

Kiel award

Professor Daniel Kiel has received one of two awards of \$5000 from the Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change as part of the Institute's grant program for faculty research. Professor Kiel will record the stories of African Americans and others who, in 1961, began desegregating Memphis City schools pursuant to a court order issued in *Northcross v. Board of Education of the Memphis City Schools*. 2011 will mark the 50th anniversary of this historic event. By collecting the stories and experiences of a diverse group of participants – students, parents, teachers, community leaders, both African Americans and White – the initiative will provide a missing component to the *Northcross* litigation: the personal stories of those involved. The Hooks Institute believes this research will increase the civil awareness of the era by preserving its history.

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