

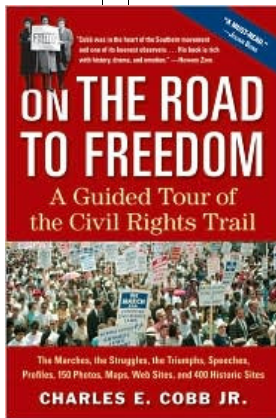
SYLLABUS

Landmarks of American Democracy: From Freedom Summer to the Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike

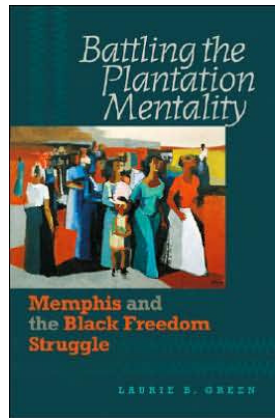
SUNDAY july 14 • july 21

Noon - 4 pm	Arrive at Jackson State University; check in at Campbell Suites Dormitory
5 – 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception at Smith Robertson Museum, hosted by the Hamer Institute and NEH Landmarks Workshop Faculty (vans depart from dormitory at 4:45 pm) Key Note Address: “The Origins & Development of the Freedom Summer Project: Week 1: Charles Cobb, Jr., Author and Veteran of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement Week 2: David Dennis, Director, The Southern Initiative of the Algebra Project
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Tour of downtown Jackson, where the group will visit 507 1/2 Farish Street (the offices of the Lawyers’ Committee, Medgar Evers, and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party), Farish Street Baptist Church and Central United Methodist Church (sites of frequent mass meetings during Freedom Summer), and the Alamo Theater (a center of African-American entertainment and culture from the 1940s through the 1960s).

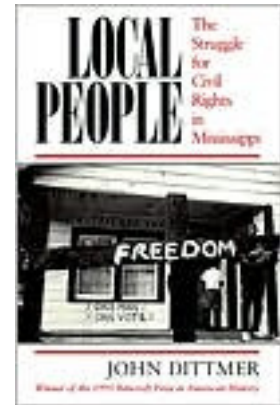
All workshop sessions will meet in the New Student Center unless otherwise noted.



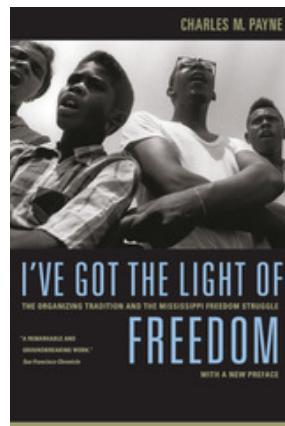
*On the Road to Freedom:
A guided Tour of the Civil Rights Trail
by Charles E. Cobb, Jr.*



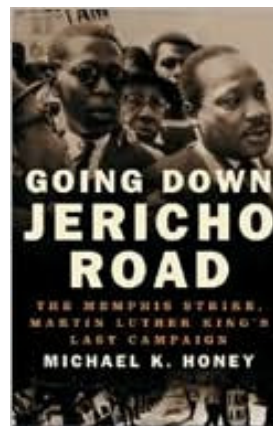
*Batting the Plantation Mentality: Memphis
and the Black Freedom Struggle
by Laurie B. Green*



*Local People:
The Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi
by John Dittmer*



*I've Got the Light of Freedom:
The Organizing Tradition and the Mississippi
Freedom Struggle
By Charles Payne*



*Going Down Jericho Road:
The Memphis Strike, Martin Luther
King's Last Campaign
by Michael Honey*

