



WINNING THE RACE

A Conference on Diversity and Community

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MARCH 18 & 19 • TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY • 2014



Greetings!

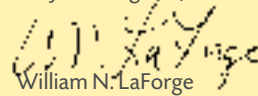
Welcome to Delta State University and to “Winning the Race: A Conference on Diversity and Community.” We are very pleased that you have joined us for this important program.

Delta State is a cultural “mecca” that celebrates the multicultural identity of the Mississippi Delta. Second only to the university’s mission to provide high quality educational programs and superb classroom instruction, the responsibility to provide leadership and programming for the community and region is one that Delta State takes very seriously. The goal of this unique conference is to promote a dialogue on race relations by hosting and promoting conversations that will encourage collaboration and cooperation among the diverse communities and people of the Delta.

This inaugural conference focuses on the Delta State University family—students, faculty, staff and alumni—but also offers a wide selection of sessions for all attendees regardless of background or location. The conference sessions include a wide array of program topics including music, media, Civil Rights history, religion and healthcare. From the opening Tuesday evening session, featuring keynote addresses by former Governor William Winter and Civil Rights expert John Dittmer, to the featured presentation by Congressman Bennie Thompson and a variety of breakout sessions on Wednesday’s agenda, the conference promises to offer everyone the opportunity to engage in a meaningful dialogue that will enlighten and advance our understanding and appreciation for our differences and our common challenges.

We hope you will engage in as many of the program events as possible. This is your conference, and it is our hope that you find it meaningful. Enjoy the conference!

Very best regards,


William N. LaForge
President

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A Conference on Diversity and Community

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The inaugural “Winning the Race” conference focuses on the Delta State University family—students, faculty, staff—but also offers a wide selection of sessions for all attendees with topics such as music, media, Civil Rights history, religion and healthcare. This conference will provide an opportunity for dialogue with top-level experts who will enlighten and advance our understanding and appreciation for our differences and our common challenges.

Engage

in conversations with campus and community constituencies that will build an appreciation for diverse differences and a spirit of community through shared ideas.

Promote

a broad discourse on race relations by building conversations to bring together diverse communities in the Delta through sharing of ideas and building cooperation.

Rekindle

a hope that Delta Communities will move toward greater equality, forward and open thinking, while reducing racial disparities and tensions.

WINNING THE RACE

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Conference Schedule

Tuesday • March 18 •

6:00 PM.

OPENING SESSION

Keynote Addresses by Governor William Winter and Civil Rights Expert John Dittmer
LOCATION: BPAC

7:30 – 8:30 PM.

RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNINGS

LOCATION: Lobby and Tims Gallery, BPAC

Wednesday • March 19

8:00 AM.

COFFEE AND SOCIAL

LOCATION: Lobby, BPAC

8:30 – 10:00 AM.

PLENARY SESSION

Featured Speaker Congressman Bennie Thompson
LOCATION: BPAC

10:15 – 11:45 AM.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Creating the Welcome Table: Diversity Training and Understanding Inequities
LOCATIONS: BPAC • James M. Broom Hall
E.R. Jobe Hall • H.L. Nowell Union

12:15 – 1:45 PM.

LUNCH AND LEARN

TRACK 1

Storytelling: Every Societal Change

Begins with a Story

LOCATION: Second Floor, West Lobby,
H.L. Nowell Union

TRACK 2

PANEL DISCUSSION: Healthcare Challenges

and Disparities in the Mississippi Delta

LOCATION: Baioni Conference Center,
James M. Broom Hall

TRACK 3

PANEL DISCUSSION: Making the Economic

and Business Case for Racial Healing and Equity

LOCATION: State Room, H.L. Nowell Union

12:15 – 3:30 PM.

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TRACK 4

FILM, DISCUSSION AND EXHIBIT: Freedom Riders

LOCATION: Howarth Room,
Charles W. Capps Jr., Archives and Museum

2:00 – 3:30 PM.

