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“1968 and the Black Radical Tradition”

There are a number of strands in the Black Liberation Struggle that get buried in conventional discussions of this period, 1968. This presentation focuses on two of these strands. First, 1968 represented not just the bifurcated civil rights/black power simplification, but the long history of Black radicalism culminating in the social transformations of 1968. Key here is an internationalist strain rooted in anticolonial struggles, as well as a Black feminist articulation rooted in the intersectionality of gender, race, class and sexuality. This paper places these black radical traditions at the center of 1968.