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Hooks Institute Sets Lecture for Book Award Winner, The Black Revolution on Campus

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The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis will host a lecture for its 2012 National Book Award winner, *The Black Revolution on Campus* by Dr. Martha Biondi, on Thursday, Oct. 24. A lunch reception at noon will precede the 1 p.m. lecture. The location on campus will be announced at a later date.

This event is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Zach Curlin garage.

Biondi will discuss the highlights of the black student struggle and its impact on the evolution of university culture and the creation of African-American studies. Her lecture will be part of the conference "A History of Reinvention: Exploring Silences in African-American History" sponsored by the Graduate Association for African-American History.

The Black Revolution on Campus combines extensive research with numerous candid interviews to paint a vivid representation of the actions that transformed higher education for black students in the late 1960s and early 1970s. It recounts the stories of many protest participants who demanded public institutions re-evaluate their commitments to the black community and the education of its students. The research presented in this book establishes a clear connection between the challenges of the black college student and changes in collegiate culture.

Biondi is an associate professor of African-American studies and history at Northwestern University. Her research interests include 20th Century African-American history with a focus on social movements. She is the winner of both the Myers Outstanding Book Award and the Thomas J. Wilson Memorial Prize for her previous publication, *To Stand and Fight: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Postwar New York City*.

The congregation of the Greater Middle Baptist Church in Memphis sponsored the book award of \$1,000 that Biondi will receive. The late Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks was the pastor of the church for 52 years until his retirement in January 2009.

The Hooks Institute is now soliciting nominations for next year's National Book Award, which will recognize the book published in 2013 that best furthers the understanding of the American Civil Rights Movement and its legacy. The recipient of the award will receive \$1,000 and an invitation to deliver an address as part of the Hooks Institute Lecture Series.

For consideration of the 2013 National Book Award, submit one copy of the book, postmarked by Dec. 31, to National Book Award Nomination, The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, 107 Scates Hall, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 38152-3530.

For more information, visit <http://web0.memphis.edu/benhooks/bookaward.php>.

In 1996, University of Memphis officials received approval from the Tennessee Board of Regents to create the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change in the College of Arts & Sciences. The mission of the Institute is teaching, studying and promoting civil

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rights and social change. The Hooks Institute archives include Hooks' personal papers, which are housed in the Mississippi Valley Collection in the University's McWherter Library.

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