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SNCC Conference Votes: 'People's Conferences' Will Decide Program

ATLANTA, GEORGIA - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) will place major emphasis in 1965 on organizing "People's Conferences" and support of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP).

These decisions, and others, were made at a seven-day meeting of SNCC's Coordinating Committee in Atlanta February 12 - 19. The meeting also decided:

- to encourage "People's Conferences" in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia. Local people assembled at these conferences would decide on programs they wanted implemented in their areas. The four state conferences would lead to a larger meeting bringing together people from across the South to a "Let The People Speak" conference.
- to mobilize 2,000 students as a "Washington Lobby" in the nation's capitol. Members of the "Lobby" may engage in non-violent direct action to support the MFDP's challenge and to demand "Free Elections in Mississippi."

The MFDP, at a February 21 meeting in Jackson, voted on a COFO-style summer project involving summer volunteers. MFDP county chairmen will orient incoming volunteers once they arrive in the counties where local FDP chapters have requested them.

Members of the SNCC Arkansas staff are planning a late May state-wide meeting of local people to discuss future projects.

SNCC WORKERS EXPAND INTO ALA. BLACK BELT

More Into Five Rural Counties



SELMA, ALA. - Workers for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) have begun voter registration organization in five counties surrounding Selma.

SNCC Chairman John Lewis spoke at the first registration mass meeting ever held in Coz in nearby Wilcox County where there are no registered Negro voters. Negroes comprise 78% of the county's population.

George Beas, a SNCC worker, has been organizing in Marion in Perry County for eight weeks. It was here that Jimmy Lee Jackson was shot and killed by Alabama State Troopers and white bystanders last and clashed Negro marchers and newsmen.

N. A. A. C. P.

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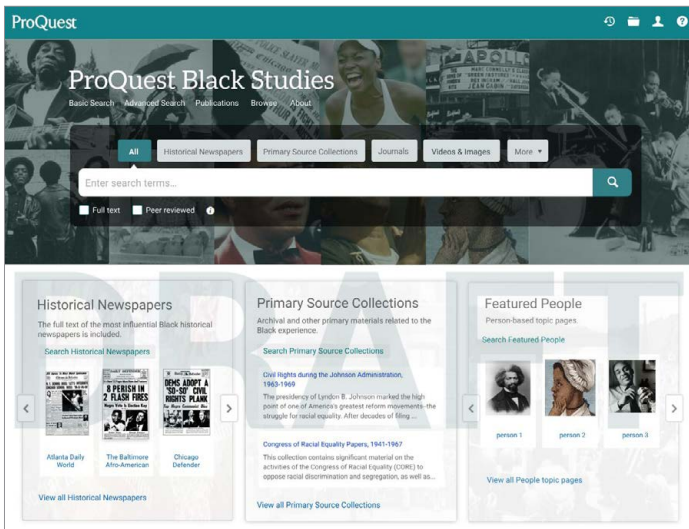