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(FOR DELTA STATE FACULTY)

LOCATION: Jacob Conference Center,
James M. Ewing Hall

TRACK 2

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v. Board of Education and Its Influence on Schools

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LOCATION: Studio A, Delta Music Institute,
Henry L. Whitfield Hall

TRACK 4

Effective Messaging: Working with the Media

to Support Racial Healing and Racial Equity

LOCATION: Baioni Conference Center,
James M. Broom Hall

TRACK 5

What's Faith Got to Do with It?

LOCATION: Second Floor, West Lobby,
H.L. Nowell Union

3:45 – 5:15 PM.

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of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement,

Freedom Summer and the Delta

LOCATION: State Room, H.L. Nowell Union

5:30 – 7:00 PM.

CLOSING SESSION

From Theory to Action: Where Do We Go from Here?

LOCATION: BPAC

7:00 – 8:00 PM.

RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNINGS

LOCATION: Lobby and Tims Gallery, BPAC

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WELCOME: President William N. LaForge

REMARKS: Georgene Clark

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: Tricia Walker

LOCATION: Bologna Performing Arts Center



WILLIAM WINTER

Winter has served Mississippi in numerous political capacities, including Governor from 1980–1984. His dedication to racial equality and the establishment of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi has brought him international renown. In June of 1997, Winter was appointed by President Bill Clinton as a member of the National Advisory Board on Race Relations.



JOHN DITTMER

Dittmer is an award-winning author, professor emeritus of history at DePauw University and a nationally recognized authority on the Civil Rights movement. From 1967–1979, he taught history at Tougaloo College. Dittmer's book "Local People: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi," has won multiple prestigious awards.



TRICIA WALKER

Walker is a Mississippi native well-known for her music derived from her heritage south of the Mason-Dixon Line. She has worked as a backing musician for Grand Ole Opry star Connie Smith, Paul Overstreet, Russ Taff and Shania Twain. Her music has also been recorded by Faith Hill, Patty Loveless and Alison Krauss, whose performance of Walker's "Looking in the Eyes of Love" earned a GRAMMY. Walker is currently the director of Delta State's Delta Music Institute.

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BENNIE THOMPSON

Thompson, Mississippi's District Two congressman since 1993, has long been known for his work with race relations. He is the longest-serving African-American elected official in Mississippi. As a product of the Civil Rights Movement, he has supported numerous bills that aim to improve the lives of minority individuals.

10:15 – 11:45 AM. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Creating the Welcome Table: Diversity Training and Understanding Inequities

PRESENTERS: The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation

MODERATORS: Diversity Committee Representatives

LOCATIONS: Recital Hall, BPAC • Room 115, James M. Broom Hall

Auditorium, E.R. Jobe Hall • State Room, H.L. Nowell Union

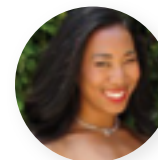


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PRESENTER: Terrence Roberts

MODERATOR: Georgene Clark

LOCATION: Second Floor, West Lobby, H.L. Nowell Union



TERRENCE ROBERTS

Roberts is a storyteller known for his African and African-American folktales in the culture of the Bamanakan of West Africa. He takes his audience to the village square in West Africa where adults and children alike are drawn to Roberts' stories of humor and suspense.

TRACK 2

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Healthcare Challenges and Disparities in the Mississippi Delta

PANEL MEMBERS: John Dittmer, Melody Fortune, John Green, Monica Jones and Shelby Polk

MODERATOR: Don Allan Mitchell

LOCATION: Baioni Conference Center, James M. Broom Hall



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MELODY FORTUNE

Fortune is currently an assistant professor in healthcare administration in the Division of Management, Marketing and Business Administration in the College of Business at Delta State University. She has worked in state government for almost 25 years with more than 21 of those years at the Mississippi State Department of Health.



JOHN J. GREEN

Green is director of the Center for Population Studies at the University of Mississippi. He specializes in multi-method research in the areas of health disparities, food insecurity and poverty. He conducts program evaluations for community and economic development responses to these problems.



MONICA JONES

Jones began her journey in nursing as a nursing assistant in 1989 in Los Angeles. Her nursing career has covered a vast array of areas such as medical-surgical nursing, ICU and staff development. After spending time with patients, Jones developed a great love for teaching and eventually began teaching for Delta State at the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing.



