

## **Miami University Freedom Summer reunion/conference registering now**

Aug. 30, 2014 - Sept. 5, 2014

Miami University's Freedom Summer reunion/national conference in October is taking registrations. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the summer of 1964, a pivotal moment in the civil rights movement.

An estimated 800 volunteers — many of them college students — trained in Oxford before heading South to register black voters and set up Freedom Schools and community centers in Mississippi and elsewhere. The training took place at the Western College for Women, which is now part of Miami's Western campus.

The "50 Years After Freedom Summer: Understanding the Past, Building the Future" reunion and conference Oct. 11-14 will feature historic participants along with scholars, activists, students and others to explore the continued significance of Freedom Summer.

The deadline to register is Sept. 12. To register, call (513) 529-8309.

"Celebrating Freedom: Understanding the Past, Building the Future" is a university-wide, yearlong event — from Fall 2013 through Fall 2014 — that provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress made and the efforts yet to come in the United States and globally to ensure the freedom and dignity of all people.