

Capitol Visitor Center

TEACHER WORKSHOP

CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION:

The failed Civil Rights Act of 1875 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964

This workshop will focus on the continuum of Civil Rights legislation, most notable the failed Civil Rights Act of 1875 as a prelude to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 whose 50th anniversary we celebrate this year. Discussion topics will include:

- Who were the Radical Republicans? What was their agenda?
- Why is there a gap in civil rights legislation between 1875 and 1957?
- How did the Civil Rights Act of 1964 pass the House and Senate?
- Is civil rights legislation illustrative of the way Congress re-visits significant national issues?



Thaddeus Stevens

*National Archives and
Records Administration*



Everett Dirksen

*Prints and Photographs Division,
Library of Congress*

Teachers will work with primary sources including the testimony of Mrs. Kate Brown, U.S. Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, June 17, 1868; the Civil Rights Act of 1875; Emanuel Celler's speech in the U.S. House of Representatives, January 31, 1964; and Everett M. Dirksen's speech in the U.S. Senate, "The Civil Rights Bill," June 10, 1964.

The workshop will feature talks by Matthew Wasniewski, Ph.D., Historian, U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Historian, and Katherine Scott, Ph.D., Assistant Historian, U.S. Senate Historical Office.

The workshop includes a special tour of locations within the U.S. Capitol associated with civil rights legislation. Don't miss this opportunity!

WHAT

Teacher Workshop

WHEN

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center

WHO

Dr. Matthew Wasniewski,
Historian, U.S. House of
Representatives Office
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Dr. Katherine Scott,
Assistant Historian,
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