SHELBY POLK

Polk is an assistant professor of nursing and the director of nurse practitioner programs at Delta State University. She is also employed at the North Sunflower Medical Center Sunflower Clinic as a family nurse practitioner. In August of 2013, the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing was awarded a three-year Health Resources and Services Administration grant, and Polk serves as the project manager.



TRACK 3

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Making the Economic and Business Case for Racial Healing and Equity

PANEL MEMBERS: Carol Haywood, Eligah Johnson, Bill Luckett, Doreen Muzzi, Leland Speed and Matt Thornton

MODERATOR: Abe Hudson

LOCATION: State Room, H.L. Nowell Union



CAROL HAYWOOD

Haywood, a Greenville native, has more than 20 years of experience in the human resource field, as well as more than 15 years as a small business owner. She has worked closely with Fortune 500 companies in the U.S., Germany, Brazil and Canada. Haywood works at Monsanto in Hollandale as accounts payable/receivable coordinator/administrator.



ELIGAH JOHNSON

Johnson built a career as a registered therapist, floor technician and department director before working at the Delta Health Alliance for four years. He moved on to become a small business owner. As a student, he was a member of a student panel that was instrumental in the accreditation process for Jackson State University's public health administration program.



BILL LUCKETT

A 1973 graduate of the University of Mississippi Law School, Luckett currently practices with Luckett Tyner Law Firm, P.A., which has offices in Clarksdale and Sumner. He was honored with the May Fest Trailblazer of the Year Award for his contributions to diversity and racial reconciliation. He was elected mayor of Clarksdale by a landslide victory and took office July 1, 2013.



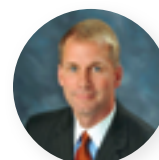
DOREEN MUZZI

Muzzi is the owner and president of TKT Publications Inc., an editorial services and public relations company. She is also a partner in a rice and soybean farming operation. Muzzi served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Public Affairs Detachment of both the Massachusetts and Mississippi National Guard.



LELAND R. SPEED

Leland R. Speed has served as the chairman of the board of the EastGroup Properties, Inc. since 1983 and a director since 1978. Speed went into the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) business, acquiring eleven publicly traded REIT's. He has had assets of all real estate categories in 36 states. From 2004 until 2006 and from March 2011 to January 2012, Speed served as the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, the state of Mississippi's lead economic development agency.



MATT THORNTON

Thornton serves as the founder and managing principal of Butler Snow Advisory Services. He brings more than 20 years of experience providing executive leadership, management consulting and strategic advisory services to global organizations of all sizes, from start-ups to those later in the business life cycle.

