

New book on Civil Rights in South Carolina

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James L. Felder has just written a book on the civil rights struggle in South Carolina. The book, *Civil Rights in South Carolina*, captures the state's epic and tumultuous history, beginning with the very first statewide meeting of the NAACP in 1939. With stories of sit-ins, movements and the integration of state universities, this is the first comprehensive history of South Carolina's civil rights struggles.

And behind every achievement are the major legal rulings that protected them, interspersed with familiar names of Thurgood Marshall, Matthew J. Perry, Ernest A. Finney, Jr. and Judge J. Waties Waring. Join former South Carolina NAACP Executive Director and activist, James L. Felder, as he recounts the epic struggle African Americans have faced, from fighting for the right to vote to the desegregation of public spaces and all the efforts in between.

On June 26, at 7pm, join the author and other activists with the SC Progressive Network for their Movie Night at Conundrum Hall, 626 Meeting St. Doors open at 6:30. Free entrance, free popcorn. A fine selection of beverages will be available for purchase. Come join "Civil Rights in South Carolina," a discussion about the people who made it happen in SC with the author of the new release.

Network Mentor Modjeska Simkins is prominently featured, as well as unsung heroes who lost everything. Network Director Brett Bursey said of the book, "Jim's stories put color into the black and white version of history I know." Felder has been the director of the SC Voting Rights Project since 1968, and was among the first black legislators elected since reconstruction in 1970. For more information, or a copy of the book, contact the Network at network@scpronet.com, 803-808-3384. The History Press of Charleston is the publisher. Visit

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