PROQUEST'S BLACK STUDIES COLLECTION provides a major research database on the all-important topic of Black Studies while also providing helpful context and functionality that allows the database to be accessed by all levels of researchers. The easy-to-use interface enables students to find the resources they need by topic pages, timelines, collection pages, and more. Professors and teachers can access the content in ProQuest Black Studies to create writing assignments or for class discussions, and students who are expected to write a research papers can use ProQuest Black Studies as a key source for their papers. Graduate students can also use ProQuest Black Studies to complete articles, research seminar papers, theses, and dissertations.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- The new ProQuest Black Studies collection has as its foundation the component parts of Black Studies Center. These are the Schomburg Studies on the Black Experience and Black Studies Periodicals. The Schomburg Studies are a collection of 32 essays by leading scholars providing a basic introduction to major topics in the field of Black Studies. The Black Studies Periodicals consist of articles from over 160 periodicals including scholarly journals, magazines, and current issues periodicals. Starting from these two components, ProQuest Black Studies will greatly expand on these sources with an amazing array of primary source material from other ProQuest and Alexander Street databases, brought together, from disparate platforms, into one location, offering a research experience second to none.
- The centerpiece of ProQuest Black Studies is ten historical newspapers and over 120 archival collections and 160 full text journals that focus on Black Studies. These collections will cover the period from the colonial era through to the 21st Century.
- The ten newspapers included in ProQuest Black Studies are among the most distinguished African American newspapers in the U.S. The newspapers are:
 - *Atlanta Daily World* (1931–2010)
 - *Baltimore Afro-American* (1893–1988)
 - *Chicago Defender* (1910–2010)
 - *Cleveland Call and Post* (1934–1991)
 - *Los Angeles Sentinel* (1934–2005)
- *Michigan Chronicle* (1936–2010)
- *New York Amsterdam News* (1922–1993)
- *Norfolk Journal and Guide* (1916–2003)
- *Philadelphia Tribune* (1912–2001)
- *Pittsburgh Courier* (1911–2010)
- The archival collections in ProQuest Black Studies are highlighted by the NAACP Papers. The NAACP Papers have been called the most important collection for research on the Black Freedom Movement in the 20th Century.
- Alongside the NAACP Papers, ProQuest Black Studies will also include the records of three of the most important civil rights organizations of the 1950s and 1960s: Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).
- Other important collections of organizational records in ProQuest Black Studies are the records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, which was the first national union of Black workers officially affiliated with the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and later with the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs is the oldest African American women's organization in the United States.
- This collection also includes records of the Revolutionary Action Movement, League of Revolutionary Black Workers, F.B.I. Files on Black Panther leaders Huey Newton and Eldridge Cleaver, and the newspaper of the Black Panther Party.
- Key primary source collections focusing on Slavery and the Abolitionist Movement include the Race, Slavery and Free Blacks project, edited by Loren Schweninger, and the Black Abolitionist Papers, edited by C. Peter Ripley and George E. Carter.
- ProQuest Black Studies will also include content from Alexander Street's Black Thought and Culture, featuring works by over 500 Black writers and intellectuals such as W. E. B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells Barnett, Amiri Baraka, Carter G. Woodson, Malcolm X, and many others.



COMING IN 2022!

ProQuest Black Studies will continue to grow with both existing ProQuest and Alexander Street multimedia collections, as well as new products that will launch in 2022 and beyond.

EASY TO USE FUNCTIONALITY MAKES DISCOVERING CONTENT EASIER

ProQuest Black Studies will be available on the newly-enhanced ProQuest Platform and will include features that will make discovering content much easier for students.

- Topic pages on people, organizations, and events will help students to get important background information as well as find key primary sources. A common assignment in introductory classes is to have students write papers focusing on an important person or event in African American History. Topic pages will help students decide on potential paper topics and guide them to useful source for their research.
- A timeline organized by timeline categories such as “Jim Crow Era,” or “Civil Rights and Black Power Movement,” or “Contemporary Era” will allow students to easily find documents on important historical events.
- Each archival collection will have a dedicated collection page. The collection page will include a description of the

collection, similar to a scope and content note, and it will also include the key bibliographic data about the collection. Each collection page will also display the archival arrangement of the collection, allowing researchers to understand the organization of the collection and to page through the collections in the same order that they would if they were visiting the physical archive. This feature will allow professors and librarians to introduce students to important aspects of archival research, in an online environment.

- ProQuest Black Studies will also have segmented search results by content type, allowing users of the database to easily distinguish between archival materials, newspapers, periodicals, and other sources.
- Researchers will be able to use multi-faceted results filtering, browse lists of content and download PDFs faster, and use enhanced post-processing tasks, such as citing, saving, and sharing materials into workflow tools.

A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW THE CONTENT WILL WORK TOGETHER

A common assignment in African American history classes is to ask students to write a biographical paper or a paper focused on an important historical event. The topic pages and the timeline in ProQuest Black Studies will allow students to examine newspaper articles, archival collections, and journals articles focused on individual people and events, giving them the raw materials they would need to complete a wide range of assignments, from short reaction papers to longer research projects.

W.E.B. Du Bois

A topic page on Du Bois will be created. From the topic page, students will be able to retrieve results from NAACP Papers and other archival collections, from historical newspapers, from his writings in Alexander Street’s Black Thought and Culture, and from the journals and essays that are part of Black Studies Center.

March on Washington, 1963

A timeline entry on March on Washington, 1963, will allow students to search across historical newspapers and archival

collections to retrieve first-person accounts of the event, correspondence pertaining to the planning of the event. Journal articles allow students to get background information on the event and understand how scholars have analyzed the March on Washington.


Voting rights

A search on voting rights will retrieve results from numerous archival collections, historical newspapers, and journal articles. In addition, the timeline will include several entries pertaining to voting rights allowing students to focus on a specific event such as a Supreme Court case on voting rights or the Selma voting rights campaign.

