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# Modjeska Simkins School for Human Rights

Application for organizer/leadership training • 2016 Spring Session

The Modjeska School's prime mission is to teach grassroots activists the best practices for understanding, organizing and leading a movement for social justice in South Carolina. The 2016 Spring Session consists of eight classes, held every other Monday between March and June. Students will meet for two-hour classes from **6:30pm-8:30pm at the Siebles House, 1601 Richland St. Columbia**. See page two for the class schedule and the SC Progressive Network's mission statement.

The Spring Session is limited to 32 students. Preference will be given to SC Progressive Network members who pledge to put their organizing skills to work in South Carolina. To apply, prospective students must submit this form, answer the essay question, and complete a telephone interview. A \$190 tuition fee covers expenses, class materials, copies of Howard Zinn's *A People's History* and *A place at the Table*. Fees may be paid monthly; scholarship assistance is available. Payment arrangements will be made after acceptance.

Applicants may email the form to network@scpronet.com or mail to Modjeska School, POB 8325, Columbia SC 29202. Questions? Call the SC Progressive Network at 803-808-3384 or email ModjeskaSchool@scpronet.com.

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I,			, support the Progressive
Network's missic	on (see page two) and	want to attend the Modjeska S	chool's 2016 Spring Session. I commit
to attending all c	lasses, to completing 1	reading and class assignments,	, and to use what I learn to help
strengthen South	n Carolina's progressiv	e movement.	
☐ I can pay \$190	□ I can pay monthly	□ I need scholarship assistance	Date

### Best time and number to call me for interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to attend the Modjeska School? (A short answer suffices, as you will have a phone interview to followup.)

## Modjeska Simkins School for Human Rights 2016 Spring Session Class Schedule

**Class 1: March 21: In the beginning - 1860:** Earliest human habitation, through Native presence, the arrival of the White Man, the establishment of the colony by the Barbadians and the development of the slave economy

Class 2: April 4: 1860-1895: SC's role in the Civil War. Reconstruction and Redemption.

**Class 3: April 18: 1895-1945**: 1895 constitution, Redemption, the rise of Jim Crow, the fall of democracy, the New Deal and a world war.

**Class 4: May 2: 1945-1968**: Rise of Dixiecrats, SC's struggle against racial equality and the civil rights movement, the Great Society and the Southern Strategy to end it.

**Class 5: May 16: 1968-1996:** Vietnam, United Citizens Party, GROW, Gay and Women's liberation movements, Republicans rising, Democrats surrendering and the SC Progressive Network established.

**Class 6: May 23: 1996-2022** (moved up a week due to Memorial Day): Progressive Network's history and future plans. Building political power on changes, opportunities, clever planning and hard work.

**Class 7: June 6: Theories, Strategy and Tactics**: What are our sharpest tools for building and sustaining a popular movement for a revolution of social values? What skills are necessary and what resources do we have?

**Class 8: June 20: Enough Theory; Let's Practice!** Students will design and launch an actual organizing project.

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**The South Carolina Progressive Network** is a coalition of members from across the Palmetto State who have joined forces to work for social, racial, economic and environmental justice in South Carolina. Founded in 1996, the Network is a multi-issue, multiracial, nonprofit corporation created to strengthen progressive alliances, to promote voter education and participation, and to support grassroots groups and projects across the state.

Donations and individual dues to the Network (as a 501-c-4) are not tax deductible. Individual members of the South Carolina Progressive Network support and promote the nonpartisan research and policy work of the SC Progressive Network Education Fund (as a 501-c-3). Donations to the Education Fund are tax deductible. The Modjeska School is a project of the Education Fund and donations beyond tuition are tax-deductible.

### **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the South Carolina Progressive Network is to promote — through education and action — human, civil, and workers' and reproductive rights, environmental protection and government reform.

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