



Stockton Sets 9th Annual Fannie Lou Hamer Human and Civil Rights Symposium

**October 9 Event Features Keynote Speech
By Dr. Julianne Malveaux**

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Galloway Twp., NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host the 9th Annual Fannie Lou Hamer Human and Civil Rights Symposium on Tuesday, October 9, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center here on campus.

“The theme of this year’s symposium is ‘Erasing the Double Standard: Enduring Social Obstacles to Equality and Social Justice,’ said Distinguished Professor of Social Work and Africana Studies, Pat Reid-Merritt. “This continues our tradition of bringing informative educational programs to the College and the wider community.”

Keynote speaker is scholar, journalist, and economist Dr. Julianne Malveaux, President Emeritus of Bennett College. Guest panelists include Stockton faculty members Dr. Deb Figart, Director of the Stockton Center for Economic and Financial Literacy; Dr. Janice Joseph, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice, and Dr. Michael Rodriguez, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice.

There will also be Freedom Songs presented by the Highest Praise Choir and dramatist Ms. Lenny Daniels will re-create a dramatic scene based on the life of Fannie Lou Hamer, a civil rights pioneer who testified on behalf of voting rights and civil rights at the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City.

“This year’s event is especially significant as we join with others around the nation to celebrate Ms. Hamer’s 95th birthday and the dedication and unveiling of the Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Statue Monument in Ruleville, Mississippi.