

Berkeley Historical Society Exhibit Opening

Looking Back: The Free Speech Movement at Fifty

Sunday, September 28

4:30-6:30 pm

Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center Street

Keynote Speaker: Bettina Aptheker

FSM Leader and UC Santa Cruz Professor of Feminist & Ethnic Studies

FSM at 50: From COINTELPRO to the Patriot Act/ From Selma to Ferguson

Inspired by the Civil Rights Movement and Freedom Summer, Berkeley students' defense of freedom of speech exploded into an historic event. FSM's success spawned widespread student movements across the country. The Civil Rights Movement triumphed with the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, transforming African American political power. In this talk, Bettina Aptheker will consider the legacy of FSM and its meaning for today's struggles for social justice.



Free Speech Movement - Don Kechley photo

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The exhibit, part of the Free Speech Movement's 50th Anniversary, features photographs, oral history excerpts, and artifacts from the 1964 events and also traces the Civil Rights Movement predating FSM and the struggles that followed. The effect on Berkeley and UC, the role of the FBI, COINTELPRO and NSA, and where we are today are included. An accompanying lecture series is planned and will be announced soon.

Admission free; donations accepted. Wheelchair accessible. Reception follows.

Regular hours: Thursday - Saturday from 1-4 pm. Exhibit runs through April 11, 2015.

Curated by Linda Rosen and the FSM Exhibit Committee.