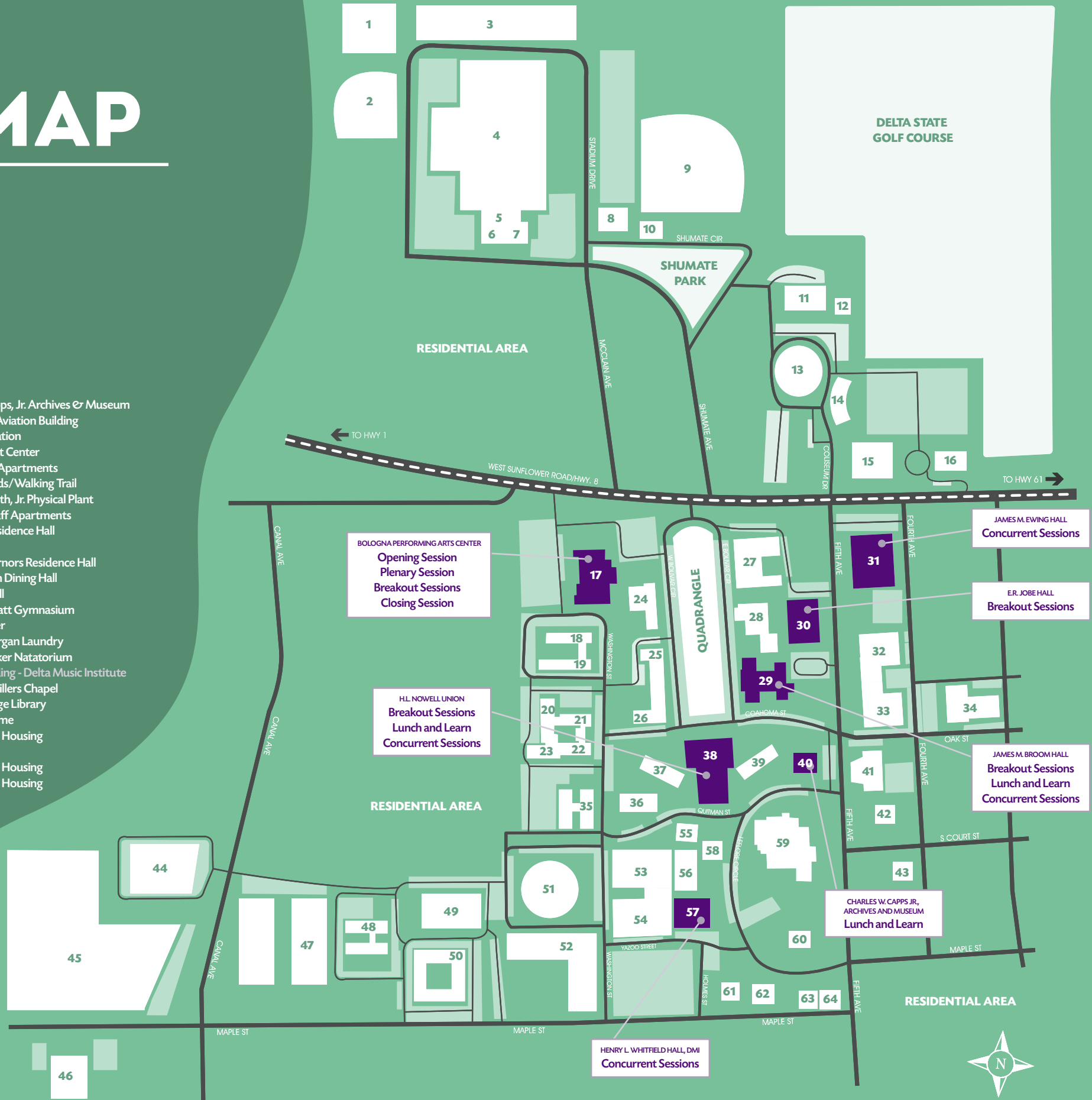
CAMPUS MAP

MAP LEGEND

- State Highway
- City Street
- Campus Street
- Parking Area Thru-way
- Campus Facility
- Event Facility
- Parking Area

CAMPUS FACILITIES

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Soccer Field 2. Softball Field 3. Statesman Park 4. Travis E. Parker Field/Horace McCool Stadium - Football 5. Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center 6. Chadwick Dickson Intercollegiate Athletic Building 7. J.A. "Bud" Thigpen, Jr. Baseball Annex 8. Bryce Griffis Practice Center 9. Dave "Boo" Ferriss Field - Baseball 10. Robert L. Crawford Center & Dave "Boo" Ferriss Museum 11. Tennis Courts 12. Darrell Foreman Golf Course 13. Walter Sillers Coliseum 14. Hugh L. White Hall 15. Kent Wyatt Hall 16. Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni-Foundation House 17. Bologna Performing Arts Center 18. Harkins Residence Hall 19. Lawler Residence Hall 20. Hammett Residence Hall 21. Tatum Residence Hall 22. Cain Residence Hall 23. Fugler Residence Hall 24. William H. Zeigel Music Center 25. Thomas L. Bailey Hall 26. Hamilton-White Child Development Center 27. W.M. Kethley Hall 28. Fielding L. Wright Art Center/Holcombe-Norwood Hall 29. James W. Broom Hall/Kathryn Keener Hall 30. E.R. Jobe Hall 31. James M. Ewing Hall 32. Eleanor Boyd Walters Hall 33. R.L. Caylor Hall 34. Robert E. Smith School of Nursing 35. Brumby-Castle Residence Hall 36. O.W. Reilly Student Health Center 37. Ward Hall 38. H.L. Nowell Student Union 39. Cleveland Residence Hall | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 40. Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives & Museum 41. Gibson-Gunn Aviation Building 42. Wesley Foundation 43. Baptist Student Center 44. E.B. Hill Family Apartments 45. Intramural Fields/Walking Trail 46. Hugh Cam Smith, Jr. Physical Plant 47. Faculty and Staff Apartments 48. New Men's Residence Hall 49. Tennis Courts 50. Court of Governors Residence Hall 51. Young-Mauldin Dining Hall 52. Foundation Hall 53. Forest Earl Wyatt Gymnasium 54. Aquatics Center 55. Odealier J. Morgan Laundry 56. George B. Walker Natatorium 57. Whitfield Building - Delta Music Institute 58. Lena Roberts Sillers Chapel 59. Roberts-LaForge Library 60. President's Home 61. Administrative Housing 62. Cassity Hall 63. Administrative Housing 64. Administrative Housing |
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12:15 – 3:30 PM. LUNCH AND LEARN

