

**Civil Rights Leader Hooks' Nov. 4 Memphis Talk Will Reprise Earlier Washington, D.C., Speech**

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In 1996, Hooks and University of Memphis officials received approval from the Tennessee Board of Regents to create the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis. The mission of the Institute is to preserve the history of the American Civil Rights Movement and to advance the legacy of that movement through scholarship and community action. The Hooks Institute archives include Hooks' personal papers, which are housed in the Mississippi Valley Collection in the U of M's McWherter Library.

Approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents in 1996, The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis was funded by the United States Congress and the State of Tennessee. The Institute is recognized for its pivotal role in shaping and solving community problems through the witness and wisdom of pioneers like the Rev. Mr. Hooks. The continuing mission of the Institute is to preserve the history of the American Civil Rights Movement and to advance the legacy of that movement through scholarship and community action. The Hooks Institute archives include Hooks' personal papers, which are housed in the Mississippi Valley Collection in the U of M's McWherter Library.

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