, March 24, 1964	Greenwood, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Dick Frey, Sandy Leigh, Mendy Samstein.
SNCC, March 25, 1964	Greenwood MS Freedom Day, Mary Lane, Joyce Barrett, Pine Bluff, Little Rock AR
SNCC, March 26, 1964.	Hattiesburg, Greenwood, Jackson, police, intimidation, arrests

Vietnam War, Military Draft & GI Movement Documents

1968	The Nine For Peace, re nine GIs who refused to fight in Vietnam. Undated (possibly June or July 1968)
71-72?	SOS Newsletters. Support Our Soldiers. Undated (may not be in chronological order). (8 documents)
1972?	Retraction memo, unsigned United States Servicemen's Fund (USSF). Undated (probably January 1972)

Vietnam War, Military Draft & GI Movement Documents

1973 Are You a Gung-Ho Marine? Draft article. Judah Hill, "Semper Fi," Iwakuni Japan. Undated 1973

1973 Are You a Gung-Ho Soldier? Pamphlet version. Judah Hill. Koza Peoples Center, Okinawa Japan. Undated 1973.

Documents from the Northern Wing of the Movement

1968	P&F	Peace & Freedom Party Documents (Multiple documents)
7/67	SNCC NY	Racism at Chase Manhattan Bank, An Urgent Message from NY SNCC. James Forman, SNCC.
1968	P&FP	Peace & Freedom Party, San Francisco CA Organizing materials, Jan-Nov. (19 documents) Organizing materials, Jan-Nov. (19 documents) Organizing materials, undated. (5 documents) California State Minutes & Reports, Feb-Nov. (13 documents) S.F. Minutes & Reports, February. (18 documents) S.F. Minutes & Reports, March. (12 documents) S.F. Minutes & Reports, April (18 documents) S.F. Minutes & Reports, May. (3 documents) S.F. Minutes & Reports, Summer. (10 documents) S.F. Minutes & Reports, Fall. (10 documents) Miscellaneous. (10 documents)

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Documents

1966 Organizing the Poor -- How It Can Done, First Draft. Richard Cloward & Frances Fox Piven (SDS?). February 1966. 37 pages.

1966 SDS New England Report. Unsigned SDS. February 22 1966. 8 pages

1967 Statement on women's liberation, Women's Liberation Workshop, SDS National Convention. June 1967.

New Letters & Reports From the Field

3/65	Bruce Hartford, SCLC	Dear Bob and Dorothy, re work in Alabama and upcoming May primary elections
11/19/66	Bruce Hartford, SCLC	Proposal for preserving SCLC history
12/18/66	Tom Offenburger, SCLC	Letter to Bruce Hartford re SCLC history proposal
3/8/67	Hosea Williams, SCLC	Note to Bruce Hartford, re Grenada MS
3/12/67	Bruce Hartford, SCLC	Dear Aileen, note to activists in Grenada MS

New Additions to Our Stories

Meg Redden	Interview, by Greta de Jong. CORE, Louisiana, Feliciana parishes. 1996. 29 pages
Joyce Robinson	Interview, by Helen Haw. Crossover of Black teachers to white schools after integration. Louisiana. 1997. 22 pages
Lola Stallworth	Interview, by Greta de Jong. CORE, St. Helena Parish, Louisiana. 1998. 40 pages
Calvin Taylor	Interview by Paul Stekler, Blackside. Memphis 1968 Sanitation Workers Strike, The Invaders, violence against nonviolent protesters. 1988. 11 pages
Judy Varley	Interview by Blackside. Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR), Jackson, Mississippi, Black Power. 1989. 15 pages.
John Zippert	Interview, by Greta de Jong. CORE, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. 1998. 55 pages
Bruce Hartford	Interview re GI organizing in Asia, by Jerry West. GI Movement. 1975. 27 pages.

