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Free public lecture by activist BILL AYERS

Professor Bill Ayers will discuss urban educational reform at the Midtown Scholar Bookstore

Harrisburg, PA: On Friday, February 5, 2010, William Ayers, Distinguished Professor of Education and Senior University Scholar at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will present a lecture at the Midtown Scholar Bookstore entitled, "Education in and for Democracy: The Case for Social Justice in the Classroom." The event is scheduled for 7 PM and will be free and open to the public.

A graduate of Columbia University's Teachers College, Dr. Ayers has founded the Small Schools Workshop and the Center for Youth and Society. In 1997 Chicago recognized him as the Citizen of the Year because of his key role in advancing educational reform in the city's public schools.

As a co-founder of the Weather Underground in the late 1960s and former leader in the movement that opposed the Vietnam War, Dr. Ayers made national headlines during the 2008 Presidential campaign when questions arose about his connections to Barack Obama.

Dr. Ayers will also take questions from the audience and sign copies of his numerous books, including *To Teach: The Journey of a Teacher*; *Teaching the Personal and the Political: Essays on Hope and Justice*; *On the Side of the Child: Summerhill Revisited*; and *Fugitive Days: A Memoir*.



Photos

High-res photo of Bill Ayers at podium: <http://www.midtownscholar.com/home/billayers.jpg>

Bill Ayers in conversation: http://www.midtownscholar.com/home/professor_william_ayers_fsu.jpg

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