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Civil Rights Grant Program Funded

A new grant program will distribute more than \$2 million to projects across the state related to the civil rights movement. The Mississippi Civil Rights Historical Sites grant program will assist in paying the costs for repairs, renovations, and improvements to eligible sites. The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History will determine which properties to recommend for funding to the Mississippi Development Authority at its regular meeting on July 22, 2011.

“The Mississippi legislature’s establishment of the Civil Rights Historical Sites Grant program provides a means for significant preservation projects across the state to move forward,” said MDAH director H.T. Holmes. “The opportunities for heritage tourism are constantly expanding, and we look forward to participating in this important initiative.”

Eligible properties must be associated with a significant event, action, or person from the civil rights era in Mississippi, 1945-70. Sites that will be open to the public will receive priority for grant assistance. Grant recipients must enter into a twenty-five-year preservation and maintenance covenant that safeguards the state’s investment



The Medgar Evers House in Jackson is operated as a museum by Tougaloo College.

by providing MDAH oversight of alterations to the building during that time.

The maximum grant any project may receive is \$210,000. Recipients must provide a twenty percent match of either cash or in-kind contributions. Grant funds will be provided on a reimbursable basis once all

work is completed and approved by MDAH.

The deadline to apply is May 6, 2011. Application forms and instructions are available online at the department’s Web site, www.mdah.state.ms.us. For more information, call 601-576-6940.

Tougaloo Collection Receives \$200K Grant

A National Park Service grant will fund the conservation of the unprocessed portions of the Tougaloo College Civil Rights Collection. The \$213,564 Save America’s Treasures grant will be used to conserve, maintain, and provide wider access to the collection.

Of the thirty-eight sub-collections in the Tougaloo Collection, thirty have been conserved

and made available for researchers. The grant will allow for the cleaning, organization, and description of the remaining eight sub-collections.

“We’re so pleased this project has been funded,” said Julia Marks Young, director of the Archives and Records Services Division. “It continues the long-time partnership between Tougaloo College and the department

to preserve vital documentation about our state’s history.”

The Tougaloo College Civil Rights Collection of photographs, personal papers, oral histories, and other memorabilia began in 1973 in the basement of the L. Zenobia Coleman Library at Tougaloo College, which served as a safe haven for activists in the civil rights movement. As the collection grew so did

the need for specialized storage, and by 1995 the collection was moved to a renovated section of the library.

In 2004 Tougaloo College and MDAH entered into a collaborative partnership to preserve the collection, which is now housed in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in downtown Jackson.

Civil War Trails Project Nearing Completion

With the installation of interpretive signs at the Coker House in Hinds County, improvements at the Battle of Brices Crossroads Museum near Baldwyn, and the publication of a Civil War sites driving map, the department's Mississippi Civil War Trails project is nearing completion. The \$6.2 million project was initiated in 1999 to preserve, interpret, and promote Civil War sites in the state. Funding was provided by the Federal Highway Administration through the Mississippi Department of Transportation, and the Mississippi Legislature.

"We are delighted to have been able to help preserve and interpret these significant sites across the state," said Jim Woodrick, acting director of the MDAH Historic Preservation Division. "None of this work would have been possible without strong local partners like the Friends of the Siege and Battle of Corinth, the Brices Crossroads National Battlefield Commission, the Friends of Raymond, and many others."



Civil War sites from Corinth to the Gulf of Mexico are featured in the map "The Civil War in Mississippi," which highlights the state's battlefields and related sites that are open to the public. The map is available free of charge at welcome centers and other sites across the state.

The Battle of Brices Crossroads Museum is the final component of the project. A new wing has been added to the existing facility, which will now include interpretation of the Battle of Tupelo. Interpretive signs for a driving tour are nearly complete and fabrication of new exhibits for the museum is underway.

