

Walking the walk

A JMU experiential learning tour in the spring followed the Freedom Riders' path through Alabama and Georgia. (Left): Civil rights marchers led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, in March 1965 after being turned back by state troopers. (Right): JMU students walking across the same bridge.

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'To touch that history and to walk through it, and to meet people who were part of it and are dedicating their lives to sharing it and teaching it, really allowed me to see that I'm not just reading about this history, that I am in fact a part of it.'

— TALEIA BARKSDALE,
experiential learning trip participant

