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**The Fannie Lou Hamer Institute @ COFO, The Institute For Social Justice and Race Relations,
and the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc., Present
The Voices of Freedom Book Talk Series
Celebrating the Centennial of Fannie Lou Hamer
June 19-28, 2017.**

In commemorating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute @ COFO, The Institute For Social Justice and Race Relations and the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement Inc., present the Voices of Freedom Book Talk Series. Join us as we present a variety of distinguished authors, activists, and film makers whose published works celebrate the historical moments of the Civil Rights Movement. Our featured award-winning presenters will engage the audience in intergenerational dialogue regarding their works. The Book Talk Series will take place at the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute @ COFO, 1017 John Roy Lynch Street, Jackson, MS.

The schedule and times are as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017 *5:30 pm

We Will Shoot Back: Armed Resistance in the Mississippi Freedom Movement

Dr. Akinyele O. Umoja, Professor and Chair of the Department, African American Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017 *5:00 pm

Freedom Summer: A Brief History With Documents

Dr. John Dittmer, Professor Emeritus, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN

Dr. Jeff Kolnick, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN

Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore, Founding Director, The Hamer Institute, Jackson, MS

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 * 5:00 pm

This Non-violent Stuff'll Get You Killed: How Guns Made the Civil Rights Movement Possible

Mr. Charlie Cobb, Distinguished Visiting Activist Scholar at Duke University, Durham, NC

Freedom Song: A Personal Story of the 1960s Civil Rights Movement

Dr. Mary King, Distinguished Scholar, American University, Washington, DC

Mr. Dave Dennis, President, Southern Initiative of the Algebra Project, Summerville, SC

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017 * 5:00 pm

Bloody Lowndes: Civil Rights and Black Power in Alabama's Black Belt

Dr. Hasan Jeffries, Department of History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017 * 5:00 pm

Keep Your Eyes on The Prize Mississippi: Is This America?

Dr. Judy Richardson, Distinguished Visiting Activist Scholar at Duke University, Durham, NC

A Little Taste of Freedom: The Black Freedom Struggle in Claiborne County, Mississippi

Dr. Emilye Crosby, Professor of History, The State University of New York, Geneseo, NY

These events are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Book signing immediately following each event.

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