2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & 2024 VISION
MISSION STATEMENT

THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC) LEGACY PROJECT (SLP) WAS BEGUN TO PRESERVE AND EXTEND 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 liberty. To that end, the SLP is taking a multi-level approach:

- Archiving SNCC documents digitally to make them easily available for use;
- Encouraging and assisting in the development of books and other media by SNCC veterans with the idea of having the stories and interpretation of SNCC’s work told by its veterans;
- Developing with colleges and universities a program of SNCC visiting professors and scholars who would in formal and informal ways interact with young people on campuses and take advantage of campus resources to begin telling the story as it should be told; and finally
- Anchored by the Algebra Project and Young People’s Project pursue one of the still great unfulfilled needs of the Freedom Movement: Quality Education as a Constitutional Right.

Built into our efforts is the determination to see that our legacy, the legacy of the freedom struggle, is passed from our generation to future generations.

A Luta Continua!
Dear Friend:

In April of 1960, Ms. Ella Baker called together HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) and Black high school students who were engaged in defying the laws that supported white supremacy. This convening of activists from the sit-in movement led to the founding of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

SNCC veterans founded the SNCC Legacy Project (SLP) in 2010 to document their lived experiences. In 2023, the SNCC Legacy Project Digital Movement Platform (SLP DMP), with it’s over 20,000 documents, was launched. We hope that during the year, you will use the SLP DMP to better understand the continuing struggle for human and civil rights. The accompanying document details the various SLP 2023 accomplishments and its work plans for 2024.

Over the next year, we encourage you to join the live streamed discussions about SNCC’s work in grassroots organizing being conducted at six HBCUs and six African American museums. The first session will take place on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 7:00pm EST/6:00pm CST. Click here to register.

We invite you to follow the SLP on Facebook and Instagram we hope you’ll become a monthly donor to the SNCC Legacy Project by donating here.

Yours in the struggle,

Courtland Cox, Chair
SNCC Legacy Project
The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Legacy Project (SLP), founded by SNCC veterans in 2010, has created the SNCC Legacy Project Digital Movement Platform to educate America about the Freedom Movement. In addition, the SLP works with today’s activists and organizers from the Movement for Black Lives, voting rights campaigns and other social action groups through inter-generational conversations and workshops. The continuing inter-generational discussions allow the SLP to transfer informational wealth that helps today’s activists and organizers understand and navigate these turbulent times. At the same time, SNCC Veterans continue to be energized by the thinking and organizing strategies of the younger generation of today’s activists.

SLP Initiatives for 2023

SNCC Legacy Project Digital Movement Platform (SLP DMP)

Funding: Ford Foundation

A digital movement platform that for the first time brings together the web portals developed by 1960s Movement veterans who engaged in the battles to end white supremacy.

Our Story, Our Terms Grant

A collaboration between the SNCC Legacy Project and Duke University

Funding: Mellon Foundation

An innovative inter-generational project to:
1) document and explore social movement knowledge through inter-generational and intra-generational activist conversations;
2) build capacity for archiving contemporary activism; and
3) provide activists with a toolkit for grassroots community organizing.
College and University Courses

Funding: SLP

Four college courses about phases of the Freedom Movement that can be taught in person or online.

The SNCC Legacy Project & United Negro College Fund Collaboration

Funding: SLP & UNCF

- In June of 2023, the SNCC Legacy Project (SLP), and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), entered into a multi-year collaboration to jointly develop and own a series of online educational products.
- In July 2023, the SLP conducted an in-depth workshop in Atlanta, GA at the UNCF UNITE Annual Conference.
- In the Fall 2023, the planning team outlined the first online educational course. “So You Want to Change the World!” became the working title for a 15-week credit (or non-credit) online/hybrid course designed to utilize a variety of instructional methodologies.

SLP Board Members in the Community

- UNITE Conference, Atlanta, GA (organized by UNCF).
- ASALH Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- The Zinn Education Project (virtual).
- John Lewis Fellows and Scholars Program.
- 4th Annual Civil Rights and Social Justice Conference, Tougaloo College, Jackson, MS.
- Hands on the Freedom Plow: SNCC’s Legacy & The Ongoing Struggle for Freedom. Speakers: Courtland Cox, Freddie Green Biddle, and Charlie Cobb at Tougaloo College, Jackson, MS.
- Legal Defense Fund Staff Organizing Meeting, Miami, FL.
- Democratic Socialists of America, Washington, DC.
- NYC screening of Lowndes County and The Road to Black Power, hosted by the March on Washington Film Festival.
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- Georgia Public Radio segment about SNCC’s Sojourner Motor Fleet.
- SNCC’s education initiatives on WPFW (Dr. Ayize Sabater show in honor of Harry Belafonte).
- Weekly meeting of Equity Lab’s high school group at MLK Library, Washington, DC.
- “Teach the Truth Day of Action” Washington, DC rally, hosted by Teaching for Change, National Education Association.
- NAACP NY, National Women’s Law.
- SNCC Research Department webinar hosted by Little Sis, a national activist-based research group.
- SNCC Digital Gateway and SNCC at the “Teach the Black Freedom Struggle” monthly online class, sponsored by Zinn Education Project.
- Drum & Spear Bookstore panel hosted by Library of Congress.
- Monthly “Teach the Black Freedom Struggle” online classes, which average 200 teachers, to interact with teachers. The links to SDG and CRMVet are regularly added to the chat when she speaks or references SNCC.
- Screening of Lowndes County: The Road to Black Power, hosted by the Washington International Film Festival.
- Conversation with author of new Bayard Rustin bio at Politics & Prose, Washington, DC.
- 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington.
  - Article in AARP Magazine.
  - Newsnation webinar.
  - CNN.
  - Washington Post.
  - ABC News.
  - USA Today.
  - French Television.
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Our Futures Matter: SNCC Veterans Back on the Road Grant

**Funding: National Endowment for the Humanities**

A series of 12 conversations with SNCC veterans and humanities scholars at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and African American history museums on six humanities themes central to SNCC's grassroots organizing—voter registration, the organizing tradition, Black Power, women and gender, art and culture, and freedom teaching—designed to encourage everyday people to be leaders.

HBCUv

**Funding: UNCF**

A collaboration between the SLP and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to create new and unique college-level courses based on SNCC's history that will reside on the new virtual UNCF platform in development, known as HBCUv (Historically Black Colleges and Universities-virtual). Materials found on the SLP DMP will serve as a source of information.

Secondary Education

**Funding: SLP**

- Collaboration with the Zinn Education Project to develop course material for secondary school teachers.
- Collaboration with the Douglas Center at the University of Maryland to develop course materials for secondary school students.

Grow the SLP DMP

- Our Story, Our Terms – Intra- and Inter-generational Conversations.
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Podcasts

A series of podcasts that will discuss the continuing right to define America. The podcasts will use some of the lessons learned by SNCC veterans over the past 60 years to provide analysis of the ongoing political and economic situation today. The topics will be wide ranging to include issues that profoundly impact the Black community. The issues would range from gerrymandering to food deserts to the denial of Medicaid in several southern states.

Multimedia Channel (YouTube)

This project is in an early stage and would include:

- A chronology of Movement - activists from the sit-ins to present day
- College courses
- Civic engagement (e.g., the fight for the ballot)
- Cultural expressions (e.g., Freedom Singers)
- Speeches given at the SNCC Anniversary Conferences
- Education (e.g., Freedom Schools, Movement Glossary of Terms)
- Inter-generational change makers discussing and articulating best approaches to community and systems’ change.