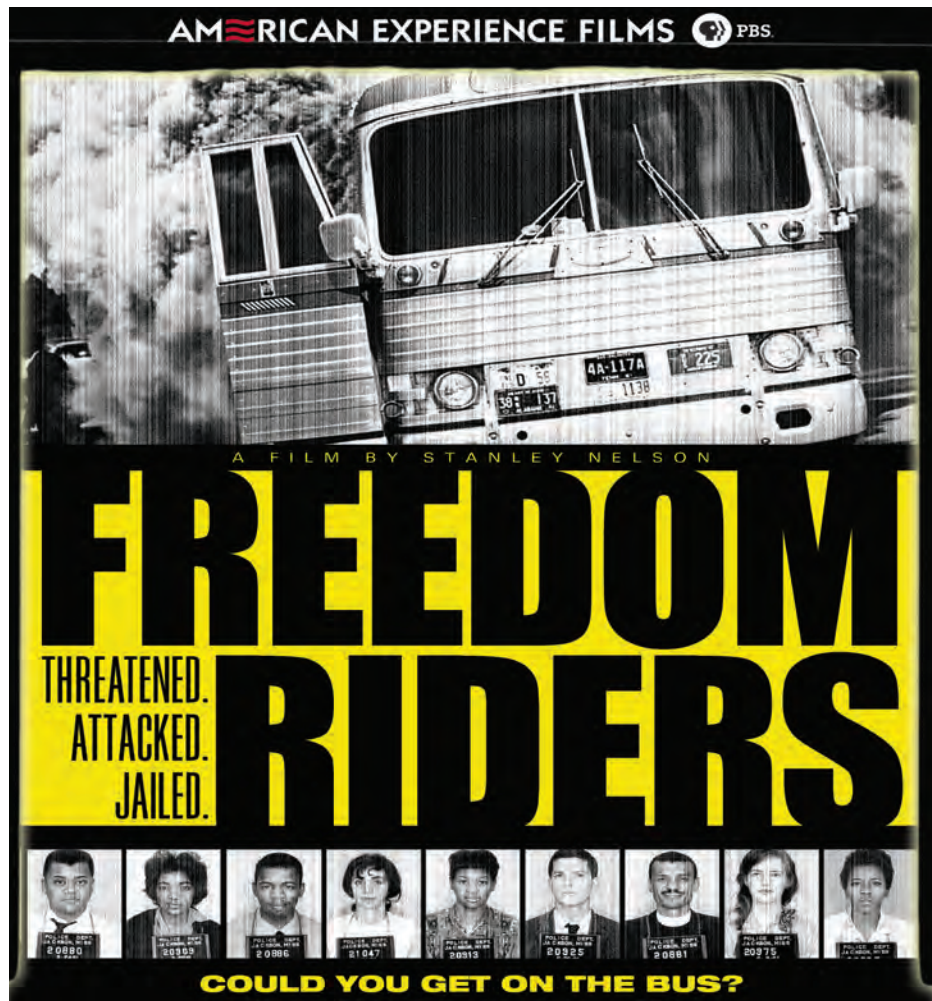


# CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NONVIOLENCE

Presents Film and Talk-Back



## Friday, April 8 at 7pm

The Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary  
467 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Featuring Freedom Rider, Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr.  
Talk-Back following the film

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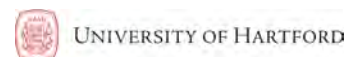
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## About the film

American Experience PBS: FREEDOM RIDERS is the powerful, harrowing and ultimately inspirational story of six months in 1961 that changed America forever. From May until November 1961, more than 400 black and white Americans risked their lives—and many endured savage beatings and imprisonment—for simply traveling together on buses and trains as they journeyed through the Deep South. Deliberately violating Jim Crow laws, the Freedom Riders met with bitter racism and mob violence along the way, sorely testing their belief in nonviolent activism.

From award-winning filmmaker Stanley Nelson (Wounded Knee, Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple, The Murder of Emmett Till) FREEDOM RIDERS features testimony from a fascinating cast of central characters: the Riders themselves, state and federal government officials, and journalists who witnessed the Rides firsthand. The two-hour documentary is based on Raymond Arsenault's book *Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice*.

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## About Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr.

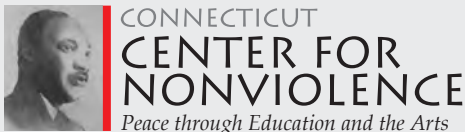
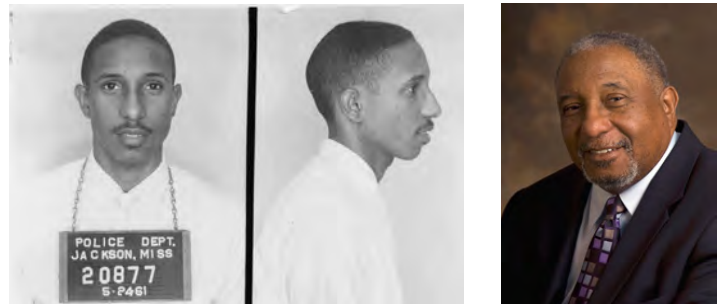
Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr., has been a Civil Rights Movement Activist, minister, educator, lecturer and is a global authority on the strategy of nonviolent social change. He co-founded the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1960, where he was a leader of the Nashville movement. In 1961, he was beaten and jailed during the Freedom Rides. Miraculously, he also survived an assassination attempt by the Ku Klux Klan in Selma, Alabama.

He served on the Executive Staff of Martin Luther King, Jr., and was appointed by Dr. King as National Program Administrator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and National Coordinator for the 1968 Poor Peoples' Campaign.

Over the past forty years Dr. LaFayette has been traveling worldwide organizing the development of Nonviolence Centers in some of the globe's most violent regions. He and his team have been training militants from the Niger Delta in Nigeria since 2005. Dr. LaFayette, in collaboration with the Foundation of Ethnic Harmony (FEHN) in Nigeria, has been invited by the Nigerian Federal

Government to introduce Kingian Nonviolence to 20,000 plus militants. These militants agreed to the amnesty offered last year by the Nigerian Government to lay down their guns and enter into a government program of returning to civil society.

Dr. LaFayette is currently the Distinguished Senior Scholar in Residence at Emory University and serves as the Honorary Board Chair of the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence.



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**Our Goal** is to apply and teach the philosophy and methodology of nonviolence as taught by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through educational projects and the arts.

**Our Mission** is to build a world of mutual understanding among people where nonviolence processes are used to reconcile conflict and strengthen the quality of family and community life.

**Our Team** of certified Kingian Nonviolence Educators will work with you to implement programs that transform the cycle of violence in our homes, schools, work places and in our communities. We offer a systematic approach, drawn from concrete principles and steps of nonviolence that have been successfully used throughout the United States and the world.

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