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Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice

2021 ANNUAL REPORT







NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS Conference



2021 PROGRAMMING

Voting Rights Panel & Book Donation

Louisiana Literary and Speakers Series The Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice

Southern University Law Center hosts A discussion on the Black Women Suffrage Movement and Black Voting Rights.

This dialogue was in response to the Lafayette, Louisiana Library Board's refusal to allow a reading series during Black History Month on The History of Black Voting Rights in America, The Voting Rights Act and the history of black women voting in the United States.

The Louis A. Berry Institute was honored to host the dialogue and purchase 100 books on Black voting rights and Black women's suffrage to give to the Lafayette community. The book were purchased with proceeds from the Campus Voter Project.



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<u>Click to watch video of the panel</u>

Louisiana Cemeteries Project

The news of Oaklin Springs Cemetery's refusal to grant burial rights for Allen Parish Sheriff Darrell Semien of Oberlin, LA, has prompted Southern University Law Center's Louis A. Berry Institute of Civil Rights & Justice to investigate other continuing practices of discrimination in Louisiana's rural parishes. The recent discovery of the 70-year-old contract, which denied access to a burial for nonwhite individuals, represents the forgotten, but still-present, denial of humanity that still exists in the country. Sheriff Semien was a beloved member of the community who lived to serve and served well.



The Late Sheriff Darrell Simen

Developing a New Clinic

The Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice announced the development of THE JUSTICE BERNETTE JOSHUA JOHNSON CIVIL RIGHTS CLINIC

In honor of her career, efforts to address and combat systemic racism, and legacy of service in action, we solemnly endeavor to take up the mantle of racial justice and equality for the citizens of Louisiana. The Institute is currently operating a simulation with programming that allows students the opportunity to analyze State bills for harmful impacts on vulnerable communities.

The work of the Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Civil Rights Clinic embodies the legacy of Chief Justice Johnson and will be a continuation of her work to reform our criminal legal system.



Watch the video announcement here



Re-Imagining Legal Education:

The Institute for Civil Rights & Justice teamed up with the American Bar Association's Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline for Part III: Re-Imagining Legal Education: Magic Happens When Students and Faculty Collaborate

This program explored practices and model programs that identify successful faculty and student collaborations. The panel focused on methods of addressing issues that are top of mind for students when dealing with issues associated with diversity, inclusion and equity within law schools. Director Goodly spoke about optimizing capacity and inclusion through collaborations at the law center.



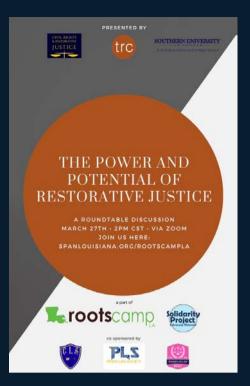
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY: THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC PROTEST IN AMERICA"



SULC & CRRJ SUMMER PROGRAM

The Civil Rights & Restorative Justice Project at Northeastern University School of Law and the Louis A. Berry Institute of Civil Rights and Justice at Southern University Law Center hosted another summer extern/internship program for SULC law students and local college students in Louisiana and Massachusetts.

Students in the program investigated cases of racial motivated homicides from the Jim Crow era and worked on historical posthumous pardons. The "Grand Rounds" of 2021 Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Legal Externs took place virtually and was attended by university administrators and scholars from across the country.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE

On Saturday, March 27th, 2pm CST, The Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice at Southern University Law Center in alliance with The Restorative Center (TRC) and The Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project at Northeastern University School of Law hosted a roundtable discussion on The Power and Potential of Restorative Justice as part of the 11th Annual RootsCampLA Conference.

This discussion explored the meaning of Restorative Justice and how restorative justice can positively impact our communities.

Panelists included elected officials, formerly incarcerated advocates, community leaders, professors, and SULC students working in Restorative Justice.

Protest Symposium

The Institute for Civil Rights & Justice partnered with students & faculty to host The Public Protest symposium to address the current state of the First Amendment and impact of Public Protest: Past, Present and Future. The symposium hosted four panels of dynamic speakers to discuss the multifaceted nature of Public Protest.

Juneteenth in Jackson

The Southern University Law Center and Historic Tougaloo College partnered with PBS Frontline, Two Mississippi Museums and the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement to provide public programming that honors our past, celebrates our present, and aimed to transform our future. Juneteenth in Jackson 2021 was held on Friday, June 18th at Tougaloo College. The events explored the stories of violence that shaped the Jim Crow South before, during, and after the Civil Rights movement. Participants heard from descendants of victims of historical harms, civil rights legends and activists, and faith leaders of the movement. Healing Circles, a tour of historical Civil Rights sites, and important conversations over the food that connects us, made 2021 Juneteenth in Jackson, MS a thoughtful celebration of our freedom and declaration of our resilience.

