



SUMMER SEMINAR

July 31-August 4, 2023

Taylor Center • Goodwyn Hall • Moore Hall
Auburn University at Montgomery

A MESSAGE FROM THE CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIC VIRTUE SOCIETY PROJECT DIRECTORS

We are grateful for your participation with us in this inaugural summer seminar. Our goals are to increase our understanding of Civil Rights history, deepen our knowledge of civic virtues, and develop communities of faculty and students who work together to serve our campus and the city of Montgomery.

This seminar is an initiative of the Civil Rights & Civic Virtue Society whose mission is to foster civic identity, commitment, and civic-mindedness through community-engaged learning opportunities.

We are grateful to the John Templeton Foundation for their generous support that makes this week's seminar possible.

Sincerely,

Aaron D. Cobb & Lynn Stallings



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MONDAY, JULY 31

8:30-9:00	Refreshments and Welcome
9:00-10:15	Community Building and Norm Setting
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	Montgomery Bus Boycotts & Freedom Rides
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Bus to Montgomery
1:30-4:00	Rosa Parks Museum and Exploration of Montgomery
4:00-4:30	Bus to AUM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30-9:00	Refreshments and Welcome
9:00-10:15	Selma & the Voting Rights Struggle
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	Keynote Presentation: Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries <i>Fighting for Freedom Rights in Lowndes County, Alabama, 1965-1966</i> <i>Introduction: Dr. Pia Knigge</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Bus to Selma
2:00-4:00	National Voting Rights Museum and Institute
4:00-5:00	Bus to AUM

All learning sessions and lunches on Monday and Tuesday will be in Taylor Center 222-223. All keynote presentations will be in Goodwyn 109.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30-9:00	Refreshments and Welcome
9:00-10:15	Birmingham and Project Confrontation
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	Keynote Presentation: Dr. Nancy Snow <i>Hope as a Democratic Civic Virtue</i> <i>Introduction: Prof. Elizabeth Burrows</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Bus to Montgomery
1:30-4:00	Legacy Museum and Memorial for Peace & Justice
4:00-4:30	Bus to AUM

All learning sessions and lunches will be in Taylor Center 222-223. The keynote presentation will be in Goodwyn 109.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30-9:00	Refreshments and Welcome
9:00-10:15	Character and Civic virtue
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	Keynote Presentation: Dr. Bradley Burroughs <i>The Ways of Wisdom in the Quest for Justice</i> <i>Introduction: Dr. Katie Waddell</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:15	Scholar in Residence: Dr. Sabrina Little <i>Empathy as a Propaedeutic to Justice</i> <i>Introduction: Dr. Aaron Cobb</i>
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-3:45	Workshop: Serving Montgomery

All learning sessions and lunches will be in Goodwyn 318. Keynote presentations will be in Goodwyn 109.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30-9:00	Refreshments and Welcome
9:00-10:15	Panel Interview: Community Organizations <i>Panelists</i> Rev. Ken Austin, Mercy House/MAP Jannah Bailey, River Region United Way Bryishun Pernell, Family Guidance Center Rev. Richard Williams, The Beacon Center Jocelyn Zanzot, City of Montgomery <i>Moderator: Amy Ingram</i>
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	Workshop 1: Civic Engagement Communities of Practice
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:15	Workshop 2: Civic Engagement Communities of Practice
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-3:15	Community of Practice Presentations
3:15-3:30	Closing Remarks

The panel interview will be in Moore Hall 106. The rest of the sessions will be in Moore Hall 302.

Keynote Presenters



Fighting for Freedom Rights in Lowndes County, Alabama, 1965-1966

Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries (The Ohio State University)

Dr. Jeffries is Associate Professor of History at The Ohio State University. He graduated from Morehouse College with a B.A. in History and holds a Ph.D. in African American History from Duke University. He has chronicled the Civil Rights Movement in the ten-episode Audible Originals series "Great Figures of the Civil Rights Movement," and has told the remarkable story of the original

Black Panther Party in **Bloody Lowndes: Civil Rights and Black Power in Alabama's Black Belt**. He has collaborated on several public history projects, including serving as the lead scholar and primary scriptwriter for the renovation and redesign of the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, the site of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His commitment to teaching what he calls "Hard History" led him edit **Understanding and Teaching the Civil Rights Movement**, a collection of essays by leading civil rights scholars and teachers that explores how to teach civil rights history accurately and effectively, and to host the podcast "Teaching Hard History," a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Learning for Justice division. He has also contributed to documentary film projects as an historical advisor and featured on-camera scholar, including the 2023 PBS documentary *Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World*.

