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Morris Dees:
“With Justice for All”
Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, won a series of groundbreaking civil rights cases that helped integrate government and public institutions and cripple some of America’s most notorious white supremacist hate groups. Dees, named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the National Law Journal in 2006, has authored three books: A Season For Justice, his autobiography; Hate on Trial: The Case Against America’s Most Dangerous Neo-Nazi; and Gathering Storm: America’s Militia Threat.

Timothy DeChristopher:
“A Movement with Soul”
Monday, October 20, 2014

Passionate climate activist and co-founder of the environmental group Peaceful Uprising, Timothy DeChristopher, is most well known for his protest of a Bureau of Land Management oil and gas lease auction, when he won 22,500 acres parcels of land with no intention to pay the $1.8 million he had bid for them. DeChristopher served 21 months in prison and successfully gained national attention for his civil disobedience. The U.S. Department of the Interior, stating they had been rushed into auction with insufficient environmental and scientific review, canceled many other leases and a subsequent court injunction.

Mary Frances Berry:
“Whatever Happened to the Civil Rights Movement?”
Monday, March 23, 2014

For over four decades, Mary Frances Berry has been one of the most recognized and respected voices in our nation’s civil rights, gender equality and social justice movements. Serving as chairperson of the US Civil Rights Commission, Berry led the charge for equal rights and liberties for all Americans over the course of four presidential administrations. A prolific author, Berry’s books cover a wide range of subjects, from the history of constitutional racism in America to the politics of parenthood. Her most recent book, Power in Words: The Stories behind Barack Obama’s Speeches, from the State House to the White House, offers insight and historical context of President Obama's most memorable speeches.

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