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THE VIRGINIA FRESE PALMER CONFERENCE

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2009

Women, Queens College, and the Civil Rights Movement

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009 • 9 AM-2:30 PM

4TH FLOOR, QUEENS COLLEGE STUDENT UNION

9 AM-12:15 PM: PANEL



FRANCES BEAL worked with SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) in the 1960s, and in 1968 became a founding member of the SNCC Black Women's Liberation Committee. Long-time activist, editor, and columnist, she writes on national black politics and other issues of peace and justice.



ROSALYN TERBORG-PENN '63 is professor of history *emerita* at Morgan State University. She is cofounder of the Association of Black Women Historians. Her most recent books include *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920* and *Black Women's History at the Intersection of Knowledge and Power*.



RITA SCHWERNER BENDER '64 and her husband, Michael Schwerner, went to Mississippi as field workers for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in 1964. In June 1964 Michael, along with James Chaney and Andrew Goodman, was murdered in Mississippi. She continued to work with the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. In 1968 she graduated from Rutgers Law School and is a member of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers.



DOROTHY ZELLNER '60 is a veteran of the 1960s Civil Rights Movement; she worked with SNCC in Georgia, Mississippi, and Virginia. After spending twenty years in the South, she returned to New York City, where she was on the staff at the Center for Constitutional rights and the City University of New York.



LUCY KOMISAR '64 spent a year in Mississippi in 1962-1963 as editor of the *Mississippi Free Press*, and went on to become a national vice president of the National Organization for Women and a founding member of the Tax Justice Network. She currently writes on international illegal finances.

12:30-2:30 PM: COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

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Queens College student activities during the 1960s Civil Rights Movement



Rita Schwerner testifying on behalf of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, Atlantic City, 1964



Rally in Danville, Virginia, June 1963.
Dorothy Zellner second from right.

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