MONDAY july 12 • july 19

9:00 - 9:45 am	Greetings from Dr. Dollye M.E. Robinson, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Jackson State University Freedom Songs lead by Hollis Watkins Introductions and General Orientation—Hamer Institute Faculty
9:45 - 10:45 am	<i>Musical Selection: "This Little Light of Mine"</i> "Landmarks of American Democracy: From Freedom Summer to the Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike" Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore, Jackson State University Dr. Emily Crosby, SUNY Geneseo Dr. Michelle D. Deardorff, Jackson State University <i>Readings: Dittmer, chapters 1-8; Payne, chapters introduction, 1-4</i>
10:45-11:00 am	Break
11:00 - 11:30 am	Pedagogy, Landmarks and the Education of Citizens, Dr. Michelle D. Deardorff, Jackson State University
11:30 - 12:30 pm	Luncheon Address: "Mississippi Delta as Place" Dr. L.C. Dorsey, Associate Director Emeritus, Delta Research and Cultural Center, Mississippi Valley State University
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Lunch on your own. <i>(You are responsible for the cost of your lunch)</i>
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Lecture: "The Freedom Vote and the 1964 Summer Project" <i>Week I: Dr. Charles Payne, School of Social Service Administration University of Chicago</i> <i>Week II: Dr. John Dittmer, Department of History, DePauw University</i> The 1963 Freedom Vote campaign helped to lay the foundation for the founding of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP). The Freedom Vote was conceived as a strategy to energize the Black vote in Mississippi and to demonstrate to the nation that if African Americans had the right to vote in Mississippi, they would welcome the opportunity to do so. The state-wide mock election was held in November of 1963 and nearly 90,000 African-Americans voted in the election. Aaron Henry ran for Governor and Rev. Edwin King ran for Lieutenant Governor on the freedom ballot. The Freedom Vote campaign was the pilot project that demonstrated that college students from across the country would come to Mississippi to aid the oppressed black citizens of the state. <i>Readings: Dittmer, chapters 7-10; Payne, chapters 5-10.</i>
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Small group discussion and primary document work
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Tour of Jackson, Mississippi Civil Rights Sites Vans will leave from Campbell College Suites. We will visit the Masonic Temple (birthplace of the Freedom Democratic Party), the Council of Federated Organizations building (the state-wide headquarters of Freedom Summer), Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church and Parsonage (meeting sites during Freedom Summer), and a Freedom house. The tour will visit Medgar Evers' home and museum and Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS.
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Dinner at Dr. Michelle D. Deardorff's home.

TUESDAY july 13 • july 20

<p>9:00 - 10:30 am</p>	<p>Musical Selection: “Wade in the Water” lead by Hollis Watkins Oral History Panel moderated by Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore, The Hamer Institute Civil rights movement activists will discuss their personal memories and recollections. (Week 1) Ms. Margaret Kibbee and (Week 2) Ms. Dorothy Stewart, The impact of the McComb project on the development of Freedom Summer Judge Mamie Chinn, The impact of women participants on Freedom Summer Mr. Charlie Cobb/David Dennis, The establishment of Freedom Schools and how they were a significant part of Freedom Summer</p> <p>Mr. Hollis Watkins, The Freedom Vote campaign and the role of youth</p>
<p>10:30 -10:45 am</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>10:45 am - noon</p>	<p>Lecture: “Organizing Freedom Summer, Creating Freedom Schools” <i>Week I: Dr. Charles Payne, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago</i> <i>Week II: Dr. John Dittmer, DePauw University, Department of History</i></p> <p>The decision to begin Freedom Summer was preceded by great debate and followed by many challenges. The idea of bringing in hundreds of white supporters from the north into Mississippi for one intensive summer campaign of voter registration made many veteran civil rights activist apprehensive. On the one hand, Freedom Summer would certainly add much needed notoriety to the Mississippi movement, but it might also lead to problems. Who would pick up the pieces for the changes wrought by the program after the volunteers left? How would white volunteers be trained to work in a black led movement? What would happen when people started dying? After much heated debate, the project was begun. One key aspect of the Freedom Summer experience analyzed in this session will be the establishment, staffing, and curriculum of the Freedom Schools. These schools were designed to provide the skills necessary to register to vote and promote citizenship while introducing students to the history of the African American experience.</p>
<p>Noon - 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Lunch on your own (You are responsible for the cost of your lunch) Week 1: Luncheon Speaker: Week 2 Luncheon Speaker:</p>
<p>1:30 - 2:00 pm</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>2:00 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>3:45 - 5:30 pm</p> <p>6:00 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Lecture: “The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party” <i>Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore, Department of Political Science, Jackson State University</i></p> <p>The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) was the political component of the 1964 Mississippi Summer Project (Freedom Summer). The MFDP, organized in April of 1964, provided the citizens of Mississippi its first open political party since Reconstruction. The MFDP was a parallel political party to the regular segregated white Democratic Party in Mississippi. The Freedom Democrats made remarkable gains by encouraging African Americans to become more actively involved in the state’s political system. The MFDP helped to make the practice of citizenship a reality in Mississippi. The work of the MFDP is surely one of the major landmarks in the twenty-first century. The structure where the MFDP was established and the building that housed the MFDP still stands in Jackson, MS.</p> <p><i>Readings: Dittmer, chapters 11-15; Payne, chapters 11-13.</i></p> <p>Small group discussion and primary document work.</p> <p>Dinner on your own at Sal & Mookies. <i>(You are responsible for the cost of your dinner)</i></p>

