

by a founder-leader trained in the social sciences to do analytical as well as "participant-observer" writing.  
sixties and since. No basic study of the origins and first year of the MFDP have been published, especially not  
MFDP was an inspiration for political organizing by blacks in other states and for many other people in the  
Two Years," in direct reference to the words of Mrs. Hamer of the MFDP at that same 1964 Convention. The  
TV. Attorney Linnie Guinier titled her now famous law review article on minority political participation "No  
all groups in all aspects of society and the MFDP has had a greater impact on U.S. politics than the advent of  
in breaking down all white delegations at the 1964 Democratic Convention led to the emphasis on "inclusion" for  
roots" political organizing in this country. Political writer Theodore White said that the "success" of the MFDP

The MFDP is important as an expression of black political aspirations and as a major expression of "grass-  
lectures at colleges on this topic for many years. There is currently a rising interest in such topics.

and officers of the Freedom Democratic Party. I am a teacher, researcher, and published writer. I have given  
of the Civil Rights Movement in that state, an organizer of the "Freedom Summer," and one of the founders

I am uniquely qualified to do this work. I am a native white Mississippian who was active in the leadership  
in the Al Lowenstein papers in Chapel Hill, but might still need one more trip to each library.