TRACK 4

FILM, DISCUSSION AND EXHIBIT:
Freedom Riders

PRESENTERS: Thomas Armstrong and Charles Westmoreland
MODERATOR: Charles Westmoreland
LOCATION: Howarth Room, Charles W. Capps Jr., Archives and Museum



THOMAS ARMSTRONG

Armstrong is a veteran of the early 1960s Civil Rights Movement, beginning with the Freedom Rides, in his native Mississippi. Today, he is a civic education consultant who works with teachers and students to learn about this era. He has co-authored a memoir about his life-altering, freedom-fighting experience. The book, titled "Autobiography of a Freedom Rider: My Life as a Foot Soldier for Civil Rights," is part memoir and historical narrative.



CHARLES WESTMORELAND

Westmoreland has been a member of the Delta State faculty since 2009. His primary teaching and research interests are in modern U.S. history with an emphasis on the American South. He is currently working with the University of Georgia Press on the publication of his book manuscript entitled "Southern Pharisees: Prayer, Public Life, and Politics in the South, 1955–1996."

2:00 – 3:30 PM. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

TRACK 1

How to Talk about Race in the Classroom (FOR DELTA STATE FACULTY)

PRESENTERS: The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation
MODERATOR: Don Allan Mitchell
LOCATION: Jacob Conference Center, James M. Ewing Hall



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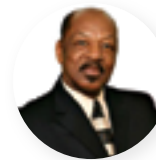
PANEL DISCUSSION:
The 60th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education and Its Influence on Schools

PANEL MEMBERS: Reggie Barnes, Charles Barron, Ann Mitchell and Sally Paulson
MODERATOR: Arlene Sanders
LOCATION: State Room, H.L. Nowell Union



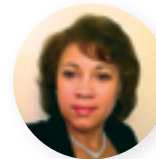
REGINALD BARNES

Barnes, a Greenville native, received his Master of Education in School Administration from Delta State in 1980. He has served the state in numerous educational positions and currently is the co-owner of Educational and Workforce Connection. He also serves as an independent consultant working with community development, administrative mentorship, educational advisory services, at-risk youth and more.



CHARLES BARRON

Barron is a skilled educational leader with 42 years of experience in public education and has established himself as one of Mississippi's leading education reformers. He became Sunflower County School District's conservator in April of 2012, where he leads the district's strategic efforts to prepare students to be creative and productive lifelong learners.



ANN MITCHELL

Mitchell has more than 27 years of progressive experience in public education as an innovative teacher and leader. She has served at all levels of K–12 education for Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. Mitchell has also served on the Mississippi Judicial Performance Commission.



SALLY F. PAULSON

Paulson is an assistant professor of communication at Delta State University where she teaches courses in public communication, interpersonal communication, mass media, debate, intercultural communication and rhetorical theory. Her scholarly interests focus on equal protection law, including gender and disability litigation.

