



Behavioral Science Colloquia Fall 2020

Long Live Chairman Fred: Legacy of the Original Rainbow Coalition

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020
2-3:30 p.m. • Zoom

Fred Hampton was a charismatic leader who served as president of the NAACP Youth Council and later became chairman of the revolutionary Chicago-based Black Panther Party. Dr. Jakobi Williams explores how Hampton helped develop racial coalitions between the ILBPP and other local activists and organizations. Williams also recounts the history of the original Rainbow Coalition, created in response to Richard J. Daley's Democratic machine, to show how the Panthers worked to create an antiracist, anticlass coalition to fight urban renewal, political corruption and police brutality.

Dr. Jakobi Williams is the Ruth N. Halls associate professor in the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies and the Department of History at Indiana University-Bloomington. He is a civil rights, Black Power, social justice and African American history scholar. He has provided more than 100 invited lectures domestically and abroad on the subjects of civil rights and social justice movements. He has served as a consultant regarding civil rights issues and history for the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Southern Poverty Law Center, The National Civil Rights Museum, The Social Justice Initiative at the University of Illinois-Chicago, and the Kairos-Center for Religion, Rights, and Social Justice – which helped to found the New Poor People's Campaign led by Rev. Barber. Dr. Williams' most recent book *From the Bullet to the Ballot: The Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party and Racial Coalition Politics in Chicago* was published by the University of North Carolina Press under the John Hope Franklin Series. Dr. Williams' most recent awards include the Black Metropolitan Research Consortium Fellowship, the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, the National Humanities Center Fellowship, and the Big Ten Academic Alliance-Academic Leadership Program Award.

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