Three projects related to the Vicksburg Campaign have already been completed. The Battle of Raymond site features a new walking and interpretive trail. Restorations of the Shaifer House at Port Gibson and the Coker House at Champion Hill



tle was the first in the final phase of General Ulysses S. Grant's campaign to capture Vicksburg—the "Gibraltar of the Mississippi."

The Coker House is located on the southern portion of the Champion Hill battlefield, which is a National Historic Landmark. The grounds around the Coker House saw heavy fighting on May 16, 1863, and the house itself served as a hospital after the battle.

In the northeast corner of the state, the 1917 Corinth Depot, located on the

battlefield are also complete. New interpretive signs installed at the two sites examine the battles that took place there and how each fit into the overall Vicksburg Campaign.

The Shaifer House was the site of the opening shots of the Battle of Port Gibson, which was fought on May 1, 1863. The bat-

site of the Civil War-era depot, has been renovated as the Crossroads Museum, featuring exhibits on Corinth's local history. A number of hiking and biking trails have also been constructed in the Corinth area, providing access to many of the earthworks and fortifications associated with the Siege of Corinth.

Natchez Literary & Cinema Celebration Explored Sports

"Fields of Dreams: Sports in the South" was the theme of the 22nd annual Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration February 24-27. The 2011 NLCC featured lectures by some of the country's most respected historians, authors, scholars, athletes, film writers and filmmakers.

"Conference programs focused on football, basketball, baseball, fishing and hunting—the Big Five," said Carolyn Vance Smith of Copiah-Lincoln Community College, founder and co-chair of the event. "Other programs ranged from the historical Natchez Indians' stickball to modern-day competitive wheelchair tennis."

The Richard Wright Literary Excellence

award was presented to the authors Rick Cleveland, the *Clarion-Ledger* newspaper, and Jerry W. Ward, Jr., Dillard University, New Orleans, La. The Horton Foote Award for Special Achievement in Screenwriting went to Robert Duvall, Hollywood, Calif., screenwriter, producer, director, and actor.

The Thad Cochran Humanities Achievement Award went to Richard Howorth of Oxford, longtime leader of the Oxford Conference for the Book

Enhancing the lecture series were four films, a concert of sports-related music by the Alcorn State University Concert Band, the unveiling of a new portrait of Natchez's noted author Richard Wright, tours of his-

toric Melrose, the William Johnson House, and Historic Jefferson College, receptions at the Natchez Museum of the Association of Afro-American History and Culture and at Grand Soleil Hotel, book signings, exhibits, special meals at the Towers historic mansion and the Carriage House at Stanton Hall, writing workshops for children and adults, and more.

The NLCC is sponsored by Copiah-Lincoln Community College, the Natchez National Historical Park, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, and MDAH and made possible with grants from the Mississippi Humanities Council, the Mississippi Arts Commission, and public and private donors.

AmeriCorps Team Works Onsite, with Collection

A team of AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps workers spent five days in January working at the Eudora Welty House and with the department's archaeology collection. At the Welty House, team members cut and surfaced a new driveway, battled invasive bamboo, constructed a double compost bin, and made other improvements to the grounds. The new driveway connects the garden to Peachtree Street, providing much-needed access for debris removal and delivery of plants and mulch.

"Our team of young people from across the United States could not have been a harder working, more dedicated group," said Karen Redhead, director of the Eudora Welty House. "They worked in cold,

muddy, conditions but never complained. Without their volunteer labor, this enhancement of the garden would not have been possible."

In keeping with the AmeriCorps NCCC's desire to provide educational opportunities to its team members in conjunction with the community service it performs, Welty garden restoration consultant Susan Haltom met with the team to discuss the garden's significance in the context of its time period and location. The team also heard Welty biographer Suzanne Marrs speak about Welty's life and writing, and was given a tour of the Medgar Evers House.

When rain prevented the team from working in the garden they moved to the Charlotte



Capers Building, where they worked on the department's archaeology collection, removing artifacts ranging from projectile points to Civil War bullets from their deteriorated paper bags and repackaging them.

