



**Friday, September 28, 2018**

- 9:00 – 9:15am **Welcome and Overview**
- 9:15 – 10:30am **Panel One – Campus and Community Activism at MSU in the Long Sixties**  
*Chair – John Beck, MSU School of Human Resources and Labor Relations*
- Bill Derman**, MSU Professor of Anthropology, Emeritus
- Gerald Evelyn**, Detroit attorney and a member of the National Conference of Black Lawyers
- Joan Nelson**, Executive Director, Allen Neighborhood Association
- Lynn Jondahl**, Community activist and former State Representative
- 10:30 – 10:45am **Break**
- 10:45am – 12:30pm **Panel 2 - Divesting from Apartheid South Africa: MSU & the Michigan Legislature**  
*Chair – Chris Root, African Activist Archive Project, former Associate Director of Washington Office on Africa and on Michigan House of Representatives Democratic Research Staff at time of the state pension funds divestment bill*
- Somadoda Fikeni**, Ph.D., Political Science, MSU and South African political commentator
- “The struggle in South Africa that gave rise to solidarity organizing in the U.S.”
- David Wiley**, former Director of the MSU African Studies Center (1977-2008) and former member of Southern Africa Liberation Committee
- “Overview of MSU and state legislative divestment and sanctions actions.”

**Gerald Bennett** , former graduate student at MSU and president of the *Southern Africa Liberation Committee*, 1977-78

“Divestment organizing at MSU.”

**Virgil C. Smith**, Judge in 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County and former member of the Michigan House of Representatives at time of the divestment bills

“Perspectives from the state legislature.”

**Akua Budu-Watkins**, former Vice President of TransAfrica's Detroit Chapter and former Midwest Coordinator of the Free South Africa Movement

“Organizing in Detroit on Michigan legislation and broadly on South Africa”

12:30 – 2:00pm

**Lunch / Activism Fair / Special Collections Open House**

2:00 – 3:30pm

**Panel Three – Contemporary Student Activism**

*Chair – Shingi Mavima*

**Nomzamo Ntombela**, Student Representative Council at Stellenbosch University

**Tammi Cervantes**, Culturas Las Razas Unidas (CRU)

**Ahmad Hammad**, Students for Justice in Palestine

**Dee Jordan**, University Enrichment Fellow and dual PhD candidate (MSU) and past president, Council of Graduate Students (COGS)

**Natalie Smith**, ReNeu MSU

**Taryn Stefanski**, United Students against Sweatshops (USAS)

3:30 – 5:00pm

**Open Mic**

*Moderator - Dee Jordan*

5:00pm

**Adjourn**

