50th Anniversary
The Free Speech Movement - Berkeley

This Year's Featured Book

The Berkeley Free Speech Movement, which took place in 1964, began an era of student protest and activism, following on from the earlier struggles of the civil-rights movement, and leading up to the protests against the Vietnam war. In the coming year the Berkeley campus will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of this movement. This year’s selection for the “On the Same Page” program is “Freedom's Orator,” by Robert Cohen, a gripping account of the Free Speech Movement and the role of the student leader Mario Savio in that movement. Growing up in a working-class Catholic family, Savio struggled with a stammer, but he overcame his stammer to become a passionate and eloquent orator who led the Free Speech Movement in its struggle for political and academic freedom. Cohen tells the story of how Savio became a committed activist as the result of his experiences registering black voters in Mississippi during the Freedom Summer of 1964, and goes on to give a blow-by-blow account of the Free Speech Movement, its struggles and its final success. Cohen's book is both a biography of a remarkable individual and an account of a pivotal moment in Berkeley's history.

Have a question about the book? Email the author

MUSIC & PROTEST

Waldo Martin (History, UCB) Kim Nalley (jazz singer and PhD candidate in History, UCB) Mavis Staples (Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Singer, Civil Rights Activist) Chris Strachwitz (Founder and President of Arhoolie Records) Moderator: Mark Peterson (History, UCB)
October 30, 12:30-2:00, Banatao Auditorium, Sutardja Dai Hall
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