

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University

Presents

Created Equal America's Civil Rights Struggle

*A course on the history of the civil rights movement
developed by the National Endowment for the Humanities*

**Wednesdays 9:40-11:05 a.m.
September 21-November 9, 2016
Church of the Good Shepherd Fairfax
(9350 Braddock Road, Burke)**

The goal of this 8-week course is to discuss the civil rights movement and compare/contrast events with present-day as well as projected future issues in society. The format will consist of exploratory questions, selected film clips, and guided discussions with the audience as major participants.

Featured Speakers

- * **Joan Trumpauro-Mulholland – 1964 Freedom Rider**
- * **Shirley Ginwright, President NAACP, Fairfax Chapter**
- * **George Mason University Professors**

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The “Created Equal Initiative” was developed in 1963 by the National Endowment for the Humanities to mark the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Part of its purpose is to “encourage members of communities to revisit the history of civil rights in America and to reflect on the ideals of freedom and equality that have helped bridge deep racial and cultural divides.”

Session 1: “The Abolitionists” Part I

Presenter: Dr. Stefan Wheelock

Dr. Wheelock is assistant professor in the English department at George Mason University. He earned his PhD in English from Brown University. He specializes in the study of Atlantic history and culture.

Session 2: “The Abolitionists” Part II

Presenter: Dr. Stefan Wheelock

Session 3: “Slavery by Another Name”

Presenter: Dr. Wendi Manuel-Scott

Dr. Manuel-Scott earned a Ph.D. in history from Howard University. She is Director of African and African American Studies and Associate Professor of History and Art History at George Mason University.

Session 4: The Loving Story (Loving v Virginia, 1967); Landmark Supreme Court decision

Presenter: Bob Zener

Mr. Zener is an OLLI member/instructor who served as a lawyer with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Session 5: “Freedom Summer”

Presenter: Dr. Devon Johnson

Dr. Johnson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at George Mason University. Her current research is on punishment preferences and police-citizen relations in the U.S. and Caribbean with an emphasis on understanding racial and ethnic differences in public opinion.

Session 6: “Freedom Riders”

Presenter: Joan Trumpauer-Mulholland

Ms. Trumpaur-Mulholland participated in the New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi Freedom Ride via the Illinois Central Railroad on June 8, 1961. She was a Non-violent Activist Group (NAG) member, studied at Duke University and at Tougaloo College, and was a Freedom Summer organizer in 1964.

Session 7: “Created Equal and the Racial Integration of United States Armed Forces”

Presenter: Alan Gropman

Mr. Gropman is an OLLI member/instructor and author of *The Air Force Integrates*, part of a Smithsonian History of Aviation series.

Session 8: Town Hall panel presentation and interactive discussion on the question: “How can we ensure that all Americans are afforded their civil rights?”

Presenters: Fairfax County and Arlington County NAACP Presidents Shirley Ginwright and Karen Nightengale, Dr. Alan Gropman, and Dr. Devon Johnson

Video content provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities includes: “The Abolitionists;” “Slavery by Another Name;” “The Loving Story;” “Freedom Riders and Freedom Summer.” Additional contributions are provided by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

