

**WHO:** The American Ethnic Studies Department welcomes all students, faculty and staff

**WHAT:** *An Afternoon with a Freedom Summer volunteer: Q & A with Benjamin 'Buz' Graham MD*

**WHEN:** Monday, March 20, 2017 from 12:45-2:10 p.m.

**WHERE:** H111



(Graham family photo)

Benjamin 'Buz' Graham was a senior in high school down in Los Angeles who was taking some courses at UCLA and seen a sign that said, "Make History Instead of Studying." That drew him into getting active in issues related to housing discrimination. After enrolling at UC-Berkeley, he became active in issues related to employment discrimination. Soon after he went down to Batesville, Mississippi, to participate in the Mississippi Summer Project where he was one of the 700 or so college students that went to assist in voter registration for 7 months.

Freedom Summer was a 1964 voter registration project in Mississippi, part of a larger effort by civil rights groups such as the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) to expand black voting in the South. The Freedom Summer project was designed to draw the nation's attention to the violent oppression experienced by Mississippi blacks who attempted to exercise their constitutional rights, and to develop a grassroots freedom movement that could be sustained long after student activists left Mississippi.



*This event we will feature a 55 min edited documentary on Freedom Summer and Q & A forum with Benjamin 'Buz' Graham MD*

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