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Road Scholar Hosts Virtual Conference on Civil Rights

BOSTON (October 22, 2020) – On November 16, 2020, not-for-profit Road Scholar is hosting an online conference on civil rights, live from Montgomery, Ala., the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement. This five-day event includes civil rights experts and activists who share the little-known history not covered in textbooks.

Highlights include a discussion with members of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who compare and contrast the 1960s era to the racial climate of today, as well as a virtual field trip across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, site of the peaceful protest that became known as “Bloody Sunday.”

Using a videoconferencing tool, Road Scholar’s day-long and multi-day online programs reflect a typical Road Scholar learning experience, with expert-led lectures, virtual field trips, discussion and even social time so participants can connect with their peers throughout the United States and beyond. While there are many options for at-home, virtual learning, the social aspect and group bonding are what set Road Scholar’s experiences apart.

“The pandemic is keeping most of us at home,” said Road Scholar President James Moses. “But that hasn’t changed our community’s excitement to learn about and discover a world of topics and to meet and share ideas with others who are interested and curious about learning.”

Inspired by the success of its initial programs, Road Scholar will expand its online learning adventures exponentially and offer nearly 200 online learning adventures within the next six months. “We have seen the positive impact these experiences have had in the lives of participants, and we are very excited to create new ways to engage with and enrich the lives of older adults, particularly during these difficult times,” said Road Scholar President James Moses, “and we’ll continue to offer these virtual experiences even after travel resumes. It’s a way for us to engage with and serve those who are physically unable to manage the rigors of travel. The virtual world offers endless opportunities for learning, friendship and fun — no matter one’s age.”

To learn more about Road Scholar’s conference on Civil Rights and other online learning opportunities, visit: <https://www.road scholar.org/virtual-campus/>

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