Voting Rights 1965-2015: Commemorating 50 Years

24th Annual
Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium

Middle Tennessee State University
October 28th-29th
James Union Building
Program
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All events are free and open to the public

Wednesday, October 28th

7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Registration........................................................................................................Lobby, James Union Building

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
American Democracy Project Voter Registration.........................Lobby, James Union Building

8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
Languages, Literature, and Art.................................................................Hazlewood Room
Moderator: Dr. Andrew R. Wyatt (Department of Sociology and Anthropology)

• "Culture, Language, Art and History in France: A Study Abroad Experience" (Sophie Moran)

• "Gavin Hood’s Tsotsi and J.M. Coetzee’s Disgrace: Utilizing the Anti-Hero Format and Unveiling Privilege" (Dylan Miller)

• "Alexander Z. Looby: Civil Rights Attorney” (Shelley George)

Culture and Society......................................................................................Dining Room C
Moderator: TBA

• "The Act of Testimony and Belief in the Case Study of Gay Mormons” (Keven Lewis)

• “Airbnb and how it has contributed to global ‘Gentrification of Accommodation’” (James McNairn)

• "The September 11th Tragedy: Why Were We the Targets?” (Deanna Mix)

• "Bullying, New Age Same Story: An Analysis of the Impact of Social Network and Internet Use on Peer Aggression and In-Person Bullying” (Morgan Coffey)
9:10 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.
Garbology.................................................................................................................................Hazlewood Room
Moderator: Dr. Andrew R. Wyatt (Department of Sociology and Anthropology)

- Randy Crider, Jeannette Foote, Jonathan Smith, Alyssa Smith
- Tory Decourval, Ross Haines, Virginia Osborne
- Autumn Butterworth, Kelsey Lamkin, Toriana Williams
- Jeffrey LaPorte, James Pegler, Colton Revard
- James Owen, Beth Bennett, Miranda Blackwell
- Nathaly Campo, Alicia Gillis, Kellye Guinan, Cheryl-Ann Whitaker

Archaeology of Death (Poster Session)..........................................................Dining Room C
Moderator: Dr. Shannon Chappell Hodge (Department of Sociology and Anthropology)

10:20 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Sociology Senior Seminar.........................................................................................Hazlewood Room
Moderator: Dr. Foster Amey

- "Changing Attitudes: Examining Changes in Tolerance of Homosexuality and Approval for Gay Marriage 1970s to Present" (Charlotte A. "Cat" Archer)
- "Attitudes toward Corporal Punishment of Children in America: Impact of Religious Fundamentalism and Additional Sociodemographic Predictors of Support" (Jacob B. Lax)
- "Race Differences in Attitudes Toward Homosexuality in the US" (Natalie Foster)

Archaeology of Death (Poster Session)..........................................................Dining Room C
Moderator: Dr. Shannon Chappell Hodge (Department of Sociology and Anthropology)
12:40 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.
Panel Discussion: Voting Rights.................................................................Tennessee Room
Moderator: Dr. Sekou Franklin (Department of Political Science and International Relations)

- Dr. Rip Patton: Civil Rights Activist with the Nashville Movement, the Freedom Rides, and Operation W.A.V.E. initiative
- Joshua Crutchfield: Black Lives Matter of Nashville
- Attorney Elizabeth McClellan: O’Neal v. Goins case (voter rights for former felons)
- Justin Jones: Founder of the Nashville Student Organizing Committee & Nashville Student Organizing Committee v. Hargett case (challenging the state voter ID law)

2:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Movie: Selma (Followed by Q & A).................Tennessee Room
Moderator: Dr. Louis Woods (Department of Political Science and International Relations)
Thursday, October 29th

7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Registration.........................................................................................Lobby, James Union Building

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
American Democracy Project Voter Registration......................Lobby, James Union Building

8:00 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.
Health and Gender......................................................................................Hazlewood Room
Moderator: TBA

• “The Actions of Developed Nations and International Institutions Policies on Food Security and Poverty in Developing Nations (Sara Alana Stein)