TRACK 3

Hip Hop to Rock: Healing with a Groove

PRESENTER: Travis Calvin
MODERATOR: Tricia Walker
LOCATION: Studio A, Delta Music Institute, Henry L. Whitfield Hall



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TRACK 4

Effective Messaging: Working with the Media to Support Racial Healing and Racial Equity

PRESENTER: Temika Simmons
MODERATOR: Caitlyn Thompson
LOCATION: Baioni Conference Center, James M. Broom Hall



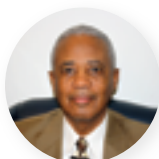
TEMIKA SIMMONS

Simmons is an assistant professor of psychology at Delta State, where she has developed new coursework in psychology to address sensitive topics in racial and gender identity formation. She received the 2014 Delta State University "Diversity Award for Excellence" from Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning.

TRACK 5

What's Faith Got to Do with It?

PRESENTERS: Irving D. Barker and William Barnwell
MODERATOR: Henry Outlaw
LOCATION: Second Floor, West Lobby, H.L. Nowell Union



IRVING D. BARKER

Barker, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, completed his theological studies at American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville. He was a co-producer of "Christian Perspectives," a religious TV program produced through affiliation with the ACTS Television Network. He is the current pastor of Mount Pilgrim M.B. Church of Cleveland.



WILLIAM BARNWELL

Barnwell grew up in Charleston, South Carolina which was completely segregated in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. His first book: "In Richard's World: The Battle of Charleston, 1966" was published about race relations. The University of South Carolina Press republished it last year as part of their Southern Classics Series. Barnwell continues to work on building better race relations, especially through churches. His most recent book, "Lead Me On, Let Me Stand: A Clergyman's Story in White and Black" was published in 2012.

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TRACK 3

PANEL DISCUSSION: Effective Student Leadership

PANEL MEMBERS: Brooks Bishop, Michael Fair, Sydney Hodnett and Mikel Sykes
MODERATOR: Wayne Blansett
LOCATION: Second Floor, West Lobby, H.L. Nowell Union



BROOKS BISHOP

Bishop is a junior Business Management major from Clarksdale and serves as chief of staff of the Student Government Association. He is vice president of the Student Alumni Association, student director for Orientation, a Delta Diplomat, and is involved with set and design for the Pageant Board.



MICHAEL FAIR

Fair is a senior Political Science major from Mound Bayou. He serves as attorney general as well as co-chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association. Fair is a member of Pi Gamma Mu Social Sciences Honor Society and has served on the Diversity Committee and the Student Hall of Fame Committee.



SYDNEY HODNETT

Hodnett is a senior accounting major from Anguilla. She serves as president of the Student Government Association and previously served as SGA Secretary. She is member of Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Order of Omega, Delta Mu Delta, Union Program Council, Student Alumni Association, Student Accountant and Business Administrators and the Wesley Foundation.



MIKEL SYKES

Sykes is a sophomore social science education major from Winona and serves as treasurer of the Student Government Association. He has previously served on the SGA Student Court and is a member of the Delta State band. He is involved in the Union Program Council, Wesley Foundation, Reformed University Fellowship and Mu Phi Epsilon.

TRACK 4

PANEL DISCUSSION:

The World of Diversity and the Impact of Teamwork in the Sports World

PANEL MEMBERS: Paul Babba, Todd Cooley, Lanier Goethie and Ronnie Mayers

MODERATOR: Arlene Sanders

LOCATION: Baioni Conference Center, James M. Broom Hall



PAUL BABBA

Babba is in his third season as the head coach of the Lady Statesmen soccer program. In his first season, Babba implemented a strong defensive and possession position on the pitch, resulting in the second lowest goals against average in the history of the Lady Statesmen program. Babba's collegiate playing career is as impressive as his young coaching acumen. As a four-year starter at Belhaven College, Babba closed his career as the second all-time leading scorer with 37 goals.



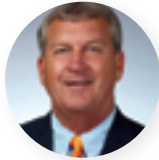
TODD COOLEY

Cooley became the 19th coach in the history of Delta State's football program in 2012. Known as one of the top offensive coordinators in the country, Cooley brought his high-octane system to Delta State after serving as the offensive coordinator at Northwestern Louisiana State University, University of Central Arkansas and Arkansas Tech University. As a player, Cooley was a finalist for the 1997 Harlon Hill Trophy presented to the most outstanding football player in NCAA Division II.



