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**On the Road to Freedom:  
The Civil Rights Movement in Alabama**

**October 6-9, 2022**

Featuring Herman Beavers, Penn Professor of English and Africana Studies







# Dear Penn Alumni and Friends



## Your Adventure Awaits...

Penn Alumni Travel, in partnership with Penn Alumni Education, the Netter Center for Community Partnerships, the African-American Resource Center, and the Greenfield Intercultural Center, is pleased to offer this exclusive tour of Alabama featuring Professor Herman Beavers of Penn's Departments of English and Africana Studies. This is an active tour and good health is required.

**Tour membership is limited to 24 alumni and friends of the University of Pennsylvania.**



The history of the United States has been shaped by many movements, but perhaps one of the most significant is the Civil Rights Movement. Central to that movement—today and in the past—has always been the city of Montgomery, and the surrounding areas in Alabama. It was here that Martin Luther King Jr. led thousands of nonviolent marchers from Selma to the steps of the capitol in Montgomery on March 25, 1965 resulting in the passage of the Voting Rights Act later that year.

Join Penn Professor Herman Beavers on a journey that begins in Birmingham. Learn about the history of the 16th Street Baptist Church. Explore Montgomery, home to the Rosa Parks Museum, the Dexter Street Parsonage, the head office of the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the newly opened, extraordinarily powerful National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Take a day trip to Selma, the site of "Bloody Sunday," and walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, reflecting on the historical events that unfolded here. You will spend three days reflecting on the region's history, sampling southern cuisine, and discussing social justice today. In the words of Dr. King: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Space is limited, and we encourage you to make your reservation today by calling our partners at Distant Horizons at 1-800-333-1240.

With warm regards from Penn,

Emilie C. K. LaRosa  
Assistant Director, Penn Alumni Travel

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# Your 4-Day Itinerary



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## Day 1: Thursday, October 6

### Home / Birmingham and Montgomery, AL

Independent morning arrival into Birmingham. Upon arrival, drive to the **16th Street Baptist Church**, the site of the September 15, 1963 bombing where four young girls were killed as they prepared to sing in their choir. The incident caused national outrage and gave rise to a movement that ensured the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Across the street is the historic **Kelly Ingram Park**, site of civil rights rallies, demonstrations, and confrontations in the 1960s.

After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute**, an interactive museum that tells the story of the Civil Rights Movement. Drive to Montgomery and check into your hotel. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. L/D

## Day 2: Friday, October 7

### Montgomery, AL

Begin the morning with a private visit to the **Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church and Parsonage** where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was pastor from 1954-1960. Continue on for a visit to the **Southern Poverty Law Center**, a non-profit civil rights organization dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry. Just outside is the **Civil Rights Memorial**, created by Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer Maya Lin. End the morning at the **Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration**. Created by the Equal Justice Initiative, the museum explores the history of racial injustice in the United States and the narratives that have sustained injustice across generations.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the **Equal Justice Initiative's National Memorial for Peace and Justice**. The site is the nation's first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence. End the day with a debrief led by staff members of the Equal Justice Initiative. Dinner this evening is at Dreamland BBQ. B/L/D

## Day 3: Saturday, October 8

### Montgomery and Selma, AL

Begin the day with a visit to the **Freedom Rides Museum**, located in the former Greyhound Bus Station. From here, drive about an hour to Selma and stop at the **Lowndes Interpretive Center** which is dedicated to those who peacefully marched from Selma to Montgomery to gain the right to vote. The historic march, and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s participation in it, raised awareness of the difficulties faced by black voters, and the need for a national Voting Rights Act. Enjoy lunch at the **Coffee Shoppe** and meet with owner **Jackie Smith**.

Stop at the **Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church**, the site of Malcolm X's address in support of voting rights, Dr. King's eulogy for Jimmie Lee Jackson, and Jackson's funeral. Three marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama began from this church, which also served as the temporary headquarters for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Then, visit the **Selma Interpretive Center**, located at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where armed forces attacked the first wave of unarmed marchers during Bloody Sunday.

Return along the 54 miles known as the **Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail** stopping at the **Viola Liuzzo memorial**. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Central Restaurant. B/L/D

## Day 4: Sunday, October 9

### Montgomery / Home

After breakfast, walk to attend a Sunday church service at the **Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church** where Martin Luther King, Jr. pastored from 1954-1960.

