

Benjamin L. Hooks Center Will Host Open House Sept. 26

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The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis will hold its annual Open House Thursday, Sept. 26, in the Michael D. Rose Theatre. A reception will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by the program at 5 p.m.

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

The Hooks Institute will provide an overview of its fall 2013 and fall 2014 programs. The Open House will culminate with the panel discussion “Civil Rights at the Crossroads: Voting; Affirmative Action in Higher Education; and Stand Your Ground Laws and the Trayvon Martin Tragedy: How Can Our Communities Find Common Ground and Create Spaces for Conflicting Voices to Advance Civil and Human Rights and to Sustain Civic Engagement?”

The panelists will be Steven J. Mulroy, associate professor of law at the U of M; Marcus Pohlmann, professor of political science at Rhodes College; and Wendi Thomas, columnist for *The Commercial Appeal*.

This event is co-sponsored by the Marcus Orr Center for the Humanities, the African and African-American Studies Program and the Graduate Association of African American History at the University of Memphis; Common Ground; National Civil Rights Museum; Memphis Urban League Young Professionals; and the Spence L. Wilson Chair in the Humanities of Rhodes College.