New Articles & Speeches From the Southern Freedom Movement

1946 A Southerner Looks at Discrimination, George W. Cable. International Publishers. 50-page pamphlet.

1964 Address to Hattiesburg Freedom Day Rally, Ella Baker. January 21, 1964

New Additions to Our Thoughts

Bruce Hartford Scoundrel Time

New Names Added to the Activist Roll Call

No new names added to the Roll Call this month

New Tributes & Memories added to In Memory

Cathy Cade, SNCC

New Answers Added to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

No new answers added this month.

New Additions to Poetry

No new poems added this month.

New Additions to the Photo Album Pages:

Freedom Movement Posters

Freedom Movement Art

Web Links and Bibliography updated, revised, & expanded.

Recent Books by or About Movement Veterans:

Putting the Movement Back Into Civil Rights Teaching, Second Edition. By Menkart, Murray, and View. 2024. Lessons, quizzes, images, essays, articles, primary source documents, and poetry, to help teachers go beyond a "heroes and holidays" approach to teaching about the Freedom Movement in K-12 classrooms. The focus is on people of color, women, youth, organizing, culture, institutional racism, and the interconnectedness of social movements — Desegregation of Public Spaces, Voting Rights, Black Power, Labor and Land, Transnational Solidarity, and Student Engagement.

Unlawfully Incarcerated At Age Thirteen, by Emmarene Kaigler Streeter, 2024. Personal story of one the "Stolen Girls of the Lee County Stockade arrested in Americus GA, and imprisoned in 1963.

Marching in Montgomery, by John J. Hartman. IPBooks. 2024. First-hand account by a participant of the March 1965 voting rights protests in Montgomery Alabama in support of the movement in Selma AL.

Ma Lineal: A Memoir of Race, Activism, and Queer Family, by Faith Holsaert. Memoir of NYC childhood, SNCC in Southwest Georgia, and raising her own children in the coalfields of West Virginia.

The Rise and Fall of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, by Martin Oppenheimer. Native Publishers, 2024. Concise history including the historical antecedents, the Greensboro sit-ins, Freedom Summer, the violence of KKK and police, and its demise around 1973.

Love Letter from Pig: My Brother's Story of Freedom Summer, by Julie Kabat. University Press of Mississippi, 2023. Based on primary-source materials, the personal story of volunteer Luke Kabat and the Meridian MS (Lauderdale Co.) project.

No Ordinary Joe: Lesson From a Life of Community Organizing for Social Change, by Jerome Christensen. Wordshop at Fourth & Sioux, September 2023. Life of Civil Rights Movement activist and community organizer Joe Morse.

Standing, by Ernest McMillan. August, 2023.

My Country Is the World: Staughton Lynd's Writings, Speeches, and Statements against the Vietnam War, edited by Luke Smith. Foreword by Staughton and Alice Lynd. Haymarket Books, 2023.

The Struggle of Struggles, by Vera Pigee (1924-2007), edited by Frangoise Hamlin, University Press of Mississippi. 2023. New edition of Vera Pigee autobiography chronicles Coahoma County MS, NAACP, Women's leadership, grassroots organizing, citizenship schools, voter registration, and the Baptist church.

A Day I Ain't Never Seen Before Remembering the Civil Rights Movement in Marks, Mississippi, by Joe Bateman, Cheryl Lynn Greenberg, and Richard Arvedon. How the civil rights movement unfolded in a small rural town, far from the cameras.

Recent Books by or About Movement Veterans, *cont'd*

Stayed On Freedom: The Long History of Black Power through One Family 's Journey, by Dan Berger, Zoharah Simmons and Michael Simmons. An authorized biography of Zoharah Simmons and Michael Simmons that brings into focus the lives of two unheralded Black Power activists who dedicated their lives to the fight for freedom. Basic Books, January 2023.

By Hands Now Known: Jim Crow's Legal Executioners, by Margaret Burnham, 2023. Investigation of Jim Crow-era racial violence, the legal apparatus that sustained it, and its enduring legacy. If the law cannot protect a person from a lynching, then isn't lynching the law?

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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