Dear Smith Alumnae and Friends,

Join Joshua Miller, M.S.W., Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the HBSE, Smith School for Social Work, on a carefully designed program which focuses on understanding the Civil Rights Movement, perhaps the most significant movement to shape American history. Our program traces the history of this struggle, which was not a movement that just took off, but was one that grew over time, through massive grassroots organization, a commitment to achieve racial equality through non-violence, legislative victories, brilliant leadership and collaboration, and the sheer courage and determination of hundreds of thousands of participants.

Travel to the sites of the movement - from Selma to the Little Rock High School - and meet with many of the figures who were involved. Framed within the civil rights story are the histories of the music and cuisine of the South, some of the most powerful and inspired creations of both southern sound and southern cuisine were born out of hardship and poverty and today continue to evolve in exciting ways. For those interested in social justice today there are great lessons to be learned from earlier struggles in our history where a profound demonstration of commitment, against all odds, succeeded. In the words of King: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

We encourage you to join and make your reservation today!

Warmest regards,

Elizabeth A. Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
March 10, Sunday: Jackson

Independent arrivals into Jackson. Transfer to the Westin Jackson.

This afternoon, visit the newly opened Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. This museum provides an honest and painful account of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi beginning with the back story to the civil rights period – the European slave trade. The museum timeline moves through the Civil War, the birth of Jim Crow, World War II with a harrowing room focusing on the abduction and murder Emmett Till.

This evening enjoy a lovely welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

March 11, Monday: Jackson

Our morning begins at the Medgar Evers Home Museum, where Evers lived and was later assassinated in 1963. Walk through the home, which has been restored to the way it looked in 1963. Here we will have the opportunity to meet with the home’s curator, Minnie White Watson.

From here drive to Malaco Records, an American independent record label based in Jackson, that has been the home of various major blues and gospel acts. It was the unexpected success of Z.Z. Hill’s LP Down Home in 1982-83 that launched Malaco on a trajectory to become the dominant label in its field.

Continue on to Farish Street where we will be met by local business owner Daniel Dillon who is working to try and revitalize the area. In 2009 he opened Frank Jones Corner, the only restaurant and live music venue on a nearly empty street.

Stop by the Big Apple Inn, where we will meet with the owner, Geno Lee, whose unique delicacy, Pig’s Ear Sandwich, has attracted quite a few celebrities, including BB King and even President Obama.

Walk from the Big Apple Inn to F. Jones Corner passing by the Collins Funeral Home. On June 15, 1963, a throng of 4,000 mourners marched from the Masonic Temple to the Collins Funeral Home, where Medgar Evers body was prepared for burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant where, schedule permitting, we will be joined by Jackson Mayor Antar Lumumba. Elected in June 2017 with 93 percent of the vote, Lumumba was widely quoted when he delivered a speech at the People’s Summit in Chicago in which he shared his goal of making Jackson “the most radical city on the planet.”

After lunch visit the former Greyhound Bus station, a site that played a prominent role in the 1961 Freedom Rides against segregation, and has been lovingly restored to preserve the original art deco architecture.

This afternoon, meet with Dr. Charles Beady who runs the Mississippi Food Network (MFN). MFN’s vision is to eliminate poverty-related hunger in Mississippi.

Enjoy a special dinner at Frank Jones Corner followed by a private performance by a local Blues musician.

March 12, Tuesday: Little Rock

Depart Jackson this morning for Little Rock driving through the beautiful flatlands of the Mississippi Delta.

Stop by the BB King Museum to experience and learn about blues music which was founded here in the Mississippi Delta. Explore the museum and soak in the sounds that transformed the history of music in America.

Afterwards, continue on to Baptist Town, best known as the final residence of Robert Johnson, the King of the Delta Blues Singers. Head to the Greenwood Museum where Mary Hoover will prepare barbecue ribs for the group and, of course, her famous butter-roals.

Stop in at Hoover’s Store, owned by Sylvestor and Mary
Hoover. Tour the Back in the Day Museum, a community museum exploring the history of the blues, Baptist Town and African-American culture in the Delta.

Continue on to the nearby town of Money where the first marker on the Mississippi Freedom Trail was placed at the remains of the Bryant’s Grocery, the site associated with the murder of black teenager Emmett Till.

