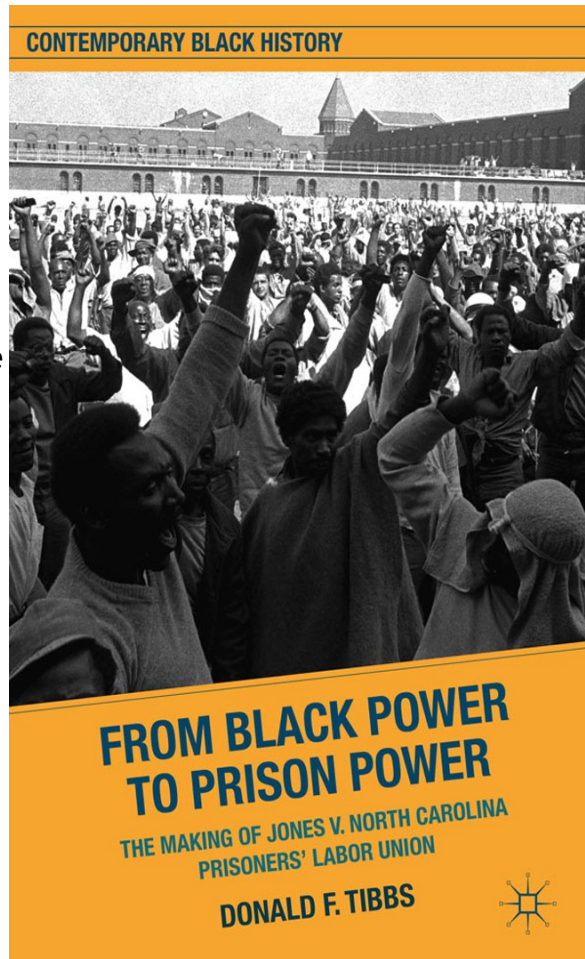


Discussion on the Prison Labor Movement with Professor Donald F. Tibbs of Drexel Law School This Thursday, August 29, 2013; 5pm

UDC – David A. Clarke School of Law; 4240 Connecticut Ave, Bldg. 52, Room 505

Sponsored by the Muslim Law Student Association and the UDC student chapter of the National Lawyer's Guild, this program will feature Donald F. Tibbs, JD/Phd of Drexel University Earle Macke School of Law and author of the book *From Black Power to Prison Power: The Making of Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners' Labor Union*. The book is a legal history of how the social and cultural history of the Black Power era connects to the legal history of the Prisoner's Rights Movement; and what the Supreme Court did to eviscerate both.

This book uses the landmark case *Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners' Labor Union* to examine the strategies of prison inmates using race and radicalism to inspire the formation of an inmate labor union. It thus rekindles the debate over the triumphs and troubles associated with the use of Black Power as a platform for influencing legal policy and effecting change for inmates. While the ideology of the prison rights movement was complex, it rested on the underlying principle that the right to organize, and engage in political dissidence, was not only a First Amendment right guaranteed to free blacks, but one that should be explicitly guaranteed to captive blacks—a point too often overlooked in previous analyses. Ultimately, this seminal case study not only illuminates the history of Black Power but that of the broader prisoners' rights movement as well.



Dr. Donald F. Tibbs joined the faculty of the Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law in Fall 2008 where he teaches Criminal Law, Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Critical Race Theory, and Hip Hop and the Law. Previously he was an Assistant Professor of Law and the Director of the Institute for Civil Rights and Justice at the Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was also adjunct faculty at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and the Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. Tibbs' research interests include Black Power Legal History; African American Intellectual History; Comparative Black Nationalism; Critical Race Theory; and Race and Punishment. He is a published scholar with articles appearing in the *Iowa Journal of Gender, Race, and Justice*, the *Southern University Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty*, the *Seattle Journal of Justice*, the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*, the *African American National Biography*, *Icons of Black America Encyclopedia*, and a forthcoming book *Hip Hop and the Law*.