The Jackson Civil Rights Tour Experience with Special Invited Tour Guides

Featured sites: The COFO Headquarters, the Greyhound Bus Station, the Medgar & Myrlie Evers House, Tougaloo College and more...

View Livestream here: Civil Rights Tour in Jackson, MS

Opening of Juneteenth in Jackson: Reckoning for Restoration

Reflections on the UNRESOLVED: A Healing Circle to Reckon with Historical Harms

Dr. Shailly Agnihotri and Tecoria Jones, Circle Keepers Brother Louis Ali, Son of Louis Allen, Reverend Eddie Carthan, Cousin of Emmett Louis Till Ms. Denise Ford, Daughter of Wharlest Jackson, Mr. Charles McLaurin, Civil Rights Veteran, Dr. Hollis Watkins, Civil Rights Veteran, Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright

Civil Rights Veteran Circle participants reflect on the impacts of racial harm on the individual, family and community levels. Pulling from lived experiences and advocacy, participants discuss how violence shook communities in the fight for freedom and the importance of truth-telling and activism through the generations.

LUNCH & CHAT Holmes Hall Auditorium, Tougaloo College

MDAH



2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (VIRTUAL / Webinar)

Civil Rights Legends & Leaders: Bridging the Generational Divide in the Age of Black Lives Matter

Dr. Keith Parker, Moderator Ms. Maisie Brown, Student, North Carolina A&T Dr. Edelia Carthan Mr. Frank Figgers, Civil Rights Veteran, Mr. Dave Dennis, Civil Rights Veteran Atty. Jaribu Hill, Executive Director, Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights Mr. Marquise Hunt, Student, Tougaloo College Ms. Myra Richardson, Activist

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (LIVESTREAM) The Juneteenth Community Circle: A Conversation on Truth, Reconciliation, and Justice

Dr. Shailly Agnihotri and Tecoria Jones, Circle Keepers Ms. Sharon Brown. Community Activist Mr. Jarvis Dortch. Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi Mr. Hillman Frazier, Senator, MS-27th District The Honorable Chokwe Lumumba, Mayor, City of Jackson Atty. Rukia Lumumba, Founder, People's Advocacy Institute Ms. Jonique Williams, Granddaughter of Edwin Williams Dr. B. D'Andra Orey, Professor of Political Science, Jackson State University Mr. De'Keither Stamps, Representative, MS-66th District Ms. Zakiya Summers, Representative, MS-68th District

Participants will engage in thoughtful discourse about justice and reconciliation, pulling from themes from the morning circle, to use our stories as lessons on how to transform systems and communities across the country.



Atty. Jaribu Hill, Executive Director, Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights Dr. Keith Parker, Prof. Carthan, Mr. Dave Dennis, Civil Rights Veteran, Mr. Frank Figgers, Civil Rights Veteran, Mr. Marquise Hunt, Student, Tougaloo College Ms. Myra Richardson, Activist (not pictured)



Tougaloo President Dr. Carmen Walters, Jackson, Mississippi Mayor Chokwe Lumumba,

Dr. Keith Parker, President National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc

View Stream here

Juneteenth & The National Civil Rights Conference

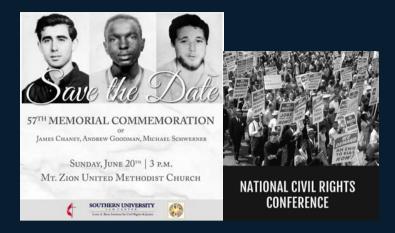
On Saturday, June 19, 2021, at The Historic Mt. Zion United Methodist Church The Reverend James M. Lawson, presenters, and facilitators of the James Lawson Institute, offered a 1-day participatory institute with lessons from past and present nonviolent action campaigns in the United States and worldwide.

The program reviewed aspects of Mississippi's experience, historical insights, basics of successful nonviolent organizing, planning and preparation of effective campaigns, setting goals, and making claims.

The program included:

- Two keynote addresses by The Reverend James Lawson
- Planning and preparing effective nonviolent campaigns
- History and Her Story
- How to get your message across





2021 National Civil Rights Conference

The Institute for Civil Rights & Justice represented Southern University Law Center at the 10th National Civil Rights Conference in Oxford, Ohio, June 21–22, 2021

The Conference Theme: Rise, Advocate, Educate and Cooperate: The Challenge

The National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc., Miami University and the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana cosponsored the Tenth Annual National Civil Rights Conference. The National Civil Rights Conference will coincided with (1) the Annual Mississippi Civil Rights Memorial Service: an annual event remembering and honoring James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and other Mississippi civil rights movement participants.