LANIER GOETHIE

Goethie is the recruiting coordinator and linebackers coach at Delta State. Goethie came to Delta State from North Greenville University where he served as an assistant coach. A standout player at Ole Miss, Goethie started at linebacker for three seasons. He was awarded the "Chucky Mullins Award" while a member of the Rebel football family, which is presented to the programs defensive player that exudes excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community.



RONNIE MAYERS

After serving Delta State University for the past 37 years in various capacities, Mayers was named Director of Athletics in 2013. Known as one of the top-tier college swimming coaches, Mayers spent 20 years as the head coach of the men's and women's swimming and diving teams at Delta State. His teams captured five women's conference titles and four men's championships. Mayers has also garnered 14 New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Coach of the Year honors. Mayers has been a staple at Delta State since stepping foot on the Cleveland campus as a student-athlete.

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Local People: The History of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Freedom Summer and the Delta

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MODERATOR: Charles Westmoreland

LOCATION: State Room, H.L. Nowell Union



THOMAS ARMSTRONG

Armstrong is a veteran of the early 1960s Civil Rights Movement, beginning with the Freedom Rides in his native Mississippi. Today, he is a Civic Education Consultant who works with teachers and students to learn about this era. He has co-authored a memoir about his life-altering, freedom-fighting experience. The book, titled "Autobiography of a Freedom Rider: My Life as a Foot Soldier for Civil Rights," is part memoir and historical narrative.



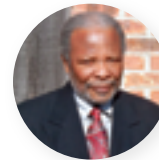
CORINNE BARNWELL

Barnwell was a Civil Rights worker in Mississippi during the summer of 1964. After moving to New Orleans in 1965 she taught in a Freedom School set up in Central City. She then became one of the first Head Start teachers in Louisiana in 1966. Over the years she has served in local government as a social worker on the staff of the first African-American mayor of New Orleans, in state government and as a teacher.



MARGARET BLOCK

Block taught at Freedom Schools in Bolivar County during the 1960s and provided protection for local residents who wished to register to vote. Today she travels around the country educating students about the Mississippi Movement and the importance of freedom songs as an organizing tool.



CHARLES MCLAURIN

Inspired in 1961 by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. after hearing him speak in Jackson, McLaurin joined the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and took part in boycotts, sit-ins, picket demonstrations and voter registration drives during the Civil Rights era. He would soon move to Sunflower County to continue the activism in coordination with Fannie Lou Hamer.



HENRY OUTLAW

Outlaw was long-time chair of the Physical Science Department at Delta State University. With the aid of grants from the Mississippi Humanities Council he has collected oral histories, artifacts and documents related to the Emmett Till murder and developed a traveling exhibit that has won national attention.

5:30 – 7:00 PM. CLOSING SESSION

From Theory to Action: Where Do We Go from Here?

PRESENTERS: The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation

REMARKS: Georgene Clark

MODERATOR: Don Allan Mitchell

LOCATION: Bologna Performing Arts Center



WILLIAM WINTER INSTITUTE FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION

The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation works in communities and classrooms, in Mississippi and beyond, to support a movement of racial equity and wholeness as a pathway to ending and transcending all division and discrimination based on difference.



MELODY FRIERSON

Frierson is the youth project coordinator at the Winter Institute. Her educational background is in Afro-American studies, psychology and gender studies. As a student at the University of Mississippi, she was an intern at the Institute and helped organize several anti-racism and oppression workshops.



JENNIFER STOLLMAN

Stollman is the academic director at the Winter Institute. Some of her teaching and research interests include American intellectual history, the study of collective and individual identity development, American religious history, 19th-century American history, history of American disasters, labor and collective movements, history of the American South, great thinkers and feminist and gender theory.

7:00 – 8:00 PM. RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNINGS

LOCATION: Lobby and Tims Gallery, Bologna Performing Arts Center

BOOK SIGNINGS

THOMAS ARMSTRONG

Autobiography of a Freedom Rider: My Life as a Foot Soldier for Civil Rights

WILLIAM BARNWELL

Lead Me On, Let Me Stand: A Clergyman's Story in White and Black

JOHN DITTMER

Local People: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi

The Good Doctors: The Medical Committee for Human Rights and the Struggle for Social Justice in Healthcare

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