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Intergenerational Civil Rights Study Travel

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Overview: This study travel experience provides a unique opportunity to learn about the Civil Rights movement with a visiting the sites where this history happened, guided by people who were there as foot soldiers in the struggles for justice and freedom. Previous participants in this course have described it as “life-changing.”

Highlights:

- Encountering the history and legacy of slavery, Jim Crow, the Civil Rights movement of s in Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama with an intergenerational group that includes undergraduates from the University of St. Thomas and students from the Selim Center for Lifelong Learning.
- Meeting veterans of the Civil Rights struggles in Memphis, Tennessee; and Jackson, Mississippi and Montgomery, Alabama.
- Examining the ways in which the stories of this history are told through sites in vernacular and corporate museums.
- Engaging with younger activists involved in the current struggles for social justice.
- Understanding race in the context of an intergenerational group.

Itinerary Overview

- Course begins in Memphis, Tennessee.
- Meeting Civil Rights veteran Ms. Elaine Leo Turner.
(<https://www.wate.com/news/special->

- Travel to Montgomery, Alabama...
- The National Memorial for Peace and Justice (<https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/>)
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- Mothers of Gynecology Monument (<https://www.anarchaclubvetsev.org>).
- Dexter Ave Baptist Church and Alabama State Capital (<https://www.montgomeryal.org/life-resources/arts-museum/index.html>)
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- Travel to Memphis, Tennessee if time permits.
- Stax Museum of American Soul Music (<https://staxmuseum.org/>)
- Ernest Withers Museum to meet with current Memphis Civil Rights leaders (<https://thewitherscollection.com/>)
- The trip will offer ample opportunities to enjoy the delights of Southern food at places like the Blues City Café, Central BBQ, Betina's Soul Food Kitchen, Pannier Georges, and Beale Street.