Gainesville, FL—The University of Florida's Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP) will celebrate a successful summer of fieldwork, teaching, and community-building with its first-ever benefit party at First Magnitude Brewing Company on Thursday, September 3, 2015, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Kicking off Labor Day weekend, the event will feature gourmet ice pops from Hyppo Gainesville, local treats from Forage Farm, live music from the Duppies and the Tipsy Coachmen, and ice cold craft beer and food truck fare on-site.

Admission is $10 in advance and $15 at the door (or $10 for students with ID). Admission includes one beer or ice pop and discounts on drinks for the rest of the evening.

To order tickets in advance, contact event coordinator Sarah Blanc (s.v.blanc@qmail.com), and RSVP on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/events/50152026666336Q/. Only cash or check will be accepted at the door.

The fundraiser will recognize a highly productive summer with students and educators for social justice across the Southeast, and contributions will help sustain program work for the upcoming spring and fall semesters.

SPOHP's mission is to gather, preserve, and promote living histories, putting students in direct dialog with individuals and groups who have changed the world. The benefit party event will highlight recent civil rights fieldwork trips to Alabama and the Mississippi Delta, and showcase award-winning accomplishments in emerging research, including the Mississippi Freedom Project's Elizabeth B. Mason Project Award from the Oral History Association, the Latina/o Diaspora in the Americas Project's Diversity Award from the Society for American Archivists, a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a year-long Latina/o history event, and many others.

For more details about this and other events, please visit http://oral.history.ufl.edu or call the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at 352-392-7168.

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