WEDNESDAY july 14 • july 21

7:00 am	<p><i>Musical Selection: "What Side Are You On?" Lead by Hollis Watkins</i> <i>Videotapes: "Freedom on My Mind" and "Never Turn Back"</i></p>
9:00 am arrive in Greenwood	<p>Field Trip to Memphis, Tennessee via the Delta</p> <p>The tour bus departs from the Liberal Arts Building parking lot. In transit to Memphis, we will tour and visit with Civil Rights veterans in Greenwood, Ruleville, and Clarksdale, Mississippi. In Greenwood, the group will learn about the Freedom Summer activities based in that city. Charles McLaurin will describe the role of Jennings Temple C.M.E. Church, where mass meetings were held in the 1960s. Jennings Temple was also the site of several Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party gatherings in 1964. Next the group will visit the Elks Lodge, which hosted the first two SNCC meetings led by Sam Block. The group will also view Friendship Baptist Church, which served as the COFO headquarters after 1963; First Christian Church, home of many SNCC mass meetings; the SNCC office site, and Wesley United Methodist Church, which played a major role in the 1963 Greenwood protest and served as the major location for the distribution of clothes and food to local people during the 1963 boycott of Greenwood merchants. Wesley was also the venue for mass meetings and rallies for the MFDP. The tour also includes the LeFlore County Courthouse—the site where many African Americans were registered to vote in the 1960s.</p>
11:00 am	<p>The Ruleville tour features a visit to the homesites of Fannie Lou Hamer. We will meet with Charles McLaurin of the Sunflower/Ruleville Black Historical Society, who will lead us on a tour of the Fannie Lou Hamer Multi-Purpose Complex and the Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Park. We will also view Williams Chapel (Mrs. Hamer's home church), and the Hamer Early Childhood Center, and conclude with a visit to the gravesites of Mrs. Hamer and her husband Perry "Pap" Hamer.</p>
1:15 pm	<p>In Clarksdale, our first stop will be the Ground Zero Blues Cafe, where we will enjoy a southern-style plate lunch before proceeding across the street for a visit to the Delta Blues Museum. From there, Charles McLaurin and Dr. Michelle D. Deardorff will lead participants in a tour of historical sites, including the former location of Dr. Henry's Fourth Street Drug Store, a key meeting place for local Civil Rights leaders in Clarksdale. We will retrace "The Freedom March," which started at the Fourth Street Drug Store, proceeded west on Martin Luther King Drive to Yazoo Street, then down East Second Street to the Coahoma County Courthouse on First Street. Next, we will tour Haven United Methodist Church, the home church of Dr. Henry and his wife, Noelle, and daughter, Rebecca. The church was also the venue for local NAACP chapter meetings. Dr. Martin Luther King, Wyatt Tee Walker, Andrew Young, John Lewis, Fannie Lou Hamer and many other Civil Rights leaders spoke at Haven. Next, we will visit Aaron Henry's campaign headquarters and the former NAACP office. The tour will also take us to other churches where mass meetings were held in the 1960s: Kings Temple Church and Chapel Hill Church. The tour will conclude with a visit to Aaron Henry's homesite.</p> <p><i>Readings: Dittmer, chapters 16-18; Payne, chapters 14-epilogue</i></p>
6:30 pm	<p>Arrive at Rhodes College in Memphis; take tour bus to Beale Street for dinner</p>

