

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.

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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.