JOIN THE BLACK HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-PART DISCUSSION OF 100 YEARS OF CIVIL RIGHTS IN DETROIT, KICKING OFF SATURDAY, APRIL 28 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

DETROIT – This spring, the Detroit Historical Society’s Black Historic Sites Committee presents a three-part panel discussion series chronicling “Detroit’s Civil Rights Struggle: Reconstruction through an Insurrection.”

The first session covers the Civil War through the Great Migration, 1865 – 1930 and takes place Saturday, April 28 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum. Dionne Bennett, director of the African American Studies program at the University of Detroit Mercy, will moderate the discussion, and featured panelists include:

- **De Witt S. Dykes Jr.**, who will present an overview of Civil Rights activities in Detroit. Dykes is an Associate Professor of History, specializing in African-American History, U.S. Urban History, and Gender and Family History at Oakland University.

- **Martin Hershock**, the associate provost at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Department of Social Sciences, will present a national overview of Civil Rights activities during this time period. Hershock is a member of the Historical Society of Michigan, New England Historical Association, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, and the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States.


Additional panels in this series will take place:

- **Saturday, May 19** from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum, focusing on the years leading up to and including World War II and the Korean conflict (1930-1954). Featured panelists will include Tuskegee Airman
Alexander Jefferson, former Detroit head city planner Hilanius Phillips, and Frank Rashid, a Professor of English at Marygrove College and a founding member of Marygrove's Institute for Detroit Studies. Lloyd Jackson of News/Talk 760 WJR will serve as moderator.

- **Saturday, June 9** from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, focusing on the late 1950s and 1960s up to and including the Detroit “Insurrection” of July 1967 and its aftermath. Featured panelists will include Darren Nichols of the Detroit News, Loretta Holmes, a Detroit resident who was at the Blind Pig when it was raided in 1967 and Tom Armstead of Focus: HOPE.

The cost of the event is $10 for Detroit Historical Society and Black Historic Sites Committee members and $15 for the public. Tickets for all three panel discussions may be purchased at a discounted price of $25 for Detroit Historical Society and Black Historic Sites Committee members and $35 for the public. For more information or to register for the event, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

The Black Historic Sites Committee of the Detroit Historical Society, founded in 1970, is a group of volunteers that promotes a greater understanding of the contributions of African Americans to the history of metro Detroit and the state of Michigan. The group also assists the Society with African American-themed programming.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is $6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay $4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum’s lot is $4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit; Frontiers to Factories; The Motor City; and The Glancy Trains.

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