1968 was a pivotal year of change in American and global politics. While Americans are fascinated with the history of the 1960s and the civil rights and Black Power movements in particular, the popular image of black radicalism remains largely male. More recently, scholars have turned their attention to the roles women played in these movements.

Forty years later, the Women's Studies Program at Brooklyn College is hosting a series of events this spring exploring "Women in the Black Freedom Struggle." Scholars from around the country--along with former activists--will come together at Brooklyn College to examine the roles women played as theorists, organizers, and leaders of movements for racial justice in postwar United States, looking at groups such as SNCC, the Black Panther Party, the Young Lords Party, and the American left.

Join Scholars
Melissa Harris Lacewell
Cynthia Young
Chana Kai Lee
Joy James

Former Activists
Ericka Huggins
Judy Richardson
Iris Morales
Denise Oliver
and many more...

Wednesday, March 5 through Thursday, May 1, 2008
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Women in the Black Freedom Struggle

A Symposium Series

Women in the Black Revolt Conference

March 5 - 6 at Brooklyn College
(co-sponsored with Sarah Lawrence College's 10th Annual Women's History Conference on Black Power/Black Feminism)

Wednesday, March 5 from 4:45-6:15 p.m.
Women and Black Power
Woody Tanger Auditorium
Sherie Randolph (Hofstra)
James Smethurst (U-Mass, Amherst)
Robyn Spencer (Lehman)
Diane Fujino (UC—Santa Barbara)

Thursday, March 6 from 12:15-1:30 p.m.
Women in the Black Panther Party
Jefferson-Williams, SUBO
Angela LeBlanc-Ernest (independent scholar)
Ericka Huggins (former BPP member)
Joy James (Williams College)

Thursday, March 6 from 3:30-4:45 p.m.
Women and Black Radicalism
Bedford Lounge, SUBO
Erik McDuffie (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign)
Dayo Gore (U-Mass, Amherst)
Komozi Woodard (Sarah Lawrence College)
Premilla Nadasen (Queens College)
Chana Kai Lee (University of Georgia)

Talks and Roundtables

Thursday March 27 from 12:15-1:30 p.m., Bedford Lounge, SUBO
Melissa Harris Lacewell (Princeton University)
“Wounded Warriors: Investigating the Politics of the Strong Black Woman”

Monday March 31 from 4:55-6:15 p.m., Bedford Lounge, SUBO
Michelle Stephens (Colgate University)
“Crossing Lines: Reading Race and Sexuality in Paul Robeson's Films”

Wednesday, April 9 from 4:55-6:00 p.m., Woody Tanger Auditorium
Cynthia Young (Boston College)
author of Soul Power: Culture, Radicalism, and the Making of a U.S. Third World Left

Thursday April 17 from 3:30-4:45 p.m., Bedford Lounge, SUBO
Women in SNCC with Emielye Crosby (SUNY-Genseso) and Judy Richardson (former SNCC organizer)

Thursday May 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Jefferson-Williams, SUBO
Women in the Young Lords Party
with Johanna Fernandez (Baruch College), Denise Oliver and Iris Morales (former members of the Young Lords)