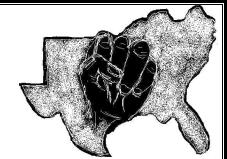
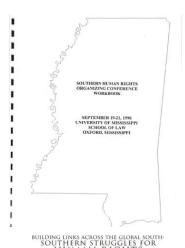
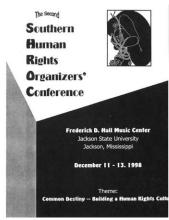
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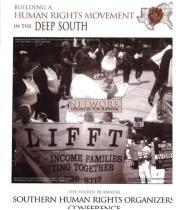


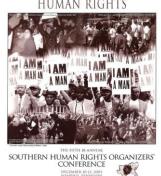
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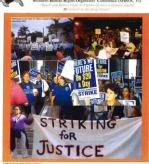








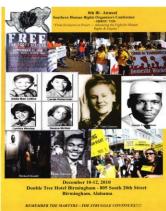
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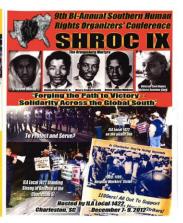


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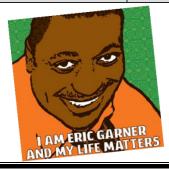
## **CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

GOAL OF SHROC To bring together human rights organizers to discuss common issues and develop more effective strategies for building a human rights movement in the Deep South.

DAY 1	Friday, December 9, 2016		
10:00 - 6:00 pm	Registration Woodworth Chape		
10:00 - 11:00 am	Kick Off Press Conference Woodworth Chapel		
11:00 - 6:00 pm	Healing Space Kroger Gymnasium 202		
11:00 - 2:00 pm	Youth Summit Kroger Gymnasium 212A-E Facilitators: Natt Offiah & Elijah Williams		
11:00 - 2:00 pm	Human Rights Institute Woodworth Chapel Co-hosted: Organization for Human Rights & Democracy and Cooperation Jackson		
12:00 - 1:45 pm	Lunch on your own		
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Youth Plenary IA: Our World, Our Future, Our Way Kroger Gymnasium 212A-E		
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Plenary IB: Woodworth Chapel Striking Back at the Empire: Building International Solidarity		
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Break		
4:00 - 5:30 pm	Plenary II: Resistance, Resurrection and Restoration Woodworth Chape		
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception Honoring Local Human Rights and Social Justice Activists and Martyrs (Warren Hall Coop)		
7:30 - 10:00 pm	Cultural Explosion: Woodworth Chapel New Danger, C. Leigh McInnis, Jaribu Hill, Antar Lumumba, Rukia Lumumba, Bilal Sunni-Ali and M.U.G.A.B.E.E., MADDRAMA, Black Man Rising and others  Tributes to Mayor Chokwe Lumumba, Nubia Lumumba and others		

DAY 2	Saturday, December 10, 2016		
8:00 - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Kroger Gymnasium	
8:00 - 6:00 pm	Registration	Woodworth Chapel	
9:00 - 4:00 pm	Healing Space	Kroger Gymnasium 202	
9:00 - 9:30 am	Call to Conference: Official Opening of SHROC 20th	Woodworth Chapel	
9:30 - 11:00 pm	Plenary III: Forward Ever, Backward Never: 20 Years of Advancing a Global Agenda for Southern Human Rights	Woodworth Chapel	
11:15 - 12:45 pm	Concurrent Strategy Sessions		
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Plenary IV/Luncheon Under the Color of Law: Victims & Witnesses	Kroger Gymnasium	
2:45 - 4:15 pm	Plenary V: Woodworth Chapel Smashing the Patriarchy: From Black Power to Black Lives Matter and Beyond		
4:30 - 7:00 pm	Direct Action: Location TBA at SHROC (Get on the Bus at 4:15pm)		
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Dinner on Your Own		
8:30 - 11:00 pm	International Film Festival and Discussion 62	Courtyard by Marriott 280 Ridgewood Court Dr.)	

