

THE BARBARA LEE & ELIHU HARRIS LECTURE SERIES

Leading by Word and Deed

The Barbara Lee and Elihu Harris Lecture Series is dedicated to an amble exchange of ideas to help inspire and move forward new leadership and servanthip. All lectures present Civil Rights leaders who have devoted a life-time to social justice.

October 20th and 21st, 2011

Dorothy Cotton



Dorothy Cotton, speaker, singer, peacemaker and visionary, served as Education Director for Southern Christian Leadership Conference and served on Dr. King's executive staff. Dr. Cotton was VP for Field Operations for the Dr. MLK Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, directed Student Activities at Cornell University, and served as Southeastern Regional Director of ACTION.

Saturday, April date TBA, 2012

Congressman John Lewis

Congressman John Lewis (GA-5thCD) has dedicated his life to protecting human rights, securing civil liberties, and building what he calls "The Beloved Community" in America. The son of sharecroppers, Lewis was named Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1963. He organized for Mississippi Freedom Summer and served as Director of the Voter Education Project and Volunteer Director for ACTION.



February 9th and 10th, 2012

Bob Zellner and Jack O'Dell



Jack Hunter O'Dell has devoted a long and healthy life to a more perfect union and a better world. He began organizing in the National Maritime Union during WWII, then worked with Dr. King both as New York organizer and as Director of Voter Education at SCLC. He served on many boards including SANE FREEZE and Pacifica Radio. Director of International Affairs for Operation PUSH and the National Rainbow Coalition, O'Dell edited the historic journal *Freedomways*.

Dr. Bob Zellner, prominent civil rights activist and freedom rider, was the first white southerner to serve as field secretary for SNCC. Arrested 18 times in 7 states, he organized throughout the South and during the Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964, then joined SCEF, the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). Zellner has recently published his memoir, *The Wrong Side of Murder Creek, A White Southerner in the Freedom Movement*.



Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-9thCD) is a forceful and progressive voice in Congress, dedicated to social and economic justice, international peace, and civil and human rights. Elected in 1998 to represent CA's 9th CD, Lee began her career in Office of former Congressman and Mayor Ron Dellums, then served in the CA State Assembly and State Senate.



Elihu M. Harris served as Mayor of Oakland for two terms, from 1991 to 1999. He was a 12 year member of the California State Assembly. Mr. Harris received a MA in Public Policy from UC Berkeley and law degree from UC Davis. He served as Chancellor of the Peralta Community College District from 2003 to 2010.

Evening Public Lecture, 7pm-8:30pm

The Evening Public Lecture feature one hour lectures with brief public audience questions and answers to follow. Recognized national leaders will guide the community exchange. Press availability by appointment.

Location: Merriott Hotel Junior Ballroom, Oakland.

Afternoon Student Forums, 12noon-2:30pm

The Afternoon Lecture Student Forum is a question-and-answer session with Merritt College student and staff with the featured speaker. Location: Student Center at Merritt College.

Private Reception

A private reception with Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Elihu Harris and visiting dignitaries for sponsors, community leaders and invited guests to be scheduled for each visit.

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