ABOUT THE SPEAKER

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BLACK MISSOURIANS QUEST FOR UNIVERSAL FREEDOM

From Dred Scott and Milly Sawyer to the Concerned Students of 1950 and Ferguson, the African American quest for universal freedom has a unique and extensive history in the state of Missouri. Using these examples from Missouri history with the greater national conversation concerning political inclusion and the role of politics in the attainment of the American dream, this presentation will focus on the many ways African Americans and whites interpret American politics differently. The goal of this presentation is to encourage individuals and groups to seek to understand the historical forces that have shaped African American politics and their quest for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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