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Henry Louis Gates To Speak Oct. 13

Henry Louis Gates Jr., one of America's most preeminent scholars of African American studies and an Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, will be the 2015 Medgar Wiley Evers Lecture Series speaker on Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m. at historic Galloway Church, 305 North Congress Street, Jackson. The event is free and open to the public.

"Henry Louis Gates is one of America's most distinguished historians and has an extraordinary reach thanks to his leadership at the Hutchins Center at Harvard University, and his books, films, and TV series," said Reuben Anderson, former Mississippi Supreme Court justice and member of the MDAH Board of Trustees. "We are honored and excited to welcome him to Mississippi to deliver the 2015 Medgar Wiley



Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Evers Lecture."

Gates is the director of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research and serves as the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University. He is the Emmy Award-winning producer and host of the six-part PBS documentary series *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* (2013) and hosts the PBS television series *Finding Your Roots*.

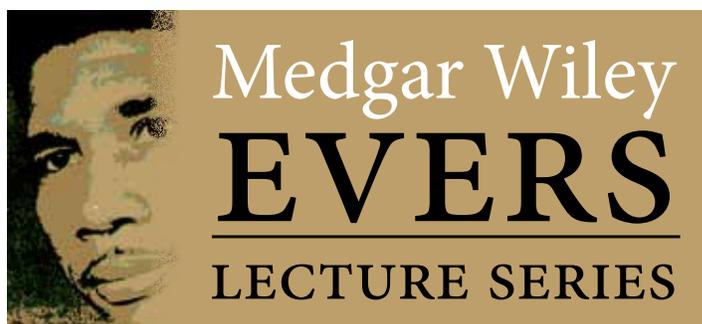
He is the author of nineteen books including *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* (Smiley Books, 2013), *Life Upon These Shores: Looking at African American History, 1513-2008* (Random House, 2011), and *Black in Latin America* (New York University Press, 2011).

Gates is the founder and editor of *TheRoot.com*, a daily online magazine focusing on issues of interest to the African American community. His articles have appeared in *The New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

The Medgar Wiley Evers Lecture Series was established

to honor the legacy of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, one year

In 2014 the Kellogg Foundation awarded \$2.3 million to



after Myrlie Evers made an extraordinary gift to the people of Mississippi when she presented the Medgar and Myrlie Evers papers to the Department of Archives and History. One of the most significant collections in the department's care, the Evers Collection has been an invaluable resource as MDAH has worked to develop exhibits for the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. Previous Evers lecturers include Manning Marable and Robert P. Moses. The series is supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to support programming for the 2 Mississippi Museums project and fund a partnership between MDAH, the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, and the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation.

"This generous funding from the Kellogg Foundation has allowed us to launch exciting new initiatives leading up to the opening of the 2 Museums—and to expand and enhance such signature MDAH programs as the Medgar Wiley Evers Lecture Series," said MDAH director Katie Blount.

Preservation Grants Available through CLG Program

In 2015, MDAH awarded close to \$75,000 to preservation projects in sixteen different Certified Local Government Communities. The CLG program is a federal-state-local partnership that promotes historic preservation at the grassroots level and

helps communities deal with preservation needs.

CLG communities are eligible for annual matching grants for such diverse projects as the restoration of historic buildings; historical, architectural, or archaeological site inventory

work; preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; educational programs; and staff support for new historic preservation commissions.

The application for the 2016 round of CLG grants is now

available. The first deadline is Friday, November 6, 2015. The complete grant application is due Friday, February 26, 2016. For more information, contact CLG Grant Administrator Barry White at 601-576-6953 or bwhite@mdah.state.ms.us.

Explore State's Past with Archaeology Month

October is Archaeology Month, and the department's sites across the state are celebrating with these free public events.

Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, Natchez. **Natchez Indians Exodus to Louisiana.** Celebrate Archaeology Month in Natchez with a special presentation on the town's namesake, the Natchez Indians. Join Grand Village director Lance Harris, Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy president Dennis Jones, and amateur archaeologist Jack Shaffer at 10 a.m. for a discussion of why the Natchez left the area. Afterwards, participants are invited to caravan to the Sicily Island site in Louisiana for a guided tour.

For more information call 601-446-6502 or email info@natchezgrandvillage.com.