• “Need Assessment and Feasibility Study of Akashanda Health Center (Jessica Shotwell)

• “Gendered Marketing: The Selling of Values, Expectations, and Normalcy” (Marissa Georgi)

Archaeology..................................................................................................Dining Room C
Moderator: Dr. Shannon Chappell Hodge (Department of Sociology and Anthropology)

• “Stones and Bones in Neolithic Ireland (Lydia Harris)

• “40OB6, Mississippian Site Turned Dam” (JoBeth Sorensen)

• “Half a Story: Changing Middle Tennessee’s Narrative to Include Native Americans” (Kelsey Lamkin)

9:40 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.
John Early Museum Magnet Middle School Panel.................................Hazlewood Room
Moderator: Dr. Shannon Chappell Hodge (Department of Sociology and Anthropology)
Gender and Child Welfare

Dining Room C

Moderator: Lesley Renee Hanlin

- “Sexual Assault Policy on University Campuses; Is Title IX Enough?” (Lesley Renee Hanlin)
- “Workplace Accommodations for Breastfeeding Mothers: Are We Doing Enough?” (Amber Pogacsnik)
- “Child Welfare & the Effectiveness of Current Policies and Programs” (Daphne Bunch)
- Sex Education Policy and the State of Tennessee” (Michelle Estes)

11:20 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Hazlewood Room

Moderator: Lesley Renee Hanlin

Archaeology of Death (Poster Session)

Dining Room C

Moderator: Dr. Shannon Chappell Hodge (Department of Sociology and Anthropology)
1:00 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bernard LaFayette.............................................................Tennessee Room
Moderator: Pat Embry (Director, John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies)

Bernard LaFayette, Jr. has been a Civil Rights Movement activist, minister, educator, lecturer, and is an authority on the strategy on nonviolent social change. He co-founded the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1960. He was a leader of the Nashville Movement, 1960, and the Freedom Rides, 1961 and the 1965 Selma Movement.

He directed the Alabama Voter Registration Project in 1962, and he was appointed National Program Administrator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and National Coordinator of the 1968 Poor Peoples’ Campaign by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. LaFayette has served as Director of Peace and Justice in Latin America; Chairperson of the Consortium on Peace Research, Education and Development; Director of the PUSH Excel Institute; and minister of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tuskegee, Alabama.

An ordained minister, Dr. LaFayette earned the B.A. from the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Ed.M. and Ed.D. from Harvard University. He served on the faculties of Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta and Alabama State University in Montgomery, where he was Dean of the Graduate School. He was principal of Tuskegee Institute High School in Tuskegee, Alabama and a teaching fellow at Harvard University.

His publications include the Curriculum and Training Manual for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Nonviolent Community Leadership Training Program, his doctoral thesis, Pedagogy for Peace and Nonviolence, and Campus Ministries and Social Change in the ’60’s (Duke Divinity Review) and The Leaders Manual: A Structured Guide and Introduction to Kingian Nonviolence with David Jehnsen. Bernard LaFayette has traveled extensively to many countries as a lecturer and consultant on peace and nonviolence.
Dr. LaFayette is a former President of the American Baptist College of ABT Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee; Scholar in Residence at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, Georgia; and Pastor emeritus of the Progressive Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. He was founder and director of the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies at the University of Rhode Island from 1998 until 2006.

Since 2006, he has held the position of Distinguished Senior Scholar in Residence at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. He is chairman of the Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) – founded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He is married to the former Kate Bulls and is the father of two sons.

He is the National Civil Rights Museum’s National Freedom Award recipient for 2012. The following statement was made when the award was presented: “He never stopped believing in the future even when he was arrested with other riders in Jackson, Mississippi and jailed in Parchman State Prison Farm in 1961.”

He is the author of the newly published “In Peace and Freedom: My Journey in Selma”. Congressman John Lewis, in his foreword to the book, states, “A powerful history of struggle, commitment, and hope. No one, but no one, who lived through the creation and development of the movement for voting rights in Selma is better prepared to tell this story than Bernard LaFayette himself.”
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