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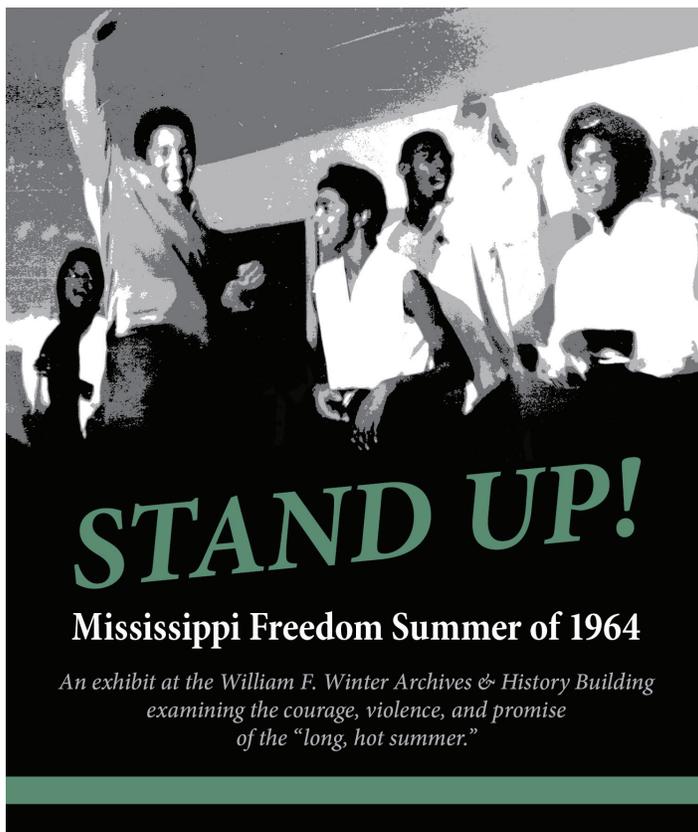
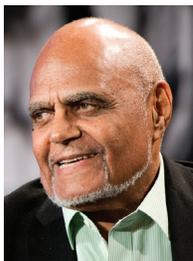
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Freedom Summer Exhibit at MDAH

Robert Moses To Open Exhibit with June 2 Lecture

In the summer of 1964 hundreds of northern college students, most of them white, joined with local African Americans in communities across Mississippi to register voters, conduct Freedom Schools, and promote civil rights. Beginning in June MDAH will mark the fiftieth anniversary of Freedom Summer with an original exhibit at the Winter Building, diverse programming at its sites, and an address at the Old Capitol by an icon of the Civil Rights Movement.

At noon on Monday, June 2, Dr. Robert P. Moses will give the keynote address for the 2014 Medgar Wiley Evers Lecture Series. A leader in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and co-director of the Council of Federated Organizations, Moses became a principal organizer of the Freedom Summer Project. He was also instrumental in establishing the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party that would challenge Mississippi's all-white delegation at the Democratic National



Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in August of 1964.

Moses went on to work for the Ministry of Education in Tanzania, East Africa, and returned to the U.S. to pursue a doctoral degree in philosophy at Harvard University. In 1982 he received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship that he used to develop the Algebra Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving student achievement through mathematics. He serves as director of the project's materials development program.

"Bob Moses is a hero for our

state and our nation," said Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, "a man who has shed blood, sweat, and tears to ensure the rights guaranteed every American. Long after Freedom Summer Dr. Moses continued to work with the children of Mississippi to give them the tools they need to succeed in our modern world. It is a high honor to welcome him back to deliver the 2014 Medgar Wiley Evers Lecture."

The 2014 Medgar Wiley Evers Lecture Series is made

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MDAH Director To Retire

H.T. Holmes, director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History since 2005, has announced his plan to retire early next year.

"Hank Holmes will leave a remarkable legacy of in-



novation and growth," said MDAH Board of Trustees president Kane Ditto. "Under his leadership the department developed its electronic records section into a national model, greatly expanded the state's commitment to preserve and honor the Mississippi American Indian history, oversaw a \$26 million historic preservation grant program in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, opened the Eudora Welty House and Garden, and is now in the midst of its largest and most significant construction project of the Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum."

Holmes began his association with MDAH in 1969

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possible by the Mississippi Humanities Council through its Cora Norman Lecture Fund. The June 2 talk will officially open the new exhibit “Stand Up!”: Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964. Drawing on photographs, artifacts, documents, and film footage from the MDAH collection, the exhibit will examine the courage, violence, and promise of the “long, hot summer.” A replica school room modeled from photographs of Freedom Schools will give visitors an idea of the conditions volunteers and students worked under. An original short documentary film commissioned by MDAH for the exhibit explores the aims of the Freedom Summer project and tells the story of the murdered civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner and the creation of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

“Stand Up!” will run through

October 31 at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson. The free exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At noon on June 18 in the Old Capitol, as part of the History Is Lunch Series, former Secretary of State and Philadelphia native Dick Molpus will recount his experience of the 44-day search during Freedom Summer for the three missing civil rights workers in Neshoba County and the murder trials that followed.