Saturday, October 10, 1–4 p.m. at Winterville Mounds, Greenville. **Artifact Identification.** The public is invited to bring arrowheads, pottery sherds, and other artifacts from their private collections for identification. MDAH archaeologists will be on hand to help establish the age, origin, and function of each.

For more information call 662-334-4684 or email info@wintervillemounds.com.

Tuesday, October 13, 6 p.m. at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, Natchez. **Archaeology Speaker Series.** University of North Carolina professor of anthropology Vincas Steponaitis will discuss the history of Fort Rosalie at the Grand Village auditorium. Construction of the fort in 1716 marked the birth of the city of Natchez. Using maps dating to the 1700s, Steponaitis will discuss the site's changing appearance and position and how the maps can reveal which portions of the fort were lost to

erosion and which remain.

For more information call 601-446-6502 or email info@natchezgrandvillage.com.

Wednesday, October 14, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives Building, Jackson. As part of the *History Is Lunch* series, Brad Prewitt, executive director of the Chickasaw Nation's Inkana Foundation, will screen **First Encounter**, a documentary film about the tribe's contact with Europeans. The film won the Best Short Documentary at the Trail Dance Film Festival in January of this year.

For more information email info@mdah.state.ms.us or call 601-576-6998.

Saturday, October 17, 1–4 p.m. at Winterville Mounds, Greenville. **Winterville Lecture Series.** Grand Village of the Natchez Indians historian Becky Martin Anderson will present "Southeastern Native American Mythology and the Afterlife." Using art, astronomy, archaeology, and ancient earthworks, Anderson will examine the worldview of each southeastern



Native American culture.

For more information call 662-334-4684 or email info@wintervillemounds.com.

Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Old Capitol Green, Jackson. The annual **Mississippi Archaeology Expo** will feature activities for all ages. Visitors can observe flintknapping, and artifact displays, ground-penetrating radar demonstrations and a mock archaeological dig. Other highlights include face painting, bracelet making, pendant coloring, pottery making, and javelin throwing.

For more information, call 601-576-6944.

Saturday, October 24, 1 p.m. at Winterville Mounds, Greenville. **Movie Night: First Encounters.** Produced by the Chickasaw Nation, this documentary looks at the events surrounding the first encounters between the Chickasaw and the De Soto Expedition.

For more information call 662-334-4684 or email info@wintervillemounds.com.

Thursday, October 29, 6 p.m. at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, Natchez. **Archaeology Speaker Series.** Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy president Dennis Jones will

examine twentieth-century mortuary practices at the site, which is similar to areas in the Natchez vicinity such as the Foster and Mazique mounds.

For more information call 601-446-6502 or email info@natchezgrandvillage.com.

Wednesday–Friday, October 28–30, at Winterville Mounds, Greenville. **Native American Days** features traditional dances, stories, and games. Native crafts and foods will be for sale.

Performers include traditional Houma dancer Cocoa Creppel, the Choctaw Southern Pine Singers, and the Native American Cultural Exchange storyteller and dancers. Activities will include face-painting and bead-stringing for children, archery demonstrations, and Native American games of stickball and chunky, which will be open to all comers.

The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Southern Traditional Archery Association, and other groups will have demonstration and educational booths at the event.

Student events will begin at 9 a.m. and run through 4 p.m., Wednesday through Friday. Performances will begin at 9:30 a.m. and run through 1 p.m. School groups should call ahead for a complete schedule of events when booking a field trip.

Thursday, October 29, 6–8 p.m. **Luak Chito: the Great Fire.** Join members of the Chickasaw of Oklahoma, the Choctaw Southern Pine Singers, the Native American Cultural Exchange, and Houma Nations for demonstrations of traditional Native American songs, dances, and storytelling around the Great Fire. Fry bread, Indian tacos, buffalo burgers, and smoked turkey legs will be on sale that evening.

present "The Nameless Dead," the conclusion of his series on the Filhiol Mound Site near Monroe, Louisiana. Jones will

Black and Blue Civil War Event Oct. 24

The eighth annual Black and Blue Civil War Living History Program will be held at Historic Jefferson College on Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day-long program will commemorate the civil rights gained by the formerly enslaved people during Reconstruction and the culminating struggle of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

Movement veteran and Hattiesburg native Dorie Ladner will speak at 11 a.m. Ladner came to Natchez in 1964 to organize voter registration drives during Freedom Summer. In 1965 she became the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee's project director in Natchez.

