

Hooks Institute Will Hold Book Discussion, Website Release Event in February

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January 29, 2015 - Daniel Matlin, a history lecturer at King's College London and co-winner of the Hooks Institute National Book Award, will discuss his winning book *On the Corner: African American Intellectuals and the Urban Crisis* at the University of Memphis.

The lunch and lecture will be held Feb. 12 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the University Center Bluff Room (room 308). The event is free and open to the public.

The Hooks Institute National Book Award Committee selected *On the Corner: African American Intellectuals and the Urban Crisis* and *How it Feels to Be Free: Black Women Entertainers and the Civil Rights Movement* by Ruth Feldstein as co-winners of its 2013 National Book Award. The award recognizes publications that best advance an understanding of the American civil rights movement and its legacy.

The event is co-sponsored by the Department of History, Department of Sociology, Marcus Orr Center for the Humanities, Center for Research on Women, Graduate Association for African-American History and Harvard University Press.

The Hooks Institute will host a special release event for its Mapping Civil Rights History and Tent City websites Feb. 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the University Center River Room (room 300). The Mapping Civil Rights History website will allow users to explore pivotal civil rights locations in the Mid-South through photos and history on the interactive map. The Tent City website chronicles the struggles as well as the victories of Civil Rights Era activists in Fayette County, Tenn. That movement began in 1959 when African-Americans demanded the right to vote. The release event is free and open to the public.

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 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.