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The Civil Rights Movement in Delaware

Delaware State University (DSU) and the Delaware Historical Society are partnering to sponsor a two-day symposium examining the history of the Civil rights Movement in Delaware and the nation fifty years after the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

*The Civil Rights Movement in Delaware: Its History – Its Legacy* will take place on the campus of Delaware State University on October 2nd and 3rd. The keynote speaker is Dr. Dorothy Cotton, who will speak at 6:15 p.m. on October 2nd. Dr. Cotton was the Education Director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a member of Dr. Martin Luther King’s executive staff. She was present at the Lorraine Motel when Dr. King was assassinated.

Dr. Brett Gadsden, a professor of history at Emory University and a former Delawarean, will speak on public school desegregation in Delaware the morning of October 3rd.

The symposium’s full schedule follows:

**October 2**

4:00 p.m. National Museum of African American History and Culture
John W. Franklin
DSU Education & Humanities Building Conference Room

6:15 p.m. *Songs of the Movement*
Dr. Dorothy Cotton
DSU Education & Humanities Building Theater

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October 3

9:30 a.m. Welcome
Dr. Marshall Stevenson
DSU Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center

9:45 a.m. Civil Rights in Delaware: 1964 Project
Marcia Taylor, William Haywood and Robin Krawitz
DSU Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center

11:00 a.m. Delaware State College, Desegregation and the Long Arc of Racial Reform
Dr. Brett Gadsden
DSU Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center

12:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Closing Remarks
Dr. Marshall Stevenson

The symposium is accompanied by a special exhibition of art and photographs reflecting the Civil Rights movement in Delaware which is installed in the art gallery of the William C. Jason Library on the DSU campus. The symposium is partially funded by a grant from the Delaware Humanities Forum.

The symposium is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Please visit www.dehistory.org or call (302) 655-7161 to register for the symposium.

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