

Ralph David Abernathy Hall

9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Welcome and Occasion **Dr. William H. Harris,**
President, Alabama State University (ASU)

Invocation **Reverend E. Baxter Morris,**
First Baptist Church

“Civil Rights Song” **Reverend Richard Boone,**
ASU Graduate and Veteran of the Selma to Montgomery March,
SNCC, SCLC, and the Alabama Action Committee

Introduction of Speaker **Dr. Dorothy Autrey,**
Chair, Department of History and Political Science

Session I

Plenary Session **Reverend C. T. Vivian,**
Executive Staff for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference,
Veteran of the Sit-ins, Freedom Rides and Selma to Montgomery March

Session II - 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. John Dixon v. State of Alabama **To Be Announced**
Fred Gray - Attorney for ASU Students
St. John Dixon - ASU Sit-In Student and Lead Plaintiff
Karen Boyd - University of Georgia Ph.D. Candidate, Member of the Association for Student
Conduct Administration

11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch / The Great Debates, Part One of Three Debates **Dr. Carlos Morrison,**
Fred Shuttlesworth Dining Hall Debate Coordinator

Resolved: Non-violent direct action is the most effective approach to challenging racial discrimination	
<u>Team One Captain, Carlisa Ray</u>	<u>Team Two Captain, Taylor Poe</u>
Trey Lipscomb	Crystal Russell
Brandin Mahoney	Rhonda Wynn
Najah Gordon	Ebony Thomas

Session III - 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Institutional Session **Moderator, Dr. Howard O. Robinson**
*Governor John Patterson - Attorney General, 1954 - 1959, Alabama Governor, 1959 - 1963
Charles Varner - ASU graduate 1959, ASU Vice President for Development and Public Relations
Ralph Bryson - Professor of English since 1953, and now Chair of the English Department
Drew H. Lackey - Lieutenant, Montgomery Police Department
Calvin Whitesell - Montgomery City Attorney

Session IV - 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ASC Student Sit-In Session **Moderator, Dr. Alma Freeman**
James McFadden Joseph Peterson James Earl Davis
St. John Dixon Theophilus Moody Floyd Coleman
Joe L. Reed Cornelius Benson Parse Billop
Eleanor Moody Shepherd William Renfroe

Concluding Statement **Dr. Howard Robinson**
Recognitions **Drs. Franklin and Robinson**
Remarks **Dr. Janice Franklin**
Dean of the Library, Director of the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture

* Governor John Patterson’s comments have been recorded and will be played at the Conference