

Leadership, Accountability and the Lessons of the 1960s Black Freedom Movement:
Annual Forum Commemorating the Public Service Career of the Late
Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Atrium
Cleveland State University • Glickman-Miller Hall • 1717 Euclid Avenue

This forum is free and open to the public. Please register at
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Keynote Speaker:



Kevin Gaines, Professor of History, University of Michigan. Professor Gaines, a widely published author and speaker, specializes in U.S. and African American intellectual and cultural history, race and gender politics in post-World War II America, African American cultural production and the global dimensions of U.S. struggles over the meaning of citizenship. He is the author of *American Africans in Ghana: Black Expatriates in the Civil Rights Era* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006) and *Uplifting the Race: Black Leadership, Politics and Culture During the Twentieth Century* (UNC Press, 1996). He is the winner of the John Hope Franklin Book Prize of the American Studies Association, 1997.

Professor Gaines' presentation will be followed by a panel of local discussants.

About the program:

"We, the men, women, and children of the civil rights movement, truly believed that if we adhered to the discipline and philosophy of nonviolence, we could help transform America. We wanted to realize what I like to call, the Beloved Community, an all-inclusive, truly interracial democracy based on simple justice, which respects the dignity and worth of every human being.

Central to our philosophical concept of the Beloved Community was the willingness to believe that every human being has the moral capacity to respect each other." *Eyes on the Prize*, Foreword by John Lewis, Facing History and Ourselves, p. 6.

From 1963-1966, Congressman John Lewis was Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) which was largely responsible for organizing student activism in the civil rights movement.

Every day, Cleveland's political and civic leaders face challenges of accountability in public education, law enforcement and politics. From the Anthony Sowell case to the reorganization of the Cleveland Municipal School District, this forum will focus on the relevance of SNCC's grass-roots "organizing tradition", its philosophy of group-centered leadership, and its inclusive gender politics as a framework for thinking about African American politics, leadership and accountability today.