DAY 3	Sunday, December 11, 2016	
8:00 - 1:00 pm	Healing Space	Kroger Gymnasium 202
8:00 - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Kroger Gymnasium
9:00 - 10:30 am	Plenary VI: Building a Safer Black Society for a Black Future	Kroger Gymnasium
10:45 - 12:15 pm	Plenary VII: Pathways to Liberation: Revolution, Reform and Movement Building Kroger Gymnasium	
12:30 - 12:45 pm	Closing Speaker: Ambassador Jesus "Chucho" Garcia of Venezuela (US Consulate)	
12:45 - 1:30 pm	Report Backs/ Recommendations/ Closing Remarks	Holmes Hall







## **Plenary/ Strategy Sessions and Special Events**

### Friday, December 9, 2016

Youth Plenary IA Our World, Our Future, Our Way 2:00 PM-3:30 PM Kroger Gymnasium 212A-B

Moderators: Natt Offiah, SONG, Elijah Williams, Cooperation Jackson

Panelists: Portia White, Planned Parenthood SE; Shante Wolfe-Sisson, SPLC; Joshua Quinn, Bars Institute Inc; Aayanna Devine, Respect Our Black Dollars and Nigel Jones, Organization for Human Rights and Democracy

Solidarity Message: Phil Wilayto, United National Antiwar Coalition

Plenary IB Striking Back at the Empire: Building International Solidarity 2:00 PM-3:30 PM Woodworth

Chapel

Moderator: Ajamu Baraka, Policy Link Fellow

Panelists: Charo Minas Rojas, Black Communities' Process, Columbia; Lamis Jamal, National Lawyers' Guild, Palestine; "Maria," Supporter of the Council of Mothers of May 2, Ukraine; Ray LaForest, Haiti Support Network; Rosa Clemente, W.E.B. DuBois African American Studies Department/UMass-Amherst, Puerto Rico and Abayomi Azikiwe, Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice [Skype]

Solidarity Messages: Bill Chandler, Mississippi Immigrants' Rights Alliance

Tanya Wallace-Gobern, National Black Workers' Center Project

Plenary II Resistance, Resurrection and Restoration 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Woodworth Chapel

Moderator: Efia Nwangaza, Malcolm X Center for Self-Determination

Panelists: Anthony Witherspoon, Mayor of Magnolia, MS; Melaney Batiste, FFLIC; Bilal Sunni-Ali, Imam Jamal

Action Network/Atlanta Commun; Nia Sade Walker, Sistercare Alliance and Lynne Stewart [Skype]

Respondents: Adofo Minka, Cooperation Jackson & Anana Harris-Paris, Sistercare Alliance

Cultural Explosion 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Woodworth Chapel

MC's: Dara Cooper, Rukia Lumumba, Natt Offiah and Elijah Williams

**Presentation of Fannie Lou Hamer Human Rights Awards:** 

Chokwe & Nubia Lumumba, Dr. L. C. Dorsey, Flonzie Brown-Wright, Hollis Watkins Muhammad, Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson, Arekia Bennett & Rep. Robert Clark

**Featured Artists**: C. Liegh McInnis; Bilal Sunni-Ali; Jaribu Hill; New Danger; M.U.G.A.B.E.E; Shanina Carmichael and Amari Minka; Monica Atkins; Krystal Jackson, Black Man Rising and MADDRAMA

### Saturday December 10, 2016

Welcome: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Woodworth Chapel

Call to Conference: Jaribu Hill, Yolande Tomlinson, Rukia Lumumba, Dara Cooper, Rose Brewer and

Sarah White

**Greetings:** Hollis Watkins Muhammad, Chairman, Veterans of the MS Civil Rights Movement, Inc.

**Solidarity Messages:** 

Amanda Chaves Barnes, US Human Rights Network

Natt Offiah, Southerners on New Ground

Abram Muhammad, Muhammad Mosque No. 78

**Cultural Intervention**: Bilal Sunni-Ali, Imam Jamil Action Network

Presentation on Shockoe Bottom (Skype), Ana Edwards, United National Antiwar Coalition

Plenary III 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Woodworth Chapel

Forward Ever, Backward Never: 20 Years of Advancing a Global South Agenda for Human Rights

Moderator: Jaribu Hill, Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights

Panelists: Efia Nwangaza, Malcolm X Center for Self-Determination; Kali Akuno, Cooperation Jackson; Ash-Lee Henderson, Project South; David Gespass, National Lawyers Guild/CAIR and Yolande Tomlinson,

Organization for Human Rights and Democracy

Respondents: Father Jeremy Tobin, MIRA/The Priory of St. Moses the Black

Ajamu Baraka, Policy Link Fellow

#### **Concurrent Strategy Sessions**

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

1. Human Rights Lawyering: Getting Permits for Revolution

Woodworth Chapel

Facilitators: David Gespass, National Lawyers Guild/CAIR; Mandisa Moore-O'Neal, Conference Room National Lawyers Guild, Louisiana and King Downing, National Lawyers Guild, National Office

#### 2. Economic Justice and Workers' Rights

**Woodworth Chapel** 

Facilitators: Sarah White, Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights

