

Newsletter of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis



It is a real joy to thank each of you for your support of the Hooks Institute.

We wish you Happy Holidays and the

very best for the New Year!

The Staff of The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change

The Circle of Giving

Give to Us So that We May Give to You. The Hooks Institute programs include funding and supporting faculty research, student activities, lectures by nationally recognized scholars, documentaries, conferences, and other activities that promote our mission of teaching, studying, and promoting civil rights and social change. Our programs are almost 100% supported with private donations. The Institute needs your financial support to help us continue our work. You may make a donation online at www.memphis.edu/benhooks. A pledge card is enclosed with the first-class mailings of this newsletter. You can also contact us at (901) 678-3974 for assistance. Your gifts allow us to give back to you.

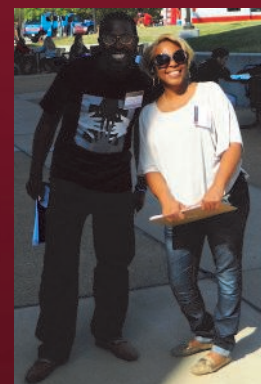
A Giant Step Forward Toward Civic Responsibility



Memphis student, Elizabeth Manoah (L) with Hooks Institute Graduate Assistant, Jennifer Amido (R).

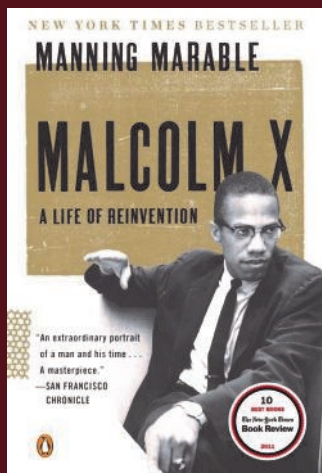


Pictured above; University of Memphis students with Daphene McFerren, Hooks Institute Director (middle).



Board Member Cortney Richardson (L) with Hooks Institute Assistant Director, Julie Graves (R).

On October 3, 2012, the Hooks Institute kicked off a voters registration drive on the University of Memphis campus. Cortney Richardson, a Local Advisory Board Member of the Institute, led this initiative working with the Hooks Institute's staff and more than 20 U of M student volunteers. Our combined efforts resulted in registering to vote 286 students in 6 hours! We applaud Mr. Richardson, the student volunteers, and the students who registered to vote for taking a giant step forward toward civic engagement and social responsibility.



2011 Book Award Winner

The Hooks Institute is proud to announce the winner of this year's National Book Award: Manning Marable's *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* (Viking 2011). The Hooks Institute is currently soliciting nominations for its annual National Book Award for 2012.

To read more about this extraordinary book, and the annual National Book Award, visit:
<http://memphis.edu/benhooks/bookaward.php>

Hooks Institute Faculty Research Grants

The Hooks Institute will issue a call for Research Proposals to University of Memphis faculty the week of November 26, 2012. Stay tuned for future announcements.

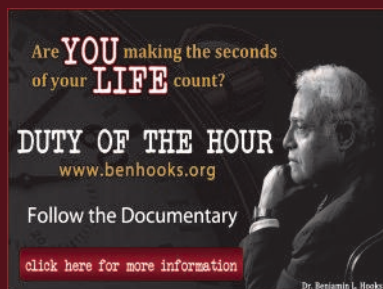
Seeking a Visiting Scholar & a Corporate Fellow

The Hooks Institute is seeking a resident Visiting Scholar and a Corporate Executive Fellow for 2013. Persons with foundation funding studying civil rights and/or social justice issues are encouraged to apply. The Institute is also seeking a dynamic person to join the staff for a year as a Corporate Fellow. This individual will work with the Institute's staff on strategic planning and program implementation.

To learn more, please visit <http://www.memphis.edu/benhooks/jobs.php> or call (901) 678-3974

February 4, 2013 Free Screening of *Duty of the Hour*

Stay tuned for details on the February 4, 2013 free screening of *Duty of the Hour*, a documentary on the late Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks at the Michael D. Rose Theatre, University of Memphis. The documentary premiered on April 20, 2012 at the Orpheum Theatre in Memphis to rave reviews. The February 4, 2013 screening is free and open to the public. This screening is also part of a multi-city commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the American Civil Rights Movement spearheaded by the City of Birmingham.



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