

Julian Bond

Lifetime Achievement

Julian Bond has been an active participant in the movements for civil rights and economic justice. He served more than 20 years in the Georgia General Assembly, is a professor and writer, faced jail for his convictions and has been on the cutting edge of social change since 1960.

He was a 1960 founder of Atlanta's Sit-ins and of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He was active in protests and registration campaigns South wide.

Elected in 1965 to Georgia's House, Bond was prevented from being seated by objections to his opposition to the Vietnam War. Re-elected to his vacant seat, un-seated again, he was seated only after a third election and a unanimous decision of the United States Supreme Court.

He was co-chair of a successful Georgia challenge at the 1968 Democratic Convention, unseating Georgia's regular Democrats, and was nominated for Vice-President, declining because he was too young.

Bond appeared on America's Black Forum, the oldest black-owned show in television. His poetry and articles have appeared in many publications. He narrated numerous documentaries, including the Academy Award winning "A Time For Justice" and the prize-winning series "Eyes On the Prize."

In 2002, he received the prestigious National Freedom Award. He holds twenty-five honorary degrees, is a Distinguished Professor at American University in Washington, DC, and a Professor in history at the University of Virginia. From 1998 until 2010 he was Chairman of the NAACP Board and now is Chairman Emeritus.