"Free the New Haven Black Panthers: The New Haven Nine, Yale, and the May Day 1970 Protests That Brought Them Together." A talk with student curator Kathryn Schmechel ’21



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Join Barbara Rockenbach, Stephen F. Gates ’68 University Librarian and the Sterling Library Exhibition Committee at 4:00 pm on May 11 to celebrate the completion of Kathryn Schmechel’s senior essay exhibition [1] “Free the New Haven Panthers”: The New Haven Nine, Yale, and the May Day 1970 Protests That Brought Them Together.

Kathryn Schmechel ’21 will give an overview of the exhibition, discussing how she selected and displayed images from the library's collections. There will also be a conversation with her advisors, Crystal Feimster, associate professor of African American Studies, History and American Studies, and James Kessenides, Kaplanoff Librarian

for American History. There will be some time for Q&A at the end.

The senior exhibition project sponsored by Yale Library provides one rising senior with funding and training in curatorial skills which culminates in the production of a library exhibition based on the student's senior essay topic using materials from the Yale Library collections.

Register for the event here [2]. The Zoom event URL will be sent via your registration confirmation.



Man with Sunglasses Standing in Woolsey Hall Auditorium at a Black Panther Party Rally, photographed by John T. Hill, 1970.

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