THURSDAY july 15 • july 22

8:30 am	Tour bus departs Rhodes College for the National Civil Rights Museum
9 - 10:30 am	<p><i>Musical Selection: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around"</i></p> <p>Lecture: "African-American Women in Memphis, Tennessee" <i>Dr. Daphne Chamberlain, Doctoral Candidate, Dept. of History, Univ. of Mississippi (Week 1)</i> <i>Dr. Laurie Green, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Univ. of Texas at Austin (Week 2)</i></p> <p>This presentation will analyze and discuss the role of women in the Memphis Freedom Struggle. She will look at the linkage(s) between women's involvement in Freedom Summer and their support and leadership in the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Readings: Green, Laurie B. (Batting the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle)</i></p>
10:30 am - noon	<p>Lecture: "Memphis, Tennessee and the Confluence of Labor and Civil Rights: The Sanitation Workers' Strike" <i>Dr. Charles W. McKinney, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Rhodes College</i></p> <p>This presentation will examine the confluence of labor and black Civil Rights and how these twin elements of the modern-day social movement led to the successful sanitation workers' strike.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Readings: Honey, (Part I) Labor and Civil Rights (Going Down Jericho Road)</i></p>
Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own (<i>You will be responsible for the cost of your own food.</i>)
1:45- 2:45 pm	Small group discussion and primary document work
2:45- 3:00 pm	Break.
3:00 - 5:00 pm	<p>Memphis Civil Rights Landmarks Tour Dr. Russ Wigginton will begin this tour at the <i>Tri-State Defender</i> office which is located on Beale Street. The <i>Defender</i> has been the primary media voice—the "eyes and ears" for African-Americans in the mid-south since its founding in 1951. The tour will proceed to Beale Street Baptist Church (one of the oldest African American congregations in Memphis) the W.C. Handy House (the original home of "The Father of the Blues"), and Clayborn Temple, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. often spoke and where numerous civil rights meetings were held. Next, the Group will visit the Mason Temple, where Dr. King gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech on the evening of April 3, 1968. It would be his last public appearance before his death the next day.</p> <p>Lastly, the tour will visit Zion Christian Cemetery. Zion Christian is a forgotten landmark that represents the transition from slavery to freedom and independence for black Memphians. Zion Christian Cemetery is the resting place for several generations of blacks who laid the foundation for tangible change in political and social mores in the city; approximately 22,000 former slaves and free (wo)men were buried here from 1870-1922.</p>
5:00 pm	Tour bus returns to Rhodes College
6:00 - 7:00 pm	President's Reception at Rhodes College

FRIDAY july 16 • july 23

8:30 am 9:00 - 9:45 am 9:45 - 11:00am	<p>Tour Bus Departs for National Civil Rights Museum. Dr. James Lanier, Professor of History, Rhodes College National Civil Rights Museum — Oral History Panel “The Memphis Sanitation Workers’ Strike and the National Civil Rights Movement” <i>Moderated by Dr. Russell Wigginton, V.P. of Community Relations, Rhodes College</i> Rev. Billy Kyles, eyewitness to Dr. King’s assassination and founding board member of OPERATION PUSH Mrs. Maxine Smith, Freedom Award recipient, former executive secretary of local NAACP Dr. Vasco Smith, who helped desegregate public libraries and public schools Judge Russell B. Sugarmon, Jr., prominent Memphis citizen and politician</p> <p><i>Readings: Honey, (Part II) Fighting for the Working Poor (Going Down Jericho Road) and (Part III) Jericho Road is a Dangerous Road (Going Down Jericho Road)</i></p>
11:00 - 1:30pm 1:30 - 3:00 pm	<p><i>Lunch on your own (You will be responsible for the cost of your own food.)</i></p> <p>Tour of the National Civil Rights Museum To tour the National Civil Rights Museum, attendees will be broken into small groups. Core faculty members and experienced museum guides will provide appropriate commentary as the participants tour the museum. Special attention will be paid to activities related directly to Freedom Summer and the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike.</p>
3:00 -4:00 pm	<p>Musical Selection: “<i>We Shall Overcome</i>” Lecture: “African-Americans and Activism in Memphis, Tennessee” <i>Dr. Charles W. McKinney, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Rhodes College</i> The lecture will examine the nature of activism in Memphis and its impact on the city’s black community. In addition, the presentation will place the historically significant events in Memphis within the context of the national Freedom Movement and the events of the 1964 Summer Project.</p>
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Wrap Up
7:30 pm	Tour Bus departs Stax Museum of American Soul Music.

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8:00 am	Tour bus departs from Rhodes College in Memphis
12:00 pm	Tour bus arrives at Jackson State University

