

Mississippi Humanities Council  
Appointments – Press Conference  
Thursday, September 28, 2000  
1:30 p.m.  
Jones County Junior College

**Talking Points**

- I am pleased to be here today to introduce four newly appointed members of the Mississippi Humanities Council.
- The MHC has experienced great growth during the past few years, and the Clarion-Ledger's Millennium Readers Poll recognized the Mississippi Humanities Council as the "Best Preserver" of Mississippi history and culture.
- Our state is grateful to the MHC for their efforts to continue to tell the stories of Mississippi's past.
- Through the Mississippi Oral History Project, the Keady & Norman Lectures and the Family Reading Bonds project you are ensuring that the people of our state have the opportunity to enjoy liberal arts programs.
- By working with other local and statewide organizations and institutions such as museums,

- libraries, historical societies, schools, colleges and universities to increase their effectiveness and enrich the lives of the people they serve.
- It is my pleasure to present my appointees to the Council:
    - Dr. Kathy Baxter of Meridian, MS-
      - Dean of General Education at Meridian Community College
      - Board of Directors – Meridian Symphony
    - Dr. John Guice of Laurel, MS –
      - Professor of History at The University of Southern Mississippi
      - Former President of the Mississippi Historical Society
    - Mr. John Johnson also of Meridian, MS –
      - Director of News & Community Relations – WTOK Television
      - Active with youth in the Meridian area
    - Dr. Mabel Middleton of Jackson
      - Former Chair of the English Department at Jackson State University

▪ Board of Directors – Middle Mississippi Girl Scout Council

- We know that each of these appointees have great interest in maintaining the Council's efforts to encourage and support activities that make the humanities accessible to the people of Mississippi
- We thank them for giving freely of their time and talents to the Mississippi Humanities Council and to the people of our state.

