Tragedy and Transformation: Personal Recollections of April 1968

In April 1968 two OSU student leaders, one white and one black, traveled to Atlanta to represent the University at an academic conference. They were in Atlanta when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. During the journey they were threatened by Alabama State troopers, went to Ebenezer Baptist Church for services, and navigated through riots. Keith McGlamery and Harold Fields are coming together after 50 years to share their experiences, talk about the connections to Dr. King through time, reflect on what they learned from each other, and discuss the differences in America’s racial climate since then.

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Harold Fields was a student at Oklahoma State University from 1964-69. He grew up in Tulsa with the survivors of the 1921 race riot as his teachers and mentors, and he was the first African American to be elected to the Student Senate, representing the College of Engineering. After earning a degree in civil engineering he spent the next 30 years as a systems designer and programming manager. Harold is active in restorative justice and racial reconciliation projects in Denver and around the nation. In September 2017 he was honored by the Colorado ACLU with the Carle Whitehead Memorial Award for a lifetime of achievement in advancing civil rights and civil liberties.

Keith McGlamery entered OSU in 1965. Active in several student organizations, he represented the College of Arts and Sciences in the Student Senate for two years and was President of the Student Senate his senior year. In 1973 Keith entered the University of Wisconsin School of Law. Following graduation in December 1975, he began law practice with a small firm in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Keith practiced commercial real estate law in Dallas in the 80’s and 90’s. He did pro bono legal work for low-income housing non-profits, for a non-profit day care center for abused children and for a charter school in a low-income part of the city. Keith relocated to Washington, DC in 2000. He continued both his law practice and pro-bono activities including two years’ service as a member of the Board of Trustees for KIPP DC.