CATONSVILLE 9

50th Anniversary | 1968 – 2018

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Commemorative Symposium at UMBC

Free and Open to the Public

In May 1968, a group of nine Roman Catholic men and women entered Selective Service Local Board #33 in Catonsville, MD, just down the road from the newly opened UMBC campus. As a protest to the violence and death in Vietnam, they burned almost 400 draft files in a parking lot. During their trial in downtown Baltimore that October, thousands marched daily through the city. In the wake of these events, scores more draft board actions were staged around the nation, effectively ending the draft by the early 1970s.

We'll gather this May to remember, reflect, and consider the ongoing lessons of this dramatic and controversial act of nonviolent civil resistance.

What: Diverse Presentations and Discussions from Local and National Figures

Where: UMBC Public Policy Building (see map)
Free Parking: Stadium Lot (see map)

When: Friday, May 4 2018 from 3:00pm-10:00pm

Symposium Schedule

3:00 - 4:15   Welcome by President Freeman Hrabowksi (video)

Keynote: Frank Cordaro, Peace Activist and Des Moines Catholic Worker

4:30 – 5:45   Living Legacy Voices: Activists on History and Importance of C9

Margarita Melville of Catonsville Nine
Dave Eberhardt of Baltimore Four
Willa Bickham of Viva House
Keith Forsythe of Camden Twenty-Eight and Media FBI Action
Bob Graff of Milwaukee Fourteen
Frida Berrigan of Waging Nonviolence

6:00 – 7:00   Dinner option at UMBC True Grits ($6 buffet with vegan/vegetarian options)

Dramatic Readings of The Trial of the Catonsville Nine (during dinner hour)

7:15 – 8:30   Keynote: Kathy Kelly of Voices for Creative Nonviolence

8:45 – 10:00 Breakout Discussions: Concurrent sessions with diverse panelists

A: Strategies and Tactics for Peace and Justice Activists and Advocates

B: Role of Religion and Spirituality in Social Action

C: Teaching Peace: Peace Education for Students and Others

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