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An Exciting Evening in Support of Hooks Programs

Momentum is not made through the actions of leaders alone; it requires teamwork and persistence. Speaking with the wisdom of a seasoned civil rights activist, Ambassador Andrew J. Young, a friend and colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., emphasized the importance of working in unity to achieve the dream of an equal world.

***"We are always looking for leaders and I think that's a mistake...
We didn't have a leadership, we had a team... When everybody does what they are
supposed to do, we can change America."***

Andrew J. Young, 2017 Hooks Gala

On April 20, 2017, Young highlighted the Hooks Institute's 20th anniversary celebration and gala in support of the outstanding programs of the Institute.

Young's inspiring career leads us to ask ourselves "What can we do in our lives to move towards an equal and just world?" It is imperative that we join together to continue the legacy of courage initiated by those who came before us.

Proceeds from the 2017 Hooks Gala help sustain the program and initiatives of the Hooks Institute.

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HAAMI: Celebrating Success

In celebration of a successful school year, Hooks African American Male Initiative ([HAAMI](#)) members attended the 2017 Hooks Gala and participated in the program events.

HAAMI seeks to improve the retention and graduation rates of African American males attending the University of Memphis by positively impacting each student's social, academic and personal development, and career readiness.

We are tremendously proud of these exemplary young men as we look forward to another rewarding year of HAAMI!

For more information about HAAMI, contact Rorie Trammel at rtrammel@memphis.edu

[Invest in the future of Memphis by supporting HAAMI!](#)

Ida B. Wells: The Lynching at the Curve

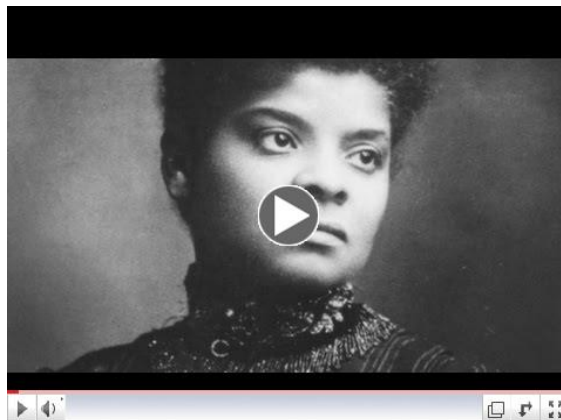
"The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them." ~ Ida B. Wells

Wells' words stand as true today as when she first spoke them. The Hooks Institute's documentary film on Ida B. Wells will explore the history of racial violence in Memphis and the South, as well as the resilience of those who fought against white supremacy.

Coming to terms with the history of racial violence in our city is an important step towards healing the wounds left behind.

A short preview of our documentary can be viewed by clicking the link on the right.

Feature film coming in Spring 2018!



[Ida B. Wells: The Lynching at the Curve \(](#)

Benjamin Hooks: A Passion for Civil Rights

Explore the exciting legacy of Benjamin L. Hooks through the Benjamin L. Hooks Papers Collection Website

www.memphis.edu/hookspapers

The website features the personal papers of Hooks from his years at the NAACP as well as writing from Frances Dancy Hooks' time as a civil rights and community activist.



[Visit Our Website](#)

What's happening at the Hooks Institute?

- **Improving Academic Success for African American Men:** On April 19, 2017, Hooks hosted a symposium on African American academic achievement, offering guidance to Memphis teachers and educators on best practices to improve academic achievement for African American men. Presenters Dr. John Marshall (Diversity, Equity, and Poverty Programs, Jefferson County Schools, Louisville, Kentucky) and Dr. Ray Hart (Council of Great City Schools, Males of Color Program, Washington, D.C.). [View photographs from this event!](#)
 - **Congrats to Graduating Seniors of Freedom Prep Academy!** The Hooks Institute was honored to host Freedom Prep Academy's first Senior Signing Day at the University of Memphis. Impressively, every senior of the school has been accepted into college! Several will join us at the University of Memphis! [View photographs from this event!](#)
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