"We loved having the team, and the fact that they rehabbed thirteen boxes from four counties in two days is amazing," said MDAH archaeologist Patty Miller-Beech, who oversaw that phase of the project. "The artifacts are now much better protected in the plastic bags and boxes."

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women age 18-24. Members are assigned to one of five campuses, located in Denver, Colorado; Sacramento, California; Perry Point, Maryland; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and Vinton, Iowa. Last year an AmeriCorps team worked at Winterville Mounds in Greenville, clearing brush and saplings from the mounds and producing a video for the museum there.



Natchez Powwow Set for March 26, 27

Traditional Native American dancing, singing, and fun come to the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians for the twenty-third annual Natchez Powwow on Saturday, March 26, and Sunday, March 27. More than 3,400 people attended last year to celebrate the Native American heritage of the Natchez area.

"The Powwow has become a tradition in Mississippi and Louisiana, linking our modern society with the area's past cultures and the rich legacy of the Natchez Indians," said Jim Barnett, director of the Grand Village. "Natchez Indians lived here and danced here and that long history makes this all the more special."

There will be gourd dancing at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday and grand

entry and intertribal dancing at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. both days. Bo Limbaugh of Kellyville, Oklahoma, will serve as master of ceremonies. Tribes represented include the Ottawa, Osage, Quapaw, Shawnee, and Creek.

Craft and food booths will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday. The trader booths for traditional Native American crafts will carry items such as jewelry, baskets, and leather goods. Food vendors will offer traditional dishes such as fry bread and hominy.

Bring your lawn chairs. Powwow participants are allowed to camp on the grounds. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages twelve and under.

The Grand Village of the Natchez Indians is a National



Historic Landmark that features a museum, a reconstructed Natchez Indian house, and three ceremonial mounds. Admission is free. The Grand Village is located at 400 Jefferson Davis

Boulevard, Natchez. For more information call 601-446-6502, or powwow committee chairman Chuck Borum, 601-442-0200 or email at cborum@hotmail.com.

Former MDAH Trustee Van Burnham Dies

Dr. Van R. Burnham, Jr., of Clarksdale died December 4, 2010. Burnham had served on the MDAH Board of Trustees from 1988 to 2005.

Van Burnham was one of the most accomplished avocational archaeologists in the state and a strong supporter of the archaeological programs of the department and the Mississippi Archaeological Association. He was instrumental in securing the donation to the department of the highly significant Hollywood site in Tunica County.

Burnham had an extensive personal archaeological library and site collections, which he maintained with meticulous care. In 2005 he donated these resources to the research library at Winterville Mounds, where they are in regular use by staff



and researchers. At the time of the donation, board president William Winter noted its significance: "During Dr. Burnham's many years on the board of trustees we relied on his knowledge

of archaeology and the Indians of Mississippi. This magnificent collection he has given continues the spirit of service he has demonstrated all his life."

After the death of his wife, Dr. Burnham established and generously endowed the Barbara B. Burnham Memorial Fund to promote travel and continuing education for MDAH archaeological staff members. This endowment has enabled archaeologists to travel to professional conferences across the country and overseas.

MDAH director H.T. Holmes said, "Dr. Burnham is greatly missed by his friends and colleagues in the historical and archaeological community. No other private citizen has done more to support archaeological study in Mississippi."

Historic Preservation Input Sought

The Historic Preservation Division of MDAH is developing its priorities and objectives for Fiscal Year 2012 Historic Preservation Fund-assisted programs. Suggestions and comments from the public in regard to proposed priorities, objectives, and projects are invited.

Annually grants-in-aid are made available through a competitive application process to Certified Local Governments. Historic preservation projects benefiting minorities and the disabled are encouraged.