The living history presentation will begin at 1 p.m. and feature portrayals of black Union nurses, sailors, soldiers, cavalymen, and civilians. Darrell White, director of the Natchez Museum of African American History and Culture, will portray Hiram Revels, a freedman who helped raise two black regiments during the Civil War and later



Natchez Museum of African American History and Culture director Darrell White portrays Medal of Honor-winning seaman Wilson Brown at the 2014 Black and Blue program.

became the first African American to serve in the United States Congress as a senator from Mississippi.

White will also portray Wilson Brown,

who escaped slavery in Natchez, joined the United States Navy, and went on to receive the Medal of Honor—the nation's highest military decoration—for his heroic role aboard the *USS Hartford* in the Battle of Mobile Bay in August 1864.

In May 1802 Jefferson College became the first institution of higher learning chartered in the Mississippi Territory. The school was placed in the capital city of Washington, six miles northeast of Natchez, and opened its doors in 1811. With the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 enrollment dropped dramatically and the school closed in 1863.

By June 1865 a Freedmen's Bureau school was operating at Jefferson College to educate recently freed slaves. In November of that year, the school was returned to the Jefferson College Board of Trustees and the Freedmen's Bureau closed.

Black and Blue is organized by Ser Sesh Ab Heter—CM Boxley, coordinator of the Friends of the Forks of the Road, Inc. For more information call 601-442-2901.

Living History at Old Capitol Oct. 29

History comes to life after hours with the seventh annual Present Meets Past at the Old Capitol Museum on Thursday, October 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. Walk the halls of the historic building and learn about life and politics as living history performers portray interesting Mississippians from the past.

"This is a great opportunity for visitors to have fun while learning about important events in Mississippi history—as told by the individuals who experienced them," said Old Capitol Museum director Lauren Miller.

A World War II scrap collector will greet visitors in the foyer and encourage them to leave their scrap metal and rubber by the wall near the front gate. Ten other historical figures will be stationed throughout the building, ready to discuss the events of their

times: William Nichols, the architect who designed the Old Capitol; Ephraim G. Peyton, a state legislator who publicly opposed secession; James Hill, the second African American Speaker of the Mississippi House; Hiram Runnels, governor from 1833 to 1835; Eron Rowland, an advocate removed from office in 1868; Mildred Humphreys, first lady of Mississippi 1865–1868, lived in the Governor's Mansion until her husband was removed from office in 1868; Felix Underwood, "the father of public health in Mississippi" who also had an office in the Old Capitol; Union soldier Ephraim Overby; and Frederick Grant, fourteen-year-old son of General Ulysses S. Grant.

The performers remain in character all evening; visitors are invited to ask questions and interact with them.



Teachers Benefit from Summer History School

Seventeen teachers from eleven counties across the state attended the Mississippi Department of Archives and History's inaugural Summer Teachers School in June. The week-long workshop was the first of several innovative programs that MDAH is developing for teachers and students, as well as the general public, in preparation for the opening of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and Museum of Mississippi History in December 2017.

During the week teachers identified topics ranging from Black Codes and Jim Crow laws to the Great Migration to Freedom Summer and spent more than twenty hours researching and identifying primary source materials in the state archives to create original lesson plans for their classrooms. Finished lessons and resource packets will be posted on the MDAH website for use by teachers across the state.

Located in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building, the state archives is the repository for an extensive collection of the state's government documents, bound volumes, maps and drawings, photographs, oral histories, and video and audio tapes.

"We are thrilled to have such a dedicated group of teachers participate in our first Summer Teachers School," said Stacey Everett, MDAH director of education. "We want to connect the department's extraordinary collections with the people of Mississippi, and working with educators to develop tools for teaching Mississippi's complex history is one of the many ways we do that. We're already looking forward to next summer."

"We've been handed the tools to walk out of here with, and we can access those resources and use them to bless black children, white children, and whatever group of individual students we are teaching," said Ruth Brown, social studies teacher at Lanier High School in Jackson. "The smarter a teacher is in a classroom, the better opportunities children have to grow."

"I've learned so much," said Loran Bell-Taylor, English teacher at Forest Hill High School in Jackson. "Every day has been packed with helpful information. I've learned how to properly research here. This institution has so much material. It's at your fingertips and we don't know it's there. I've learned how to make connections between literature and social studies."

