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2015-2016 PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE SERIES ANGELA DAVIS SPEAKS AT TOUGALOO COLLEGE

Tougaloo, Mississippi – Tougaloo College announces the Fall 2015 Presidential Lecture to be held Thursday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m., in the Woodworth Chapel on the historic campus of Tougaloo College, 500 West County Line Road, Tougaloo, Mississippi. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of the President, the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc., the Bennie G. Thompson Endowed Chair in the Social Sciences, and the Department of History & Political Science.

The Tougaloo College Presidential Lecture Series was launched to cultivate academic discourse outside of the classroom, advance human justice and promote the College's commitment to creating a diverse community and learning environment. Renowned scholars, speakers, and authors bring unique insights and experiences to address social, intellectual and political issues of our time.

Through her activism and scholarship over many decades, Angela Davis has been deeply involved in movements for social justice around the world. Her work as an educator – both at the university level and in the larger public sphere – has always emphasized the importance of building communities of struggle for economic, racial, and gender justice. In recent years, a persistent theme of her work has been the range of social problems associated with incarceration and the generalized criminalization of those communities that are most affected by poverty and racial discrimination.

Dr. Beverly Hogan, President of Tougaloo College states, “We are pleased that Professor Angela Davis will join us at the historic Tougaloo College to give the first lecture in our Presidential Lecture Series for this academic year in collaboration with the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement. Professor Davis is an eminent scholar, as well as a noted civil rights, women’s rights and political activist. We look forward to her lecture and learning from her wisdom, experiences and perspectives about social justice issues of the 21st century.”

****This event is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Doors will open at 5:00 pm.** Book signing to follow!
This event is supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. For additional information, please contact Ms. Cynthia Goodloe Palmer, via email to MississippiCivilRightsVeterans@gmail.com or call (601) 977-7914.

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Having begun in 2004 with small meetings that grew into our first conference a year later, the **Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc.** continues to collect and archive oral histories of civil rights veterans across the country, and supports persons actively using those stories to continue the pursuit of freedom, justice and equality.