ProQuest Black Studies

<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">5</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">MILLION PAGES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18th and 19th Century Collections on Race, Slavery, & the Abolitionist Movement</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Slavery Petitions • Plantation Records Black Abolitionist Papers</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: white;"><i>“I love the topic pages that feature people, events, or organizations. These are ideal for asking students to dig deeper and great entry points for paper research.”</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; color: white;">– Ashley D. Farmer, University of Texas, Austin</p>
<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">60</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">THOUSAND RECORDS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19th Century Periodicals on Abolitionist Movement</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Historical Black Newspapers</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Atlanta Daily World • Baltimore Afro-American • Chicago Defender Cleveland Call and Post • Los Angeles Sentinel • Michigan Chronicle New York Amsterdam News • Norfolk New Journal and Guide Philadelphia Tribune • Pittsburgh Courier</p>
<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">120</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">PRIMARY SOURCE COLLECTIONS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JIM CROW ERA • BLACK POWER CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT FREEDOM • SLAVERY VOTING RIGHTS • BLACK LIVES MATTER COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT • CIVIL RIGHTS ACT NAACP • DISCRIMINATION</p>	
<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">164</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">JOURNALS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20th Century Civil Rights & Black Power Primary Sources</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NAACP, SCLC, SNCC, CORE Records National Association of Colored Women Papers Black Panther Newspaper White House and Department of Justice Records on Civil Rights</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AWARD WINNING CONTENT</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> </div>
<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">1775–2010</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">YEARS OF COVERAGE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Major Writings by African American Intellectuals from Alexander Street’s Black Thought and Culture</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Black Studies Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicago Defender, 1910–1975 • Schomburg Studies • Black Studies Periodicals • Black Literature Index

+ ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

To assist professors and students to use key Black Studies resources in our databases, take a look at the following. Explore the resources by clicking on the icon  next to each title.

Use Cases

Unearthing the Hidden History of the Voter Education Project (VEP)

Evan Faulkenbury, Associate Professor of History, SUNY Cortland

Learn how Evan Faulkenbury used primary source materials from History Vault to research his book "Poll Power: The Voter Education Project and the Movement for the Ballot in the American South."

African American Women and the Women's Army Corps during World War II

Morgan Carlton, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of Michigan

Explore a sampling of the stories of African American women in the Women's Army Corps during World War II.

Using ProQuest History Vault in the Undergraduate Research Seminar

Kenneth Janken, professor of African American and Diaspora Studies, University of North Carolina

Professor Janken recently assigned the civil rights content in ProQuest History Vault to his undergraduate research seminar course in African American Studies. We asked him several questions about his experience using History Vault in this course.

Resource Guides

Researching the Civil Rights Movement

Compiled by Daniel Lewis, ProQuest Senior Product Manager, Historical Collections

The format for this resource guide is to introduce books that a student might use for background information and to get an understanding of the historiography for the topic. Following the books, there are descriptions and suggestions of primary source content that can be found in ProQuest databases relevant to each topic.

Black Women and Civic Engagement from Reconstruction through the Jim Crow Era

Compiled by Gabrielle Peterson, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of Michigan

The purpose of this resource guide is to explore different manifestations of Black women's civic involvement during the period from Reconstruction through the Jim Crow Era.

Essays

The African American Police League

Howard Saffold, one of the founding members of the Afro American Patrolman's League (AAPL)

Howard Saffold speaks about how Black law enforcement officers took on racial abuse and discrimination in the Chicago Police Department.

A. Philip Randolph and the Writing of Civil Rights and Labor History

Eric Arnesen, Vice Dean for Faculty and Administration at the Columbian College of Arts & Sciences at the George Washington University

Eric Arnesen explains how ProQuest History Vault provides students and scholars with invaluable primary source information for deeper, more robust research and learning experiences. He has relied on History Vault in writing a full-length biography of black labor leader A. Philip Randolph.

FBI Files Enable Balanced Research on the Black Panther Party

Joe Street, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities, Northumbria University

Joe Street explains how ProQuest History Vault provides new perspectives and deeper insights for the full-length history he is currently writing about the Black Panther Party, the radical African American organization formed in Oakland, California, in 1966.

Uncover Diverse Voices for Research and Teaching: Strategies with Primary Source Archives

Marcia Chatelain, Professor of History and African American Studies, Georgetown University

Marcia Chatelain provides examples as to how to conduct research on marginalized communities using Primary Source archives.



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