Participating schools included DeSoto County School District, Jackson Public

Schools, Rankin County School District, Madison County Schools, Brookhaven Academy (Lincoln County), Amory School District (Monroe County), Laurel School District (Jones County), Picayune School District (Pearl River County), Webster County Schools, Coffeeville School District

the program receive a \$340 stipend that covers room and board, registration reimbursement, and CEU credit.

In October 2014 the Mississippi Department of Archives and History received a \$2.3 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to support programming through the



Loran Nicole Bell-Taylor (left), a teacher at Forest Hill High School in Jackson, works with her colleague Ruth Brown from Jackson's Lanier High School on their lesson plan created using original material in the state archives.

(Yalobusha County), and North Delta School (Panola County).

Twenty-five lesson plans and teaching units are available online on topics ranging from Mississippian mound builders to Freedom Summer. All units and plans are based on the Mississippi Department of Education Frameworks and the Common Core Curriculum. MDAH's annual teacher's guide is a compilation of department's resources, including field trips, classroom outreach programs, and teacher training. The lesson plans and guide are available on the Learn tab at mdah.state.ms.us.

The Summer Teachers School is a partnership between the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, and the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi. The school is made possible by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Applications for next summer's teachers school will be available online in early 2016. Teachers accepted into

Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and fund a partnership between MDAH, the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, and the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation. The grant makes possible educational initiatives such as the Summer Teachers School, other teacher and school workshops, public programs in communities throughout the state, and the digitization of important historical documents from the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Collection at MDAH.

"[As a teacher] you can't just do multiple choice, matching tests," said Masha Laney, social studies teacher at Amory High School in Amory. "You have to use documents, encourage students to read, to interpret, to understand and answer questions, and provide evidence. It's just a completely different way of teaching, and I had to set my bar higher. I had to revamp my teaching and that's one of the things that this whole institute is all about. It just helps me be a better teacher, and it also helps the students be more successful on the state test."

MDAH, SouthDocs Partner on Documentary

On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Voting Rights Act, one of the most far-reaching pieces of civil rights legislation in United States history. To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of this watershed event, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History partnered with the Southern Documentary Project, an institute of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, to produce an original short film, "50 Years and Forward: The Voting Rights Act in Mississippi."

"At the Southern Documentary Project we're dedicated to telling Mississippi stories through film, and MDAH with its extensive archival holdings is an ideal partner for us," said Becca Walton, associate director of projects at the Center for the Study of Southern Culture and co-producer of the movie. "We hope our film will help introduce the public to the collections, like the Moncrief Photograph Collection, that tell such a powerful story about the struggle for civil rights in the state."

The documentary film traces some of

the events that led to the passage of the act through historical materials and contemporary interviews with eight key players: Robert G. Clark Jr., the first African American to be elected to the Mississippi legislature since Reconstruction, Flonzie Brown Wright, the first African American woman to hold office in Mississippi since Reconstruction, former Mississippi governor William F. Winter, Mississippi state senators John Horhn and David L. Jordan, former Jackson City Council president Leslie-Burl McLemore, Civil Rights activists Rims Barber and Rev. Wendell Paris of New Hope Baptist Church, and Mississippi State University professor of political science K.C. Morrison.

The department premiered the film on September 22 to a standing-room-only crowd of nearly 150 people at the William F. Winter Archives Building. A panel discussion moderated by Andy Harper, one of the film's producers, followed the screening. Panelists Rims Barber, Leslie-Burl McLemore, and Flonzie Brown Wright discussed their experiences before and after the Voting Rights Act and answered questions from the audience.

The twelve-minute documentary can be viewed on the department's YouTube channel, MDAHVideo, along with other short films and documentaries produced by the department.

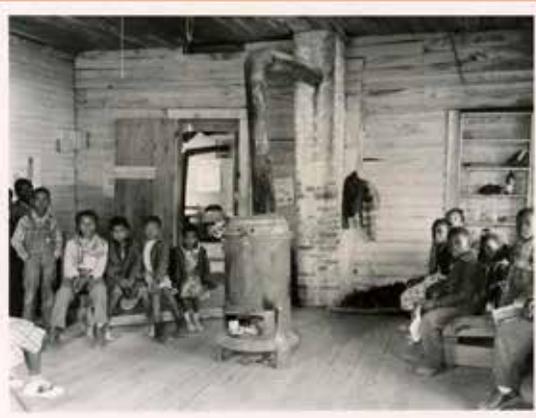


Social Studies Teachers Workshop Nov. 6

The thirty-first annual MDAH Social Studies Teachers Workshop is set for Friday, November 6, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson. This year's theme "Hardship, Conflict, and Change: Mississippi 1930–1954" will examine how Mississippi and its citizens were affected by the Great Depression and two world wars.