Address comments or questions to Jim Woodrick, Acting Director, Historic Preservation Division, MDAH, P. O. Box 571, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

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New *Heritage of Mississippi* Book Published

The fifth book in the *Heritage of Mississippi* Series has been published. Michael B. Ballard examines the military history of the state in *The Civil War in Mississippi: Major Campaigns and Battles*.

From the first Union attack on Vicksburg in the spring of 1862 through Benjamin Grierson's last raids through Mississippi in late 1864 and early 1865, Ballard traces the campaigns, fighting, and causes and effects of armed conflict in central and north Mississippi, where major campaigns were waged and fighting occurred.

The Civil War in Mississippi addresses the key military engagements in chronological order. The volume begins with mobilization and other events leading up to the first military action within the state's borders. The book goes on to cover all the major military operations, including the campaign for and siege of Vicksburg, and battles at Iuka and Corinth, Meridian, Brice's Crossroads, and Tupelo. The cast of characters includes well-known names such as Sherman, Grant, Pemberton, and Forrest, as well as a host of other commanders and soldiers. Ballard discusses at length African American troops

and others glossed over or lost in studies of the Mississippi military during the war.

Michael B. Ballard is author of *Civil War Mississippi: A Guide* and many other books. He is a professor and university archivist and coordinator of the Congressional and Political Research Center at Mississippi State University Libraries. He is also associate editor of the Grant Papers for the Ulysses S. Grant Association.

The *Heritage of Mississippi* Series is aimed at a broad audience of scholars, teachers, students, and interested general readers. The works are meant to stand as the definitive studies on the topics for years to

come. Published jointly by

the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the Mississippi Historical Society, and the University Press of Mississippi, the series will cover the history of Mississippi in fifteen volumes to be completed by 2017—the bicentennial of Mississippi's statehood.

Four other volumes in the series have been issued—*Art in Mississippi: 1720–1980* by Patti Carr Black, *Religion in Mississippi*

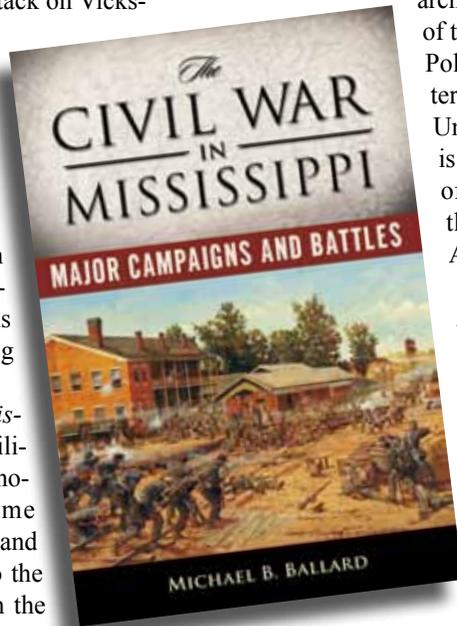
by Randy J. Sparks, *Rednecks, Redeemers, and Race: Mississippi after Reconstruction, 1877–1917* by Stephen Cresswell, and *Mississippi in the Civil War: The Home Front* by Timothy B. Smith.

Scheduled for publication is *Mississippi's American Indians* by James F. Barnett, Jr., Historic Properties Division director, MDAH.

Volumes in progress are *Mississippi in the Twentieth Century: An Economic History*, by Connie Lester, assistant professor of history, University of Central Florida and editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, and *From Poverty to Promise: Mississippi 1917–1945*, by Chester M. Morgan III, professor of history, University of Southern Mississippi.

Recently commissioned volumes include *Reconstruction in Mississippi* by political commentator Jere Nash, aided by William C. Harris, professor emeritus of history, North Carolina State University, and *Frontier Mississippi, 1798–1840* by James Michael Bunn, curator of history, Columbus Museum, Columbus, Georgia, and Clay Williams, director, Old Capitol Museum, Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Members of the board of editors of the *Heritage of Mississippi* Series are chairman William F. Winter, vice-chair John F. Marszalek, Dernal Davis, Elbert R. Hilliard, H.T. Holmes, Peggy W. Jeanes, William K. Scarborough, Charles Reagan Wilson, and Christine Wilson.



