

The UMBC Shriver Center, School of Education, and Community Leadership Programs invite you to join us for a conversation with author Elaine Weiss and UMBC's Dr. Brandon Beck!

[Spell Freedom](#): The Story of the Underground Schools that Built the Civil Rights Movement

When: October 14th, 5:00 - 7:00pm

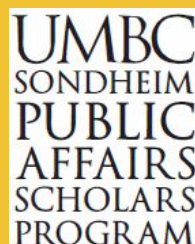
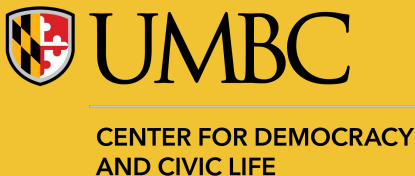
Where: UMBC Fine Arts Recital Hall

[Please register HERE!](#) Stay for light refreshments and book signing.



[Elaine Weiss](#) is a journalist, popular speaker, and media commentator. She wrote an award-winning account of the women's suffrage movement, *The Woman's Hour*. Her acclaimed book *Spell Freedom* highlights the story of Black activist Septima Clark and her Civil Rights colleagues in creating schools that trained tens of thousands of aspiring Black voters across the South.

[Dr. Brandon Beck](#) is an Assistant Professor in the UMBC School of Education. His scholarship and teaching center on the history of Black education, community-based pedagogies, and the use of oral history for reparative social justice. His research examines how historical narratives can be reclaimed to highlight the transformative role of Black educators and community organizing in Civil Rights history.



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