PBS FRONTLINE - UN(RE)SOLVED

The Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice closed out Native American Heritage Month with our partners at Frontline PBS and the Native American Law and Policy Institute with a program to honor the lives lost to historical racial violence.

Native Americans & African Americans: The Process and Progress of Overcoming Racism

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, FRONTLINE PBS, Southern University Law Center, and the Southern University Native American Law and Policy Institute, reviewed the cases of Peter Francis, a member of the Passamaquoddy Indian tribe, and the cases of Denver Smith and Leonard Brown who were both students at Southern University when they were killed by police. The program also previewed the upcoming FRONTLINE documentary, "American Reckoning."

Un(re)solved is a digital first, multi-platform project that features innovative storytelling through interactive media, a podcast series, an immersive installation and exhibition, as well as a forthcoming documentary film -- all to provide a national conversation and way of addressing America's difficult history concerning race and violence.

Experience the Un(re)solved multi-platform initiative by visiting this <u>link</u>:

Native Americans & African Americans: THE PROCESS AND PROGRESS OF OVERCOMING RACISM

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, FRONTLINE, Southern University Law Center, and the Southern University Law Center's Native American Law and Policy Institute, invite you to join a virtual discussion around the Civil Rights Cold Case multimedia investigation, Un(re) solved. The program will review the cases of Petter Francis, a member of the Passamaguoddy Indian tribe, and the cases of Denver Smith and Leonard Brown who were both students at Southern University when they were killed by police. The event will also preview the upcoming FRONTLINE documentary "American Reckoning."

VIRTUAL EVENT NOV 30 AT 7 PM ET / 6 PM CT

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2021 Restorative Justice Conference

CONFERENCE OPENING REMARKS BY DERAY MCKESSON

Civil Rights Activist, Author and Podcaster

The Restorative Center and Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice at Southern University Law Center invites you to our second annual conference: The Power & Potential of Restorative Justice. Together we'll look at the philosophical roots of restorative justice models and consider how we can apply them to the future of this work in a post-pandemic era.

Register here.



The Louis A. Berry Institute closed out 2021 with a day-long conference on Restorative Justice with powerful speakers and panels. Conference Opening Remarks were delivered by DeRay McKesson, Civil Rights Activist, Author and Podcaster in Q & A format followed by a host of remarkable panels from activist, scholars, elected officials, and students across the country.

Roundtable #1: The Philosophical Roots of Restorative Justice

Explore the various methodologies of RJ and their philosophical roots to answer the question of how RJ can lead the way; Followed by Q & A.

Shandiin Yazzie (Dine-Akimel O'odham), peacemaker from the Diné/Navajo people of Arizona

Michelle Armster, Executive Director for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) focusing on conflict transformation and restorative justice

Brian Bourdierd, Teen Restorative Justice Leader

Shailly Agnihotri, Founder of The Restorative Center

Gabrielle Burton-Hill, community advocate and Restorative Justice leader

Caroline Durham, Executive Director for St Charles Center for Faith+Action

Roundtable #2: Restorative Justice in the Legal System?

Can RJ intersect with integrity within or in alliance with the Legal systems? Explore the concerns and the opportunities. Followed by Q & A

David Graham, works with the Albany DA's office to develop community based restorative justice programming Diego Dall' Agnol Maia, Brazilian attorney and law professor, author of Law and Restorative Justice - A Search for Overcoming Revenge

Alisha Kohn, formerly incarcerated transgender womxn activist working towards prison abolition Tamara Veal, 3L Southern University Law Center student interested in fair and just criminal prosecution

Anthony Posada, Public Defender in New York City

Roundtable #3: Race and Reconciliation

Does Restorative Justice offer a framework for America?

State and local community leaders join us in discussing the path forward to address the potential for race and reconciliation. Followed by Q & A

The Honorable Judge Calvin Johnson, Ret., nationally recognized leader in criminal justice reform

Chief Murphy Paul, Chief of the Baton Rouge Police Department

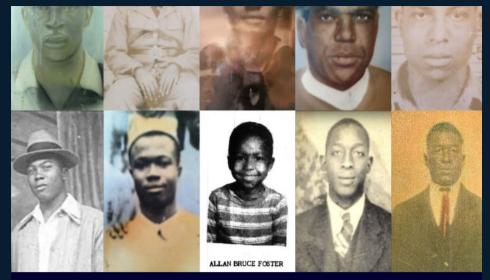
Representative Royce Duplessis, member of the Louisiana House of Representatives representing 93rd district Mayor Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish Nzhada Harris, Student Bar Association President of The Southern University Law Center

Revolutionary Self-Care with Malaika Cambridge

The Somatics of Circle Keeping: Self-Care + Embodiment as Revolutionary Praxis

The Circle Experience

HIPP TRAINING historical injustice & present policing



HISTORICAL INJUSTICES AND PRESENT POLICING INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA TOOLKIT

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In January of 2021, The Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice published its report on the December 2020 HIPP training of Southern University Campus Police. All members of the Southern University Campus Police department (SUPD), under the instruction of Chief Jocelyn Johnson, received HIPP training, inperson, with virtual participation of co-moderators.