MDAH Board Sees New Member, Retirement

The quarterly meeting of the MDAH board of trustees saw the departure of one member and the arrival of another. Duncan Morgan of Natchez attended his final meeting as a trustee after ten years of service, and Web Heidelberg of Hattiesburg attended his first meeting as an incoming member.

Morgan is a master brick mason and the world's leading authority on the historic brick work of Natchez. He has restored countless historic brick buildings in Natchez, including the East Wing at Historic Jefferson College, and on the campus of Alcorn State University.

“We have relied on Duncan Morgan's wise counsel in resolving complex issues relating to preservation in Natchez and across the state,” said MDAH board of trustees president Kane Ditto. “He has made a tremendous contribution to the work of this board, and we will miss him.”

Morgan will be named Trustee Emeritus of the Department of Archives and History in honor of his dedication and committed service to the department.

Web Heidelberg, managing partner of Heidelberg Law Firm, PLLC, earned his B.A. from the University of Mis-

issippi and his J.D. from Tulane University School of Law. He is the president-elect for the Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association and has served on the boards of several organizations, including the Mississippi Historical Society, the Mississippi Heritage Trust, and the Hattiesburg Redevelopment Authority.



Duncan Morgan in front of the Old Capitol dome.

confirmed by the state senate. Members serve six-year terms. The other members of the board are Rosemary Taylor Williams of Corinth, vice president; Reuben V. Anderson, Jackson; E. Jackson Garner, Jackson; Hilda Cope Povall, Cleveland; Martis D. Ramage, Jr., Tupelo; and Roland

Board nominees must be Weeks, Biloxi.

Archival Workshops Planned for Libraries and Museums

A series of archival workshops for libraries, museums, and other small- to mid-size organizations that manage historic materials will be offered across the state beginning in June.

“Archival Processing and Preservation” will be held on June 16 in Cleveland. “Archival Digitization: Practical Solutions on a Budget” will be presented in July in Hattiesburg. “Preservation of Books and Archival Materials” will be held in October in Jackson.

Three workshops relating to emergency preparedness and local government records will be offered during the fall.

The Society of Mississippi Archivists and the Archival Training Collaborative have joined the Mississippi Historical Records Advisory Board to sponsor the workshops.

Registration is \$30 per workshop. For more information call Melanie Collins at 601-576-6810.

Governor’s Mansion Docent Luncheon Hosted by First Lady Marsha Barbour



Front Row, left to right: Governor’s mansion curator Mary Lohrenz, Mackie Jernigan, Ruby McLemore, Sarah Flanagan, First Lady Marsha Barbour, Freda Spell, Mary Louise Nosser, Andi McDaniel, Janis Roberts, and Billie Henry. *Second Row:* Sylvia Walker, Earline Raines, Shirlee Lawson, Bernie Lieb, Jean Hallman, Joan Dattel, Pauline Akers, and Ruth Byars. *Third Row:* Jean Clarkson, Pat Pierce, Peggy Dawson, MDAH trustee and Mansion Committee chair Jack Garner, MDAH trustee and Mansion Committee member Hilda Cope Povall, Jane Jones, and Melanie McKinley. *Fourth Row:* Jane Baird, MDAH Museum Division director Lucy Allen, Clytice Gardner, Sally Carmichael, and Ruth Tant. *Back Row:* Buena Lee Huff, Janet McLaurin, Tom Bowen, Charlotte Turner, and Shirley Abney.

Manship House Collection Stored

The entire contents of the Manship House Museum, including large pieces of furniture and more than one hundred boxes of smaller artifacts, have been packed and moved into storage as the museum prepares for repairs.