Freedom Summer workers focused on extending the franchise to all qualified Mississippians, and the Old Capitol

Museum program Black Mississippians: Road to the Vote highlights the nineteenth-century history of voting efforts that laid

a foundation for the modern Civil Rights Movement. Topics covered include slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the 1868 and 1890 state constitutions, both of which were crafted by lawmakers in that building

while it served as Mississippi’s seat of government 1839-1903. The free program is suitable for school groups or adults. To make a reservation call 601-576-6920.

MDAH is a co-sponsor of the Mississippi Freedom Summer 50th Anniversary Conference

in Jackson organized by the Mississippi Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement, Inc.; Mississippi State Conference NAACP; and Tougaloo College. The June 25-29 conference will highlight the legacy of Freedom Summer, recognize the accomplishments of those who changed Mississippi for the better, and examine ways to continue that progress for all of its citizens.

“This event will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gather with so many Freedom Summer participants and hear firsthand their stories,” said MDAH director H.T. Holmes. “We are proud to support the conference and the veterans and to offer our exhibit and programming over the coming months.”

To register or learn more about the conference, go to <http://freedom50.org>. For more information about any of these events, call 601-576-6850 or email info@mdah.state.ms.us.



Preservation Workshops Booked Statewide

In lieu of the annual Historic Preservation Boot Camp, MDAH is planning a series of training sessions this summer in Pascagoula, Starkville, Natchez, and Leland. The workshops are for elected officials, city staff, local Main Street organizers, and anyone interested in historic preservation.

These free seminars fulfill the annual training requirement for historic preservation commission members in Certified Local Government communities. Each session will focus on a different aspect of historic preservation, so participants may attend more than one as they choose.

Wednesday, June 18

*Pascagoula Senior Center
1912 Live Oak Avenue, Pascagoula*

10–11 a.m.—Optional Shipbuilders Neighborhood Tour (*parking at 606 Columbus Drive*)

1–4 p.m.—Preservation seminar

- Disaster Relief for Historic Properties
- The Role of Post-WWII Architecture in Historic Preservation

Thursday, June 26

*Renasant Bank Community Room
500 East Lampkin Street, Starkville*

9 a.m.–noon—Preservation seminar

- Preservation Law and Procedure
- Design Standards and the Certificate of Appropriateness Process

• Local District Designation Process

1:30–3:30 p.m.—Optional Local Historic District Neighborhood Tour

Tuesday, July 1

*Historic Natchez Foundation
108 South Commerce Street, Natchez*

9 a.m.–noon—Preservation seminar

- Religious Campuses in Historic Downtown
- Certificate of Appropriateness and the Building and Planning Departments

1:30–3:30 p.m.—Optional Church Tour

Wednesday, July 23

Leland, location TBD

9 a.m.–noon—Preservation seminar

• Additions and New Construction in Local Historic Districts

• The American Disabilities Act and the Historic Preservation Commission

• The Certified Local Government Grant Program

1:30–3:30 p.m.—Optional Tour of Leland

Additional CLG training opportunities throughout the year include the Mississippi Heritage Trust’s Statewide Preservation Conference June 8-10 in Tupelo; Forum 2014: National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Conference July 16-20 in Philadelphia, PA; and Mississippi Main Street Association’s Destination Downtown conference September 15-17 in Ocean Springs.

Lunch will be on your own, but local dining options will be included with registration confirmation. For more information email clg@mdah.state.ms.us or call 601-576-6940.

Register online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E48A9AA2CA64-summer/1277412.

Entergy Pledges \$1 Million toward 2MM

Mississippi governor Phil Bryant and other state officials were joined by representatives from Entergy Corporation to announce a \$1 million donation for the 2 Mississippi Museums project on Thursday, May 1. The funds will be used by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for exhibits in the Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

“Our company’s history has been intertwined with the state’s history for 90 years and our future will be as well,” said Haley Fisackerly, Entergy Mississippi president. “We’re pleased and proud to be a part of preserving our state’s rich history and sharing it with the world. The museums will be the ultimate tourism destination for visitors interested in the many facets of the Mississippi story.”

Leo Denault, Entergy Corporation chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and Fisackerly presented the \$1 million check at the construction site in downtown Jackson to Governor Bryant, former governor William Winter, and MDAH Trustee Reuben Anderson, who accepted the gift on behalf of the state and the museums.

“Entergy has been a valued corporate partner to Mississippi for generations,” said Bryant. “The company is an important part of Mississippi’s economy and has a long history of supporting Mississippi communities.”

When the state legislature authorized construction of the Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in 2011, MDAH was asked to raise private dollars to match the public money for exhibits. The Foundation for Mississippi History and Foundation for the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum are on target to meet the goal of \$16 million—\$12



Pictured from left are Entergy Mississippi president Haley Fisackerly, Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley, former NAACP chair Myrlie Evers, former governor William F. Winter, Entergy Corporation chairman of the board Leo Denault, Governor Phil Bryant, MDAH Trustee Reuben Anderson, former Mississippi Supreme Court justice Fred Banks, and Central District Public Service Commissioner Lynn Posey.

million for the exhibits plus a \$2 million endowment for each museum.

