

**Establishing Emmett:** From an Embarrassment to the CRM to its Catalyst

1. **1986--Challenging the Academy—*Doctoral Committee:***  
“Changing the catalyst from Parks to Till is virtually impossible.  
What happens if you can’t defend the dissertation?” *Hudson--*  
**”I don’t get the PhD and I’m willing to take that chance.”**
2. **1987—Opening Ford Conf. Plenary Speaker on Till in D C**
3. **1988—1<sup>st</sup> full length study of Till as Catalyst--“Emmett Till:  
The Impetus of the Modern Civil Rights Movement” (Iowa).**
4. **1994—Dissertation published--*Emmett Till: The Sacrificial  
Lamb of the Civil Rights Movement***
5. **1994 Book Endorsements: *Dr. John Blassingame, Yale***  
**U--“When you really think about it, Hudson-Weems is**  
**absolutely right. We historians missed it.” *Dr. C. Eric***  
***Lincoln, Duke U--“She challenges the most sacred***  
**shibboleths of the origins of the Civil Rights Movement.”**  
***Mamie Till Mobley, mother of Emmett—“Hudson-Weems***  
**has dug relentlessly into Southern justice, revealing the**  
**stench and ugliness of race hatred, American style.”**
6. **Subsequent Till publications—3 more books, articles,  
book chapters, international speaking engagements**