Manship House Museum collections manager Tyler Nowell organized the collection and packed the smaller items. The movers built custom crates for all of the marble pieces before moving the collection to its new location in the Charlotte Capers Building.

“We are taking advantage of the closure to work on a new interpretive plan for the museum,” said museum director Marilynn Jones. “This is the first time we’ve really had time to go through every single piece of information the department has about the Manship family and house.”



Built more than one hundred fifty years ago, the Manship House is out of level by thirteen inches, resulting in huge plaster cracks in the walls and gaps at the doors and windows. A historic structure report concluded the Yazoo clay found throughout the region is the primary culprit for the foundation’s problems, with the large Magnolia tree on the north side of the house adding to the instability.

Rebellion and Relics at Old Capitol Offers Artifact Identification

Spend the day learning about the Civil War in Mississippi on Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Old Capitol Museum. Topics will include historic sites and battlefields in Mississippi, African Americans in the Civil War, and the department’s Civil War resources.

Reenactors will camp on the Old Capitol Green for the entire day and present a firing demonstration at noon. The program Personal Treasures: Their Identification and Care will be held 1–4 p.m. Visitors are invited to bring their Civil War papers, images, books, textiles, household, and military items for experts to identify. For more information contact the Old Capitol at 601-576-6920.

Mississippi Historical Society Meeting March 3–5



The Mississippi Historical Society will hold its annual meeting March 3–5 in Jackson. There will be presentations on cotton culture, longtime Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives Walter Sillers, Jr., civil rights leaders T.R.M. Howard and Medgar Evers, and the illegal slave trade in the state, as well as a guided walking tour of downtown Jackson, a panel discussion with Freedom Riders, and more.

Thursday, March 3

3–5 p.m.—Registration, Old Capitol Inn

5–6:30 p.m.—Welcoming Reception, Governor’s Mansion, 300 East Capitol Street

7 p.m.—Board of Directors Dinner Meeting, Fairview Inn, 734 Fairview Street

Friday, March 4

8–10 a.m.—Registration, Old Capitol Inn

8 a.m.—Editorial Staff and Board of Publications, *Journal of Mississippi History*, Magnolia Room, Old Capitol Inn

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

(All sessions in the House of Representatives Chamber, Old Capitol Museum)

9 a.m.—Opening: Princesa W. Nowell, president, Mississippi Historical Society

Welcome: Clay Williams, director, Old Capitol Museum

Presiding: Luther Brown, Delta State University

Mississippi in Africa, Alan Huffman, author, Bolton

The Nitta Yuma Plantation and Its Founding Family, Carl Brown, Memphis, Tennessee

10:15 a.m.—BREAK

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

10:30 a.m.—Presiding: Ted Ownby, University of Mississippi

Any “*Man with an Ounce of Pride Who Works in the Delta Soon Wants To Do Something*”: *Medgar Wiley Evers and Grass-roots Activism in Mississippi*, Michael Williams, Mississippi State University

Mentor to the Movement: T.R.M. Howard, A Forgotten Founder of Civil Rights, David Beito, University of Alabama

12 noon—Luncheon, Old Capitol Inn

Presiding: Aubrey K. Lucas, MHS vice president, Hattiesburg

Introduction of speaker: Charles Westmoreland, Delta State University

“*Mr. Delta*”: *Walter Sillers Jr. and Fifty Years in Mississippi*

Politics (1916-1966), Benjamin Sperry, Cleveland State University

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

1:30 p.m.—*Commemorating the Freedom Riders*

Presiding: Jeanne Luckett, Mississippi coordinator, Mississippi Freedom 50th Foundation, Inc.

Remarks: Reuben Anderson, Treasurer, Mississippi Freedom 50th Foundation, Inc.

Panelists: Henry J. “Hank” Thomas, national chair, Mississippi Freedom 50th; Hezekiah Watkins and Mary Harrison Lee, Mississippi Freedom 50th Board of Directors

3–5 p.m.—*Downtown Walking Tour with MDAH architectural historian Todd Sanders*.