The conference will begin with an overview of the New Deal by Connie Lester, associate professor, University of Central Florida, Orlando. Morning presentations will include "The South in World War II" by Chad Daniels, director of the Mississippi Armed

Forces Museum at Camp Shelby, and "Shift of African American Roles in World War II and Korean War" by Charles Chamberlain, president of



"Leflore School Grades 1 and 2," School Photographs (Mississippi), 1920s-1980s digital collection, Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Historia LLC in New Orleans. The 1 p.m. session will feature concurrent topics—William Faulkner,

diversification of Mississippi's economics, and the rise of the Dixiecrats. "Documenting Separate But Equal in Mississippi Schools" by MDAH architectural historian Jennifer Baughn will follow at 2 p.m. and an overview of MDAH online and educational resources will conclude the day.

Registration is \$40 and includes lunch. A .5 CEU credit is available through Mississippi College. To register, go to www.mdah.state.ms.us or call 601-576-6800 by Friday, October 25.

The Social Studies Teachers Workshop is sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History

in conjunction with the Mississippi College School of Continuing Education, Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi Historical Society, and Mississippi Junior Historical Society

In partnership with MDAH, this year's Mississippi Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference will be held on Thursday, November 5, at 9 a.m. in Old Capitol Museum. The MCSS Conference sessions will focus on "Social Studies in Mississippi: College, Career, and Civic Life (C3)" and include field trips to Jackson area historic sites/resources.

For more information email Chuck Yarborough, MCSS president, at cyarborough@themsms.org or Marlo Hendrix, MCSS treasurer, at mhendrix17@gmail.com.

Big Crowd Attends Manship House Program



More than 100 people packed the Manship House (1) to hear H. Grady Howell Jr. talk about the subject of his new book, Alexander McClung, a notorious Jackson duelist of the nineteenth century. After the talk everyone gathered outside (2) as Howell described the reenactment about to take place. McClung (portrayed by Bryant Boswell, 3) tied himself before the duel. His assistant (or second, portrayed by Adam Gwin) loaded McClung's pistol (4) and then the second (portrayed by John McBride) of his opponent, General Augustus Allen (portrayed by Tom Watts), loaded his pistol (5). When reenactor Bill Lee dropped the red handkerchief the combatants advanced and fired. Allen shot first but missed (7). McClung fired (8) and mortally wounded Allen (9), despite the best attempts of the physician (portrayed by Alan Yates).

10 Most Endangered Unveiling Oct. 22

A program that highlights threats faced by significant sites across the state will celebrate a milestone this year when the Mississippi Heritage Trust announces its tenth list of the 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in Mississippi. The announcement will be made on Thursday, October 22, at 6 p.m. in Jackson at the Lowry House, which was once itself endangered and is now undergoing a restoration. Tickets to the event are \$50 and can be purchased at www.ms10most.com.

Gypsy jazz band Swing de Paris will entertain guests as they sample sweets from For Heaven's Cakes in Jackson and Sugaree's Bakery in New Albany, blueberry wine from Lazy Magnolia Brewing in Jackson, craft beers from Yalobusha Brewing Company in Water Valley, and specialty cocktails concocted by the Apothecary at Brent's Drugs just for the event.

Guests can bid on original art depicting each of the ten endangered historic places and other items such as get-away trips across Mississippi in a silent auction.

Former Mississippi governor and longtime president of the MDAH board of trustees William F. Winter, MDAH director emeritus Elbert Hilliard, and deputy state historic preservation officer Ken P'Pool will serve as honorary chairmen for the event. "Through their leadership at the Department of Archives and History and steadfast commitment to saving important historic resources, these three men have helped to create a culture of preservation in Mississippi," said MHT director Lolly Barnes.

A jury of preservationists from around the state selected the sites for inclusion in this year's 10 Most Endangered Historic Places list. The pro-

gram has helped save properties throughout Mississippi, including the Cutrer Mansion



in Clarksdale, the King Edward Hotel in Jackson, the L.Q.C. Lamar House in Oxford, the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center in Ocean Springs, and the Tippah County Jail in Ripley.