Make a stop in Sumner at the Emmett Till Interpretive Center. Meet with museum director, Patrick Weems, and learn of the apology resolution written by the community of Sumner and issued from the steps of the courthouse in which Emmett Till’s murderers were acquitted.

Enjoy an early dinner at Sumner’s Grille before continuing on to Little Rock and the Burgundy Hotel.

March 13, Wednesday: Memphis
B,L,D

This morning visit Little Rock High School, now Central High School National Historic Site, a national emblem of the often violent struggle over school desegregation. The crisis here forced the nation to enforce African-American civil rights in the face of massive southern defiance during the years following the Brown decision, a major triumph of the movement. Scheduling permitted we will meet with Nancy Rousseau who has been the principal since 2002.

Continue on to the William J. Clinton Presidential Center housed in a gleaming modern space overlooking the Arkansas River. The center supports the Clinton library, foundation, and school, as well as a mock Oval Office as it looked during his administration. Enjoy lunch in the beautiful restaurant at the center.

Check into the Hotel Madison before dinner at McEwens, a local restaurant serving upscale southern food.

March 14, Thursday: Memphis
B,L

Begin the morning at the Lorraine Motel, now the home of the National Civil Rights Museum. Martin Luther King, Jr. stayed at the motel on April 4, 1968 in Room 306. When he stepped out to talk to friends in the parking lot below a bullet struck him in the neck, taking his life instantly.

Enjoy lunch at the world famous Gus’s Fried Chicken.

This afternoon, we will focus on Memphis’ music history with a special tour led by a professional Beale Street musician. Enjoy live music as you learn about Memphis’ strong affiliations to rock ‘n’ roll, soul and blues music.

Drive a mile north to visit the Slave Haven Underground Railway house, where dark cellars, hidden passageways and trap doors were used by runaway slaves attempting to flee north to freedom.

Dinner is at your leisure this evening.

March 15, Friday: Montgomery
B,L

This morning, travel to Birmingham and stop at the 16th Street Baptist Church where a bomb killed four young girls as they prepared to sing in their choir on September 15, 1963. The
incident caused national outrage and gave rise to a momentum that ensured the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. We have asked Carolyn McKinstry, who was 14 and inside the church when the bomb exploded, to join us on our visit.

Enjoy lunch at the Delta Blues Hot Tamales.

Drive to Selma where we will meet with Michelle Browder, the founder of I AM MORE THAN..., a Montgomery-based non-profit serving the young adults of the area equipping them with entrepreneurial skills and training to become self-sufficient.

Stop by the Slavery Museum for a conversation with Foot Soldier, Annie Pearl Avery, who joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) at age sixteen and whose civil rights work spans decades.

Continue to the Edmund Pettus Bridge where we will walk two by two in memory of those who were beaten seeking the right to vote.

Drive along the 54 miles, known as the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. This route helped change American history as a series of marches brought the conflicts of the voting rights movement into homes across the country.

Arrive in Montgomery and check into the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel.

Dinner this evening is at your leisure.

March 16, Saturday: Montgomery B,L,D

Begin the morning with a short walk to the Rosa Parks Museum, where the civil rights movement truly found its footing in 1955.

Continue on to the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church and Parsonage where Martin Luther King Jr. was pastor from 1954-1960. Stand in the pulpit from which he preached as a minister about his passionate views on the power of nonviolence and civil disobedience.

End the morning at the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit Civil Rights organization dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry. We will request a meeting with Lecia Brooks, Outreach Director of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Visit the Civil Rights Memorial where, Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer Maya Lin, designed a circular black granite table which records the names of the martyrs and chronicles the history of the movement in lines that radiate like the hands of a clock. Maya Lin is also the architect who designed the new Neilson Library at Smith College.

Enjoy lunch at Chris’ Hot Dogs which was founded on historic Dexter Street in 1917.

After lunch visit the newly opened National Memorial for Peace and Justice where Sierra Bainbridge ‘99, a Smith alumna, helped design the memorial. Continue on for a briefing at the Equal Justice Initiative.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at the Central Restaurant.

March 17, Sunday: Depart B

Independent transfers to the airport for return flights home.