6 p.m.—PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION, Old Capitol Inn

7 p.m.—BANQUET, Old Capitol Inn.

Presiding: Princesa W. Nowell, president

Presentation of McLemore Prize: Robert E. May, Professor of History, Purdue University

Introduction of speaker: Chester M. Morgan, University of Southern Mississippi

Mississippi’s Destiny: Cotton and Race in the Making of America, Gene Dattel, author,

New York City

Saturday, March 5

8 a.m.—ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, House of Representatives Chamber, Old Capitol Museum

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

9 a.m.—Presiding: Alan Marcus, Mississippi State University
The Illegal Slave Trade to America, Sharon Bynum, University of Mississippi

9:45 a.m.—BREAK

FIFTH GENERAL SESSION

10 a.m.—Presiding: Sam Brookes, United States Forest Service

The Lower Delta Initiative as an Example of Participatory History, Meg Cooper, Mississippi Lower Delta Partnership

Mont Helena: A Dream Revisited, Emily Carter, Leslie Miller, and cast, *Friends of Mont Helena*

12 noon—AWARDS BRUNCH, Old Capitol Inn

Presiding: Princesa W. Nowell, president

Presentation of awards
Introduction of president-elect

Adjournment

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MARCH-MAY HISTORY IS LUNCH CALENDAR

The department's History Is Lunch programs are held at noon most Wednesdays in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building, 200 North Street, Jackson. There is no admission charge.

For more information on any of the programs, call 601-576-6998 or email cwilson@mdah.state.ms.us.

March 2—Historian William Parrish will talk about responses of southern governors to civilians during the Civil War.

March 9—MDAH Museum Division staff will present their favorite artifacts from MDAH collection.

March 16—Professor and coordinator of the Congressional Collection for MSU Libraries Michael Ballard will discuss his new book *The Civil War in Mississippi: Major Campaigns and Battles*.

March 23—W. Ralph Eubanks, author of *Ever Is a Long Time: A Journey Into Mississippi's Dark Past*, will talk about his works and sign copies.

March 30—Teresa Nicholas will talk about her memoir *Buryin' Daddy: Putting My Lebanese, Catholic, Southern Baptist Childhood to Rest*.

April 6—Robert Luckett, director of the Margaret Walker Alexander Center at Jackson State University, will talk about the life and work of Margaret Walker Alexander.

April 13—author Jeff Giambrone and publisher Hap Owen will discuss their new book *An Illustrated Guide to the Vicksburg Campaign & National Military Park*.

April 20—Retired history professor David Crosby will present "Mixed Messages: Rabbit Foot Minstrels' Long History and

Ambiguous Legacy."

April 27—Former secretary of state Dick Molpus will talk about the restored buildings of the lumber camp at Bonhomie, near Hattiesburg, as well as adaptive reuse of historic buildings in Jackson.

May 4—Singer Lester Senter Wilson will present "The Owl and the Pussycat."

May 11—Araminta Stone Johnston will talk about and sign copies of her book *And One Was a Priest: The Life and Times of Duncan M. Gray Jr.*

May 18—Retired FBI agent Avery Rollins will present "The FBI Oral History Program in Mississippi."

May 25—MDAH chief architectural historian Jennifer Opager Baughn will present "Architectural Genealogy: Two Centuries of Mississippi Architects."

Mississippi Time Travelers Summer Camps

From prehistoric Indian mounds to modern Mississippi, students ages eight to twelve will discover what has made our state the culturally rich and diverse place it's become at the Mississippi Time Travelers Kids Camp. Activities will include hands-on artifacts, crafts, tours, and more at the Old Capitol Museum, Governor's Mansion, and Eudora Welty House.

The two sessions will be June 20-24 and July 18-22, 8 a.m.–noon. Cost is \$40, pre-registration required. Campers will meet each morning at the Old Capitol. For more information call 601-576-6800.