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## CPH Hosting "Wednesdays in Mississippi: Civil Rights as Women's Work" Website



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The University of Houston [Center for Public History](#) is pleased to announce that it is now hosting the website "*Wednesdays in Mississippi: Civil Rights as Women's Work*." This site, originally created by the **Virginia Center for Digital History**, will be expanded through student-based research as part of the digital history curriculum at CPH.

In the summer of 1964, the **National Council of Negro Women** sponsored Wednesdays in Mississippi (WIMS) to bring interracial, interfaith teams of northern women to meet with their southern counterparts to open lines of communication in order to facilitate acceptance of integration and black enfranchisement in the South. WIMS was the only

civil rights project at the time organized for women, by women, as part of a national women's organization. Overall, the WIMS teams met with over 300 Mississippi women that first summer, they returned the next year, and eventually, the program developed into need-based initiatives, some of which continue to the present day.

The current website can be found at <http://www.history.uh.edu/cph/WIMS/>.