Smith Scholar

Josh Miller has been a professor at Smith College School for Social Work since 1992. He has worked as a social worker, therapist, group worker and community organizer. Miller has focused on two major areas for his scholarship, teaching and writing: 1. Racism in the US. 2. Helping individuals and communities to recover from major disasters. He is the co-author of Racism in the United States: Implications for the helping professions, now in its second edition, and the author of Psychosocial capacity building in response to disasters. Miller has focused on the impact of historical, structural and interpersonal racism on white people, as well as people of color and has also tackled racial stereotypes, microaggressions, implicit bias and how organizations can become antiracism institutions. His disaster work has taken him to Haiti, China, Sri Lanka and Uganda, as well as responding to domestic events such as 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina.
Program Costs and Inclusions

Trip Price: $3,750 per person, double occupancy
Single room supplement: $910 (Limited Availability)

Trip price includes: All hotel accommodations as listed in the itinerary based on double-occupancy; meals as listed in the itinerary (B,L,D); all tours; excursions; sightseeing; entrances; transportation in an air-conditioned motor coach; a Distant Horizons tour manager; gratuities and porterage. Trip price based on a minimum of 20 travelers. Price subject to small group surcharge if group size is under 20.

Trip price does not include: Airfare to Jackson and departing from Montgomery; beverages outside of the included one soft drink at mealtimes; personal insurance for health; baggage and trip cancellation; chambermaid gratuities and items of a purely personal nature.

Note: Program not recommended for children under 11 years of age. Participants must be able to walk for long distances and up and down stairs without problems. Please note that this itinerary is subject to change.

For additional information or a more detailed itinerary, contact Smith Travel at alumtrav@smith.edu or (800) 225-2029

To make a reservation please mail this form with a $1,000 deposit* check (per person) payable to “Distant Horizons” to: Smith Travel, Office of Alumnae Relations, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063

*Your deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to departure less a $500 administration fee.

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Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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Traveler 2: ____________________________________________ Birthdate ____________
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I/We have read the terms and conditions and authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

☐ I will share accommodations with: ________________________________

☐ I prefer single accommodations (limited availability, single supplement applies).

☐ I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is not available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full 90 days prior to departure. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, payable to Distant Horizons.
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Tour Price Includes: Accommodations in hotels as outlined in the itinerary based on double occupancy, prices listed are based on two persons sharing a twin room. Distant Horizons reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in the brochure when necessary. Distant Horizons will do all possible for single participants to satisfy requests to share rooms. On occasions when it is not possible, the single room supplement will apply. If Distant Horizons assigns you a roommate and your roommate cancels or changes their mind about sharing a room, you will be liable for the single room supplement. American breakfast (B), lunches (L) and dinners (D) are included as specified in the itinerary. Soft drink is included with lunch and one with dinner; welcome and farewell receptions include beer and wine; educational program of discussions; entrance fees to monuments; bottled water kept on the bus; transportation in a deluxe, air conditioned motor coach; the services of a Distant Horizons tour manager; special activities as quoted in the itinerary; and gratuities to the local guides; tour manager, driver, and waitstaff for included meals.

Tour Price Does Not Include: Air service to Jackson and from Montgomery; international airfare; meals not specified in the itinerary; transfers to and from airports; chambermaid gratuities; alcoholic drinks at included meals except for welcome and farewell receptions; drinks other than soft drink at meals; personal items such as laundry, email, fax or telephone calls; liquor; room service; independent and private transfers; luggage charges and private trip insurance. Any increases in the in-tour security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

Tour Cost is based on rates of currency exchange at time of printing (April 2018) and is subject to change with or without previous notice. If there is a price increase prior to the day of departure in the basic costs, such increases may be passed on to the participant. If bookings fall below the minimum required, passengers will be advised of additional costs for that departure date. The minimum group size of this departure is 20 paying participants, should the number of participants fall below this number, a small group surcharge and/or revised staffing will apply.

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If a participant cancels, the following refunds will be available upon written notice of cancellation to Distant Horizons:
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Notice on or between 89 days and 30 days prior to departure: a refund less 50% of trip price.
No refund shall be issued if cancellation is received less than 30 days prior to departure date.
No refunds shall be issued after the tour has commenced. No refunds shall be issued for occasional missed meals, sightseeing tours or any unused services.

Travel Insurance: The purchase of trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Travel insurance information will be mailed to you by Smith Travel upon receipt of your registration form and deposit.

Air Carriers Contract: The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time tour members are on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contract in use by the airline concerned when the ticket is issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger.

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