

A CONVERSATION OF UNDERSTANDING

“ Delivering on Promises: The Legacy of the Civil Rights Act and Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and the 2024 Presidential Election ”

Greetings SIU Community,

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, we invite you to join us in honoring this milestone at our upcoming Conversation of Understanding (COU) on October 30th from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. This session, titled “Delivering on Promises: The Legacy of the Civil Rights Act and Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and the 2024 Presidential Election”, will celebrate six decades of progress while looking ahead to the future.

Our discussion will explore how these landmark pieces of legislation laid the groundwork for increased civil rights, economic opportunity, and social equity. We'll also consider how Project 2025 aligns with these goals by addressing persistent disparities and promoting a vision of continued progress and inclusion.

Together, we'll reflect on the achievements of the past 60 years and consider how we, as an organization, can contribute to realizing the promises these Acts set in motion. This is a unique opportunity to connect our current work with a powerful legacy and reaffirm our commitment to fostering a just and equitable society.

Participants attending in person or watching live via the SIU System YouTube Channel will have the opportunity to ask questions to our expert panelists.

Let's celebrate this historic milestone by continuing the journey toward equity, opportunity, and progress for all.

Following the dialogue, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts from 12:30 to 1:00 pm. This Q&A session will allow for deeper exploration of the topics discussed and provide a space for open, respectful conversation. This event invites students, faculty, and staff to come together and contribute to a more vibrant and civically engaged campus community. Your participation is crucial to making this a meaningful and impactful conversation.

How to Participate:

- In-Person: Join us at the SIU Edwardsville Morris University Center, Legacy Room, for a face-to-face discussion.
- Virtual Option: Can't make it to Edwardsville?
Watch the livestream from any SIU campus or location.

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<https://bit.ly/SIUConversation>

Conversations of Understanding have become a fixture across the SIU System and on our individual campuses. They are a series of exchanges where students, alumni, faculty, staff and the broader SIU communities can share their experiences and thoughts on a variety of themes related to antiracism, diversity, equity and inclusion. We want to be a model for others in higher education and be recognized as a leader in our region and beyond for our work in fostering understanding of relevant contemporary issues.

Students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members from across the SIU System are invited to join a live discussion focusing on critical issues regarding equity and justice in our country and what we can and must do to address those issues within the SIU System and beyond. A question and answer session will follow where audience participants can participate in person by using the YouTube comment section, or submitting questions before or during the event by emailing doris.williams@siu.edu.

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