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The Conversation Launches A New Podcast Series - Explores Events From 1968 That Reverberate Today

August 22, 2018 (Boston, MA) – The Conversation US will launch its new podcast series, Heat and Light on August 28th. The series targets 1968, a year of massive social change for the United States. Fifty years later, this show goes behind the scenes of six pivotal but underreported events from that year and reveals how they reverberate today. Each episode features an expert scholar who tells each backstory with the show host, award-winning investigative radio journalist Phillip Martin.

Go to our website: www.heatlightpod.com to hear the trailer, see photos and learn more about **Heat and Light: Stories from 1968, the year that changed America.**

“We are proud to bring listeners a show that marries historical narrative with personal stories from subject matter experts who have devoted their lives to studying some of the most consequential moments in the 20th century,” said Maria Balinska, Editor and Co-CEO of The Conversation.

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 around police brutality, technology, the morphing of our political parties and the displacement of people via development,” said Mr. Martin.

The Heat and Light series includes the following episodes:

- The student occupation of Columbia University with Stefan Bradley of Loyola Marymount University and Michael Kazin of Georgetown University, who himself participated in the student uprisings of 1968
- How concerns about the women’s movement, the Vietnam War and the decline of industry created a perception of the decline of the American family that shaped modern

conservatism, with Natasha Zaretsky of Southern Illinois University. The first interracial kiss on American television – between two crew members of the starship Enterprise with Matt Delmont of Arizona State University

- A deeply personal discussion of the historical significance of race and class in the Detroit Algiers Motel incident and ensuing Kerner Commission Report with Jeffrey Horner of Wayne State University, a Detroit native like host Phillip Martin
- The mother of all demos that unveiled to the world fundamental elements of modern personal computing including the first mouse with Margaret O'Mara of the University of Washington
- The decline of the evangelical left as they lost the loyalty of many religious people over their opposition to the Vietnam War and how this later led to the rise of the religious right, with Jill Gill of Boise State University
- The first interracial kiss on American television -- between two crew members of the starship Enterprise with Matt Delmont of Arizona State University.

About The Conversation US

The Conversation (theconversation.com) is an independent, nonprofit publisher of commentary and analysis, authored by academics and edited by journalists for the general public. Our mission is “to promote truthful information and strengthen journalism by unlocking the rich diversity of academic knowledge and expertise for audiences across America.” Launched in October 2014, The Conversation has, to date, worked with over 5,000 scholars from more than 630 American colleges and universities.

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