

# Finding Freedom Summer



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In 2004, the Freedom Summer Scholars program explored the events of 1964 and the impact that they had on American race relations through an interdisciplinary integration of historical, rhetorical, literary, and sociological perspectives. The program brought together high school and college students to study social activism within the context of the struggle for civil rights in Mississippi, its legacies, and their contemporary relevance.

The program began in Oxford Ohio, on the campus of Western College, where the original Freedom Summer training took place. After two weeks, the college students continued on to Oxford, Mississippi to participate in a conference in Jackson, Mississippi and memorial services in Neshoba County. Affiliated faculty discussed historical research using primary materials, including archival materials in both Ohio and Mississippi, and students critically interpreted and performed historical accounts of Freedom Summer.



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