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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The keynote speaker is Dr. Dorothy Cotton, who will speak at 6:15 p.m. on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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.	<i>Songs of the Movement</i> 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](http://www.dehistory.org) or call (302) 655-7161 to register for the symposium.

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