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This week witnessed continuing demonstrations for racial justice as well as the removal of many more controversial statues. Boston NPR affiliate WBUR spoke to H-South's own Vernon Burton about the removal of Confederate monuments [here](#); the *Christian Science Monitor* covered the removal of John C Calhoun from Charleston, SC [here](#); and *Texas Monthly* reported [here](#) on the removal of a statue honoring Texas Ranger Capt. EJ "Jay" Banks, after mounting scholarship on the problematic history of the Texas Rangers and their relations with communities of color, particularly Latinx, throughout Texas history.

For those looking to connect this moment with previous civil rights struggles, the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* was one of numerous sources carrying an AP story and interview with Bob Moses, one of the organizers of 1964's Freedom Summer Project in Mississippi, which can be read [here](#).

As conversations continue about racism and racist violence and the history of Africans and African Americans in America, Nikole Hannah-Jones of the *New York Times Magazine* turns the discussion to the issue of reparations to American Descendants of Slavery (ADOS), an issue that has continued to gain traction recently. You can read her take [here](#).

The *Sentinel-Record* (Hot Springs, AR) reported that the FBI will be holding free local courses for civil rights training in and around Little Rock, AR and other communities, which you can read about [here](#).

Until next week, stay well

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