

# A Single Struggle?

## The Global Convergence of Civil and Human Rights

### Conference Schedule

#### Featured Conference Speakers

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Carver Theater for the Performing Arts

6:00 PM-9:00 PM Screening of the film "The Devil Came on Horseback"

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

8:00 AM-3:00 PM Conference registration

8:00 AM-9:00 AM Continental breakfast

9:00 AM-10:00 AM Opening Session

Speaker: Dr. Lewis Baldwin, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
*"Toward the Beloved Community: Martin Luther King, Jr. and South Africa"*

10:15 AM-11:15 AM

SESSION I A Review of Human Rights Standards & Social Commentary

SESSION II Defining Human Rights

12:00 PM-1:15 PM

Luncheon Sixteenth Street Baptist Church

Speaker: Carolyn McKinstry, President, Sixteenth Street Foundation  
*"Human Rights: Where Do We Go From Here?"*

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Session III When One Leads to the Other: Examining Connections Among Human Rights Struggles

Session IV From Operation Crossroads Africa to SNCC: The Role of Students in the Movement

3:30 PM-4:00 PM

Sessions Wrap-up

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Screening of the film "A Dream in Doubt"

Friday, May 2, 2008

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

8:00 AM-1:00 PM Conference registration

8:00 AM-9:00 AM Continental breakfast

9:00 AM-10:00 AM Today's Campus Activism: A Discussion

10:15 AM-11:15 AM

Session V Incarceration as Methodology: Interment, Imprisonment, and Rebellion

Session VI What's Gender Got to Do With It? Women, Justice and the Struggle for Human Rights

12:00 PM-1:15 PM

Luncheon Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

Speaker: Douglas Shipman, Executive Director, Center for Civil & Human Rights Partnership, Atlanta, GA  
*"The Center for Civil and Human Rights Partnership"*

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Session VII Technology, Militancy and Human Rights: Two Views

Session VIII Mounting Struggle at the Local Level

3:30 PM-4:00 PM

Conference Wrap-up

4:00 PM-5:00 PM Tour Birmingham Civil Rights Institute's Permanent Exhibition



Lewis Baldwin



Carolyn McKinstry



Doug Shipman

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#### CONFERENCE INFORMATION

##### REGISTRATION

Conference registration is \$60.00 for all events. To register, please fill out and return the attached registration form to the **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, ATTN: Laura Anderson, 520 Sixteenth Street North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203**. Please make checks payable to the **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute**.

##### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute will provide a limited number of scholarships for conference registration. For more information please go to the Institute's Web site at [www.bcri.org](http://www.bcri.org) to download the scholarship form. All forms must be mailed by April 10, 2008 to the **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, ATTN: Laura Anderson, 520 16th Street North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203**.

##### ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will be held at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Participants are responsible for their own lodging arrangements. Accommodations are available through the Redmont Hotel 2101 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. Call toll-free: 877-536-2085. A conference rate of \$89.00 per room is available. Reservations will be accepted at the discounted amount until April 15, 2008. After this date, requests will be honored on an availability basis only. To secure this rate, please ask for the BCRI Human Rights Conference rate.

#### A SINGLE STRUGGLE? REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Over the course of the 20th century, many individuals and groups have achieved profound social changes in the name of human rights. National liberation movements drove out colonial powers; labor unions established the right to strike; women succeeded in gaining the vote. In America, African Americans sought and achieved relief from oppression in all of its various forms. While these accomplishments are the results of struggles for the protection of humans, civil and human rights have evolved as distinct privileges accorded to the world's people. Many scholars consider civil rights to be those liberties bestowed by nations on citizens within their territorial borders while human rights are rights individuals possess by virtue of membership in the human race. One concept is derived from the legalities of civilized society while the other is an extension of man's place in nature. All too often, the scholarly perspective is that a civil rights movement (as in the American social movement of the 1950's and 1960's) is distinctly different from non-Western freedom struggles that take place in other parts of the world within distinctly non-Western cultures. The resulting analysis of such events does not allow the similarities of human struggle to define or influence the impact of what is undertaken by those individuals. "A Single Struggle?" will examine those societal attributes that have evolved into the accepted differences separating civil rights from human rights.



Refugees in Menawashi, Darfur (top) and the burning village of Um Zeifa--photos (c) Brian Steidle

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**Birmingham Civil Rights Institute**

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April 30, 2008 - May 2, 2008

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**SESSION I — Thursday, May 1 — 10:15—11:15a.m.**

**The Consequences of Applying a Human Rights Standard to Racial Discrimination**

James A. Gross, PhD  
Cornell University

**‘Broke, Hungry, Ragged Dirty, Too’:  
The Civil Rights Movement Through Sleepy John Estes’ Social Commentary**

Zanice Bond de Perez  
University of Kansas

**SESSION III — Thursday, May 1 — 1:30—2:30p.m.**

**Comparing the U.S. Civil Rights and Gay Rights Movements**

Melinda Chateauvert, PhD  
University of Maryland

**Human Rights, the Rights of Childhood, and America’s Struggle for Racial Equality**

Rebecca de Scheinitz, PhD  
Brigham Young University

**SESSION V — Friday, May 2 — 10:15—11:15a.m.**

**The Export of Jim Crow**

Rhone Fraser  
Temple University

**‘We Are One People’: The 1970 New York City Jail Rebellions and the Practice of Solidarity**

Toussaint G. Losier  
University of Chicago

**The Rights of Other: American Internments and Human Rights During World War II**

Stephen Mak  
Northwestern University

**SESSION VII — Friday, May 2 — 1:30—2:30p.m.**

**Technology Diffusion and Human Rights Struggles**

William Campbell

**Roi Ottley’s War: Black Militancy, Civil Rights and the Limits of Black Internationalism, 1935-1952**

Mark Andrew Huddle, PhD  
Saint Bonaventure University

**SESSION II — Thursday, May 1 — 10:15—11:15a.m.**

**Humanitarian or Human Rights? Reason and Emotion in Recent Historiography of Human Rights**

Matthew Specter, PhD  
George Mason University

**On the Road to Human: A People’s Struggle to Be**

Georgette Norman  
Troy University Rosa Parks Museum

**SESSION IV — Thursday, May 1 — 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

**From Civil Rights to Human Rights: The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Indivisible Struggle**

Julia Erin Wood  
Yale University

**James Robinson and the Harlem Origins of Operation Crossroads Africa, 1953-1960**

Damon Freeman, PhD  
University of Pennsylvania

**SESSION VI — Friday, May 2 — 10:15—11:15a.m.**

**Not Slavery in Her Own Country: The Human Rights Struggle of African American and Black South African Women in the 1950s**

Pam Brooks, PhD  
Oberlin College

**A Wall is Just a Wall and Nothing Else at All: Assata Shakur, Human Rights and Gender and Criminal Justice**

Erin Boade  
University of Texas at Austin

**SESSION VIII — Friday, May 2 — 1:30—2:30p.m.**

**It’s Progress, Ain’t Nothin’ You Can Do: Highways, Housing, and Human Rights in Montgomery, Alabama, 1956-1970**

Robert Heinrich  
Brandeis University

**Holding Back the Ocean With a Broom: Collective Struggles of Local Participants During the Civil Rights Movement**

Rhonda Jones, PhD  
North Carolina Central University