Hope as a Democratic Civic Virtue

Dr. Nancy Snow (University of Kansas)

Dr. Snow is professor of philosophy at the University of Kansas. She earned a B.A. and a M.A. in Philosophy from Marquette University. She also holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from University of Notre Dame. She was formerly the Director of the Institute for the Study of Human Flourishing at the University of Oklahoma. Her research interests are in virtue ethics, moral psychology, and virtue epistemology. She is the author of **Virtue as Social Intelligence: An Empirically Grounded Theory, Contemporary Virtue**



Ethics, and seventy papers on virtue and ethics more broadly. She is the co-author (with Jennifer Cole Wright and Michael T. Warren) of **Understanding Virtue: Theory and Measurement** and has edited or co-edited seven volumes. She is the series editor of "The Virtues," a fifteen-book series published by Oxford University Press. From 2014-2022, she has either co-directed, been the principal investigator on, or been heavily involved with interdisciplinary grants totaling a little under \$10 million. In addition to other projects, she is currently editing a book on hope, authoring a monograph on hope, and planning work on a monograph on virtue ethics and virtue epistemology.

Keynote Presenters



The Ways of Wisdom in the Quest for Justice

Dr. Bradley Burroughs (Wake Forest University)

Dr. Burroughs is the Director of Leadership and Character in Academic, Civic, and Religious Life in the Program for Leadership and Character at Wake Forest University. He received a B.A. from Allegheny College, an M.Div from Duke University Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University. In his work at Wake Forest University, he contributes to a number of initiatives, including teaching; helping instructors integrate leadership and character content into courses across the university; leading extracurricular discussion groups; and facilitating the Principled Pluralism Fellowship, which aims to help students develop the skills and virtues to work constructively across differences. His research integrates theological ethics, modern social theory, and contemporary theories of virtue to explore the role and development of character in contemporary life. He is the author of **Christianity, Politics, and the Predicament of Evil: A Constructive Theological Ethic of Soulcraft and Statecraft**. Prior to joining Wake Forest, he taught at Allegheny College, United Theological Seminary, and the Graduate Theological Union, where he held a joint appointment at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. In addition to his academic work, he also has experience in broad-based community organizing.

Scholar in Residence

Empathy as a Propaedeutic to Justice

Dr. Sabrina Little (Christopher Newport University)

Dr. Little is a philosopher in the Department of Leadership & American Studies at Christopher Newport University. She earned her doctorate in Philosophy at Baylor University, her master's in Philosophical Theology at Yale Divinity School, and her bachelor's in Philosophy and Psychology at the College of William and Mary. Sabrina's research is in moral psychology, virtue ethics, and ancient philosophy. Her first book, **The Examined Run** (OUP, 2024), explores how to use distance running as a laboratory for virtue.



Abstracts

Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries (The Ohio State University)

Fighting for Freedom Rights in Lowndes County, Alabama, 1965-1966

The Selma voting rights campaign did not mark the end of the civil rights movement, but rather the start of a bold new phase, one seeking Black empowerment through Black political representation. This presentation will examine the movement in Lowndes County, Alabama, which in the wake of Selma, emerged as the frontline of the struggle to secure longstanding civil and human rights goals through grassroots electoral politics.

Dr. Nancy Snow (University of Kansas)

Hope as a Democratic Civic Virtue

Disturbing currents of populism have surfaced recently in several countries, including the United States. In this presentation I argue for a conception of hope as a democratic civic virtue. In section 1, I give a general overview of hope and sketch an initial conception of hope as a democratic civic virtue. In section 2, the stage is set for further theorizing of this conception in the present American context. Drawing on the work of Ghassan Hage, I make the point that the United States could become a nation of worriers in part because of the failure of the government to distribute social hope. In section 3, I describe what hope as a democratic civic virtue could look like in the United States today. Section 4 concludes with brief comments about theorizing civic hope in the context of a modified pragmatism.

Dr. Bradley Burroughs (Wake Forest University University)

The Ways of Wisdom in the Quest for Justice

Among the many virtues that promote the flourishing of civic life, wisdom occupies a unique place in that it relies upon other virtues while also helping to guide how those virtues are enacted. Drawing from the example of easily overlooked figures of the Civil Rights Movement, this presentation considers the different ways in which wisdom can be manifested in civic life. Moreover, it considers how wisdom might be cultivated in our present moment by considering key initiatives of the Program for Leadership and Character at Wake Forest University.

Dr. Sabrina Little (Christopher Newport University)

Empathy as a Propaedeutic to Justice

Amid the racial segregation and social unrest of the 1960s, several scholars championed empathy as the solution for getting people to care about the oppressed. In my talk, I will address empathy in connection to justice--its strengths, such as how it helps us to see the humanity of others, and its limitations, i.e. its narrow scope and the fact that it does not sustain virtue long-term. I will talk about the implications for relying on empathy in long-term struggles for justice, and in dismantling broken systems.

Summer Seminar Faculty Fellows

Dr. Kimberly Brackett

Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work
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