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## **New Podcast on 1968's Lasting Impact Features Stefan Bradley of Loyola Marymount University and Michael Kazin of Georgetown University**

August 22, 2018 (Boston, MA) – On August 28th, The Conversation US is launching its first podcast — *Heat and Light: Stories from 1968, the year that changed America*. The series' first episode goes behind the scenes of the Columbia University student occupation, which ultimately inspired high-profile protests at the Democratic National Convention that reached critical climax on Aug. 28, 1968.

Go to the website [www.heatlightpod.com](http://www.heatlightpod.com) to hear the trailer and learn more about *Heat and Light*.

“The student takeover of Columbia — tied to systematic racism and the university’s involvement in the Vietnam war — sparked protests around the globe, and this student organizing carries important lessons for the Movement for Black Lives and other current movements striving for equity and justice,” said Loyola Marymount University Department of African American Studies chair Stefan Bradley, one of the storytellers in the podcast.

The podcast episode features longform interviews with Bradley and Georgetown University historian Michael Kazin. In addition to their subject matter expertise, both scholars were student organizers: Kazin orchestrated a takeover of Harvard University in the ‘60s, and Bradley combatted racial discrimination at Gonzaga University. Bradley was also on the ground in Ferguson, Missouri, among the young people protesting the killing of Michael Brown.

“In the late 60s, from the Democratic Convention in Chicago to campuses like mine in Cambridge, millions of young people were protesting against the war in Vietnam and hoping to make radical changes in our nation and the world. Those experiences shaped my life as an academic and an activist,” said Michael Kazin, Professor of History at Georgetown University and co-editor, *Dissent Magazine* [[www.dissentmagazine.org](http://www.dissentmagazine.org)]. “At a time when the US is as bitterly divided as it was in 1968, there is much to learn from the events and attitudes of that time.”

This inaugural episode is [one of six in this new podcast series](#). In each episode, series host Phillip Martin, the Senior Investigative Reporter for Boston public NPR station WGBH, jumps into the maelstrom that was 1968 with scholars from across the country.

“Each topic we cover in *Heat and Light* informs the dialogue we’re having today in courtrooms, in classrooms and at dinner tables in the United States, including conversations regarding police brutality, technology, the morphing of our political parties and more,” said Martin.

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