

# Claiming Freedom Symposium

## THREE DAY EVENT

FEBRUARY 4, 5, 19

Cal State L.A. will host the Claiming Freedom symposium commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Summer, Freedom Schools, the Free Speech Movement, Civil Rights Act, and the Voting Rights Act, and the 150th anniversary of the 13th Amendment of the Constitution. Activists, poets, writers, musicians, and film artists will join to discuss and celebrate this anniversary.

All events are free and open to the public with refreshments served.

This event is co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters, Center for Contemporary Poetry and Poetics, Department of English, Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, Department of Pan-African Studies, *Statement Magazine*, Statement Unbound Literary Society, the Charter College of Education, CSULA Associated Students, Inc. (ASI), and Poets and Writers, Inc. through a grant received from the James Irvine Foundation.



Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 3-6 PM (Golden Eagle Ballroom)

Documentary Film Screening for background and common dialogue on the Symposium topics.

Films: [Freedom Summer](#) and [Sylvia Mendez v. Westminster](#)

Roundtable Discussion to follow at 7:00 PM led by a panel of experts on the symposium topics.

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM-4:45 PM (Golden Eagle Ballroom)  
Teach-In, a powerful learning series with an interactive Q & A on six distinct and diverse topics led by distinguished experts.

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30-10:00 PM (Music Hall, Music Building)  
Celebration of the Poetry and Music of Freedom

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:45 PM (Alhambra Room, USU)  
Film Screening, Book Launch, poetry reading and panel discussion: *A Higher Form of Politics*

For more information on events and locations:  
<http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/english/claiming-freedom-symposium>