This training is the second HIPP training to be delivered in the region while COVID-19 precautions were still in place. Therefore, the training was administered in a setting with strict adherence to social distancing.

The campus of Southern University is situated in the north most portion of East Baton Rouge Parish (county) in the historically black community known as Scotlandville, home to 15,233 East Baton Rouge Parish residents. SUPD is responsible for the safety of approximately 7,065 students (including 576 law students) on the campus of Southern University and A & M College in Baton Rouge, LA. The training was tailored to incorporate this historic community and their response to two of the most infamous shootings the city. The cases of Denver Smith and Leonard Brown was the closest to home for the officers who attended the training because the shootings happened on Southern University's campus, just forty years earlier.

An important adjustment, which is also a distinguishing feature of the HIPP training, is training's ability to be inclusive of relevant present day cases that help officers to draw from. Accordingly, the Alton Sterling case was included and discussed as it occurred in the same city, Baton Rouge, LA. This case, now regionally infamous with law enforcement due to the community uprising and subsequent violence that occurred in the region in the wake of Alton Sterling's death, was one that all officers attending the training were familiar with and helped to spark conversation about the applicability of restorative justice in their community.

23 Officers trained.



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Meet the Staff



Ada Goodly Lampkin Director



Kuala C. Chambers Senior Project Manager



Brandi Worley Project Manager

The Southern University Law Center (SULC), The Louis A. Berry Civil Rights Institute seeks to cultivate a staff of high functioning employees, dedicated to providing quality service, programming, and experiential learning opportunities for SULC law students. Our project managers focus on collecting information and data from a variety of sources, analyzing information and policy creation, and the development of concepts.

Our new Senior Project Manager facilitates effective communications with special attention to the establishment and sustainability of relationships with civil rights and social justice organizations. This role will serve as a liaison between institute administrators and local, state and nationally recognized civil rights and social justice organizations for the purpose of conference and program development, student recruitment, grant identification and execution, economic development, environmental protection, education, support for social services, and enduring good will. This is a professional position reporting directly to the Executive Director of The Louis A. Berry Civil Rights and Justice Institute and will be responsible for facilitating positive working relationships with faculty, staff, students, administrators, alumni, community partners, and other key stakeholders.

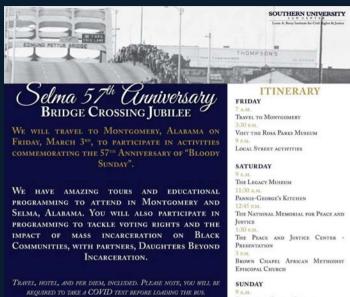
Our **Project Manager** handles a variety of tasks related to and in support of the Institute's programming. Responsibilities include:

- Research, identify, and assist with grant opportunities and proposals
- Provide support in managing, designing, and implementing office and project operations and procedures, and creating andutilizing data collection systems
- Maintain and update office files
- Assist in development of short and long-range institute plans, including the establishment of annual goals and objectives, strategic plan, and related assessment
- Research, apply, and promote advocacy, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives with local, state and nationally recognized civil rights and social justice organizations
- Coordination and maintenance of best practices in conjunction with law center and institute efforts.

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Programs	Budget	Staff	Programs	Staff	Budget
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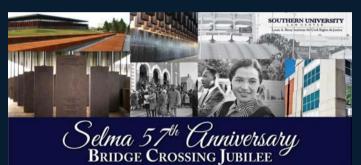
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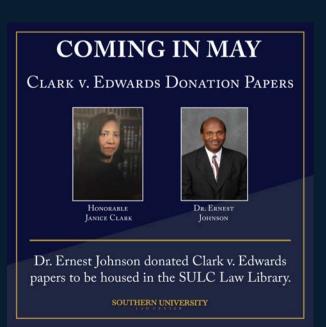


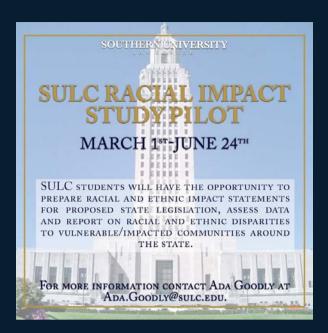
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