Independent transfers to the Montgomery Airport for return flights. B



# Penn Travel Host



**Professor Herman Beavers**  
Departments of English and Africana Studies

Herman Beavers has taught at Penn since 1989. Professor Beavers has a joint appointment in the Departments of English and Africana Studies and teaches courses on African American and American literature, including courses on Southern Modernism, 20th-Century African American Poetry, as well as “Trading Fours: The Literatures of Jazz,” which is a requisite course in the Jazz and Popular Music minor. He also teaches a section of the introductory poetry workshop in the Creative Writing Program. Professor Beavers is a member of the Faculty Advisory Board of the Netter Center for Community Partnerships, and teaches the Academically-Based Community Service course entitled, “August Wilson and Beyond,” which brings Penn students together with West Philadelphia residents to read August Wilson’s Century Cycle of plays. His most recent poems have appeared (or are about to appear) in *MELUS*, *The Langston Hughes Colloquy*, *Versadelphia*, *Cleaver Magazine*, and *The American Arts Quarterly*. He has recently published essays on August Wilson, Charles Johnson, Ralph Ellison, and Toni Morrison. His latest book is *Changing the Order of Things: Geography and the Political Imaginary in the Novels of Toni Morrison* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018). He also serves as an advisory editor at *African American Review*, *Modern Fiction Studies*, and *The Black Scholar*.



## Accommodations

### SpringHill Suites Montgomery Downtown by Marriott

Located in downtown Montgomery and just a short walk from the Equal Justice Initiative facility, the SpringHill Suites by Marriott is an ideal location from which to explore the city and surrounding area. Built in 1905 by Schloss & Kahn Wholesale Grocers, the historic building underwent a major renovation in 2019 but still retains much of its original features including the original high ceilings, brick walls, and exposed beams. Today, the all-suite hotel seamlessly blends design and functionality offering modern amenities, spacious suites, and vibrant lobbies. Take the stress out of travel with free Wi-Fi, relaxing pools, and fitness centers.

## Program Rate

**\$1,485** (per person, double occupancy)

**Single supplement: \$350** (limited availability)

## Inclusions

### Your Tour Price Includes

- All hotel accommodations as listed in the itinerary
- Meals as listed in the itinerary, including soft drinks or iced tea
- Beer and wine with welcome and farewell dinners
- All excursions as specified by the itinerary, including entrance fees
- Transportation by private motor coach throughout
- Bottled water daily
- Arrival transfer in Birmingham for guests arriving at suggested time
- A Distant Horizons tour manager
- A Penn faculty host
- All gratuities

**Trip price does not include:** Airfare to Birmingham and departing from Montgomery; departure airport transfer in Montgomery; beverages and alcoholic beverages outside of the included one soft drink/iced tea at mealtimes, except for welcome and farewell dinners; personal insurance for health; baggage and trip cancellation; hotel staff gratuities and items of a purely personal nature.

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**Reservations and Payments:** Reservations for this tour require a deposit of \$500 per person and an application form signed by the participant. Final payment is due by July 6, 2022 and must be paid by check, payable to “Distant Horizons.”

**Tour Price Includes:** Accommodations in hotels as outlined in the itinerary based on double occupancy, prices listed are based on two persons sharing a twin room. Distant Horizons reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in the brochure when necessary. Distant Horizons will do all possible for single participants to satisfy requests to share rooms. On occasions when it is not possible, the single room supplement will apply. If Distant Horizons assigns you a roommate and your roommate cancels or changes their mind about sharing a room, you will be liable for the single room supplement. American breakfasts (B), lunches (L) and dinners (D) are included as specified in the itinerary. Soft drink is included with lunch and one with dinner; welcome and farewell receptions include beer and wine; educational program of discussions; entrance fees to monuments; bottled water kept on the bus; transportation in a deluxe, air conditioned motor coach; arrival transfer in Birmingham for those arriving at suggested time; the services of a Distant Horizons tour manager; special activities as quoted in the itinerary; and gratuities to the local guides; tour manager, driver, and wait staff for included meals.

**Tour Price Does Not Include:** Air service to Birmingham and from Montgomery; meals not specified in the itinerary; departure transfer to Montgomery airport; hotel staff gratuities; alcoholic drinks at included meals except for welcome and farewell receptions; drinks other than soft drinks at meals; personal items such as laundry; email; fax or telephone calls; liquor; room service; independent and private transfers; luggage charges and private trip insurance. Any increases in the in-tour security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

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No refunds shall be issued for occasional missed meals, sightseeing tours, or any unused services.

**Travel Insurance:** The purchase of trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Travel insurance information will be emailed to you by Penn Alumni Travel upon receipt of your registration form and deposit.

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# Reserve Your Trip Today



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### Accommodations:

☐ I plan to room with \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Double ☐ Twin (separate beds)

☐ I prefer single accommodations (at a supplement of \$350 – limited availability)

☐ I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is not available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

### Deposit:

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Your deposit is 100% refundable up to 90 days prior to departure.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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