Ajamu Dillahunt, Black Workers for Justice

Presenters: Earnest Whitfield, Nissan worker & Patricia Lockette, National Domestic Workers Alliance-Atlanta

3. Advancing a Just Ecology: Food, Housing, Environment and Mother Earth Kroger Gymnasium 212A

Facilitators: Dara Cooper, National Black Food and Justice Alliance; Angel Torres, Organization for Human Rights and Democracy; Monique Harden, Advocates for Environmental Human Rights and Charlotte Keys, Jesus People Against Pollution

#### 4. YOUTH SESSION: Fighting Oppression for Beginners: A How to Guide

**Kroger Gymnasium** 

Facilitators: Natt Offiah, SONG; Samir Hazboun, Highlander Center for Research and Education Jarrel "Jay-Jay" Strong, Highlander Center for Research and Education

#### 5. Stop Privatization! Democratize Education!

**Kroger Gymnasium 212B** 

Facilitators: Tamika Middleton, Anna Julia Cooper Learning and Liberation Center; Karen Marshall, Rethink; Rukia Lumumba, Cooperation Jackson and Jonathan Stith, Alliance for Education Justice

#### 6. Resourcing the Movement

**Kroger Gymnasium** 

Facilitators: Sacajawea "Saki" Hall, Cooperation Jackson
Kamau Franklin, Community Movement Builders

#### 7. Building Cooperatives and Other Transitional And Long-term Development Strategies Woodworth Chapel

Facilitators: Brandon King, Cooperation Jackson

Elandria Williams, Highlander Center for Research and Education

#### 8. Tearing Down Borders: Immigration Justice Now

**Kroger Gymnasium 223** 

Facilitators: Melinda Medina, MIRA, Cynthia Flores, MIRA; William C. Anderson, The Praxis Center and Lovette Thompson, Black Alliance for Just Immigration

## Saturday sessions continued...

9. Southern Workers' Assembly

**Kroger Gymnasium** 

Facilitator: Nathanette Mayo, UE 150/Black Workers' for Justice

10. Freedom Manifesto

Kroger Gymnasium

Facilitator: Angaza Sababu Laughinghouse, UE 150/Black Workers for Justice

**Luncheon Plenary** 

Plenary IV: Under the Color of Law: Victims and Witnesses

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Kroger

**Kroger Gymnasium** 

Moderator: Elandria Williams, Highlander Center for Research & Education

Panelists: Farrell Richardson, FFLIC; Taliba Obuya, Amnesty International Southeast Region; Jai Celestial, Break- Out; Moon Lite, BreakOut; Crista Noel, Women's All Points Bulletin and Antar Lumumba, MXGM

Plenary V

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM Woodworth Chapel

Smashing the Patriarchy: From Black Power to Black Lives Matter and Beyond

Moderators: Rose Brewer, University of Minnesota

Yolande Tomlinson, Organization for Human Rights and Democracy

Panelists: Cazembe Jackson, Freedom Road Socialist Organization; Ash-Lee Henderson, Project South; Jessica Pierce, Black Youth Project 100; Valerie Redmond, National Domestic Workers Alliance-Atlanta

Chapter and Beatriz Beckford, MomsRising

Call To Action - Get on the Bus!!!

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM Outside Chapel

Direct Action – (Location to be announced)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Dinner on your own

7:00 PM

International Film Festival and Discussion

8:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Courtyard by Marriott - 6280 Ridgewood Court Dr. Jackson, MS

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Plenary VI: Building a Safer Black Society for a Black Future

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Kroger Gymnasium

Moderators: Elijah Williams, Cooperation Jackson & Natt Offiah, Southerners on the Ground

Panelists: Monica Atkins, Arts Collective Cooperative; Kuuda Stowers; Jai Celeste, BreakOut & BYP100;

Moon Lite, BreakOut & BYP100 and Naomi Suggs-Brigetty

Plenary VII: Pathways to Liberation:

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM Kroger Gymnasium

Revolution, Reform and Movement Building

Moderator: Nsombi Lambright, One Voice

Panelists: Ajamu Baraka, Green Party; Lamont Lilly, Workers' World Party; Karen Marshall, Rethink; Nigel Jones, Organization for Human Rights and Democracy; Margaret Kimberley, Black Agenda Report and Khaula Hadeed, Alabama CAIR

Wrap Up, Report Backs & Closing Remarks

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Kroger Gymnasium

Closing Speaker: **Ambassador Jesus "Chucho" Garcia** of Venezuela (US Consulate)

Speakers: Yolande Tomlinson, Dara Cooper, Elijah Williams and Jaribu Hill