"These are examples of what can happen when communities come together with a spirit of cooperation and a vision for the future," said Barnes.

This year's 10 Most program is made possible through the support of BankPlus and other longtime supporters of preservation, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Mississippi Arts Commission, and the Mississippi Humanities Council. Heading up the event committee are Stella Gray Sykes, former MHT director, and Brad Reeves, former president of the MHT board of trustees.

To learn more about the MHT and its work to save and renew places meaningful to Mississippians and their history, visit www.mississippiheritage.com. To read about preservation efforts for the ninety sites listed as endangered since 1999, visit www.ms10most.com.

Historical Society Seeks Nominations for Awards

The 2016 meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society will be held March 3-5, 2016, in Jackson. The society awards prizes for outstanding work in interpreting, teaching, and preserving Mississippi history. Nominations are being accepted for the following:

The McLemore Prize, which carries with it a \$700 stipend, for the best book on a subject related to Mississippi history or biography.

The John K. Bettersworth Award, given to an outstanding teacher of middle or high school history in Mississippi. The winner receives \$300 and is invited as the society's guest to its annual meeting.

The Frank E. Everett, Jr. Award, given as merited to a local historical organiza-

tion that, as a member of the Federation of Mississippi Historical Societies, has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation and interpretation of local history. The prize carries with it a \$300 award.

The Elbert R. Hilliard Oral History Award carries a \$300 cash award and recognizes projects exemplifying a distinguished collection, high-quality preservation, and proper use of oral history.

The James T. Dawson Award is presented to a local government in Mississippi with an exemplary records management program.

The Dunbar Rowland Award, for lifelong contributions to the study, interpretation, and preservation of Mississippi history and the B.L.C.

Wailes Award for national distinction in the field of history, are presented as merited.

The Franklin L. Riley Prize and the Glover Moore Prize are awarded biennially for a doctoral dissertation and master's thesis, respectively, on a topic in Mississippi history or biography completed within the previous two years.

The William E. "Bill" Atkinson Award for Mississippi Civil War History, is given to an outstanding paper, publication, or major research or preservation project contributing to the knowledge of Mississippi in the Civil War era. It carries a \$400 stipend.

Awards of Merit are presented annually to individuals or organizations for their outstanding archival, museum,

records management, or media interpretation work.

All prizewinners will be invited to the society's 2016 annual meeting to receive their awards. Submission guidelines are available online. For more information or to submit a nomination, email info@mshistoricalsociety.com or call 601-576-6545.

The annual meeting will be held at the historic King Edward Hotel (Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Downtown) in Jackson. Rooms are reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn, 235 West Capitol Street, Jackson until February 18, 2016. When making reservations (1-877-782-9444), remember to request the MHS rate of \$129 for a single or \$139 for a double, plus taxes.

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HISTORY IS LUNCH CALENDAR

Programs in the *History Is Lunch* series are held noon Wednesdays in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building (WFW) or Old Capitol Museum (OCM). There is no admission charge.

For information call 601-576-6998 or email info@mdah.state.ms.us.

October 7—Blake Wintory, assistant director of Lakeport Plantation, will present “Building Delta Plantations: Connecting Washington County, Mississippi, and Chicot County, Arkansas.” WFW

October 14—Brad Prewitt, executive director of the Chickasaw Nation’s Inkana Foundation, will screen *First Encounter*, a documentary film about the tribe’s contact with Europe-

ans. WFW

October 21—Maarten Zwiers will discuss his new book *Senator James Eastland: Mississippi’s Jim Crow Democrat*. Sales and signing to follow. WFW

October 28—Mississippi Heritage Trust director Lolly Barnes will present “10 Most Endangered Historic Places in Mississippi.” WFW

November 4—Marty Wiseman, former director of the John C. Stennis Institute of Government and Community Development at Mississippi State University, will discuss Mississippi politics. WFW

The History Is Lunch series is scheduled to resume Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP



Staff from the state archives led a beginning genealogy workshop on October 3 at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. The class filled within days of being announced, and MDAH plans to hold similar workshops at least twice a year moving forward.

“We were delighted to welcome all the participants, and were pleased that so many who came had never been to an archives before,” said Archives and Records Services Division director Julia Young. Participants received packets with information on how to plan and carry out a family research project. Staff walked all attendees through the basics of using resources available at the state archives, then participants chose between attending a panel on specialized research or beginning work on their projects.