The University of Virginia’s Center for the Liberal Arts, 
Carter Woodson Institute for African and African-American Studies, and 
Miller Center of Public Affairs are pleased to present 
A History Workshop for Virginia Teachers

TEACHING FREEDOM SUMMER

Saturday, September 20, 2014
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Miller Center

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Freedom Summer project, faculty and fellows from the Carter G. Woodson Institute and the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia will conduct a day-long workshop entitled “Teaching Freedom Summer” on September 20, 2014.

In 1964, civil rights organizations, citizens of Mississippi, and student volunteers from across the country came together to challenge segregation in one of the nation’s most racially oppressive and violent states. They registered African American voters who had been denied the right to vote, established Freedom Schools, organized Freedom Votes and created the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, dedicated to unseating the whites-only Mississippi delegation for the Democratic National Convention of 1964. It was a strategic experiment that rocked the nation and fundamentally challenged white supremacy in the South.

Drawing on film, music and primary sources, the morning session will examine the history of Freedom Summer, its impact, contradictions and legacy. The afternoon session will provide pedagogical tools and strategies for teaching Freedom Summer 1964, and discuss links to the History and Social Sciences Standards of Learning for the Virginia Public Schools.