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Hooks Symposium Nov. 14 Will Examine History and Future of Social Change

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Five of the city's leading civil rights advocates will gather for the first annual Benjamin Hooks Symposium on Social Change Tuesday, Nov. 14, at The University of Memphis. The symposium will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fogelman Executive Center.

Speakers will include Judge H.T. Lockard, Dr. Maxine Smith, Dr. Vasco Smith and Russell Sugarmon. Hooks will deliver the keynote address at 5 p.m. A reception will follow at 6 p.m.

Topics will include education, the criminal justice system, housing, and strategies for mobilizing the citizens of Memphis for social change.

Hooks is a distinguished professor of political science and history at The U of M. A leader of the civil rights movement in the South, he served as executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 1977-92. He was the first African-American elected to a judgeship in Tennessee and the first appointed to the Federal Communications Commission.

Civil rights-era photographs by acclaimed Memphis photographer Ernest Withers will be on display during the event.

The symposium is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, call The U of M Center for Interdisciplinary Studies at 901-678-3550 or visit <http://polisci.memphis.edu/sympmail.html>.

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