“We are very grateful to the Entergy stockholders for this extraordinary gift to the people of Mississippi,” said H.T. Holmes, MDAH director. “Entergy’s leadership in making this gift sends a strong message about the significance of this project to the state, region, and nation.”

Since construction of the museums began in December,

120,000 cubic yards of dirt have been removed, retaining walls built, and foundation work begun. While only the top two floors of the four-story 2MM building will be visible from North Street, all four will be seen from Jefferson Street. The underground floors will house collection storage and exhibit work space. The first slab was poured in May for the Museum of Mississippi History’s basement floor. Auger cast pile caps

for the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum foundation are nearing completion, and its first slab will be poured in June.

Masonry work for both museums will start in July when workers begin building exterior walls and closing in the perimeter of the entire building.

The museums are scheduled to open in 2017 as the centerpiece of the state’s bicentennial celebration. To learn more visit 2mississippimuseums.com.

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as a college intern. He went on to serve as oral historian, archivist, records analyst, manuscript curator, map curator, head of the special collections section, and director of the department’s Archives and Library division from 1988 through 2004. A native of Winona, Holmes earned his B.A. in English

from Millsaps College in 1973 and a master’s degree in library science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1982.

“I am proud of the work done daily by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. MDAH administers programs and operates museums and historic sites that

in most other states are the responsibility of four, five, six, or more agencies,” said Holmes. “The department’s next director will find a true treasure with the dedicated staff in place here.”

The board will begin a national search for the next director in June. See mdah.state.ms.us for details.

Grant Program Funded for 2014

A popular grant program for preservation projects has received additional funding. The 2014 Mississippi legislature allocated \$2.1 million for competitive grants in the tenth round of the Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program, which helps preserve, restore, rehabilitate, and interpret historic courthouses and schools. In Certified Local Government communities grant funds may also be used for projects involving other historic buildings. Only properties that have been designated Mississippi Landmarks are eligible for the grants.

“This program is directly responsible for saving great Mississippi buildings like the L.Q.C. Lamar House in Oxford and the Prentiss Institute Rosenwald School in Jefferson Davis County,” said Aileen de la Torre, CHPG program administrator. “These grants are so effective because the local communities are the spark for the projects large and small, whether restoring an entire structure or constructing an accessibility ramp.”

The MDAH Board of Trustees will award the grants at a special meeting in December.

Only county or municipal governments, school districts, and nonprofit organizations granted Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status by the IRS may submit applications. A cash match of at least 20 percent is required, and grant awards are reimbursed upon the suc-



Prentiss Institute Rosenwald School before (below), and after a CHPG-funded restoration.



cessful completion of the project.

To become a Certified Local Government, a community must adopt a preservation ordinance establishing a preservation commission in accordance with federal and state guidelines. Once the commission has been established, application for CLG status may be made to the National Park Service through the Department of Archives

and History. MDAH works closely with local government officials and citizens to help them create and manage a workable local historic preservation program. To learn more about the CLG program, call 662-325-2520.

Applications will be available on the MDAH website beginning July 1. Deadline to receive completed applications will be 5 p.m. on October 3, 2014. For more information contact MDAH by email or call 601-576-6937.

CLG Preservation Grants Aid Communities

More than \$70,000 was awarded to preservation projects in fourteen Certified Local Government Communities at the April board meeting of the Department of Archives and History. The CLG program helps participants establish and administer historic preservation programs in their communities.

Grants of \$10,000 were awarded to the Merrill Building in Carrollton for building stabilization and repairs; the Main Street Bridge in Leland for repairing and painting concrete guardrails and installing six new lamp

posts; and the Spain House in Tupelo (at right) for restoration of porticos and porches. Additional grants totaling \$44,407 were awarded to Aberdeen, Baldwyn, Biloxi, Brandon, Canton, Gautier, McComb, Pascagoula, Starkville, Tunica, and Winona.

“The CLG program is an excellent example of a preservation partnership that



bridges the federal, state, and local levels,” said grant administrator Barry White. “It’s not a one-size-fits-all program because participating municipalities have the flexibility to pursue their

own preservation goals in the way that best suits their community.”

CLG participants are eligible for annual matching grants for such diverse projects as 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.

For more information contact Barry White at 601-576-6953 or bwhite@mdah.state.ms.us.

Welty Fellow Named

The 2014 Eudora Welty Research Fellowship has been awarded to Jacob Agner, a doctoral candidate in English at the University of Mississippi. Agner will use the \$2,000 fellowship to cover expenses incurred while working with the Eudora Welty



Collection at MDAH, where he will explore the influence of film noir on Welty's short stories, particularly "The Demonstrators."

"I am interested in 'rural noir,' the crime fiction and potboilers of southern writers like Welty," said Agner. "She seems like the least likely noirish writer, but in some of her stories there's a strain of sudden violence and an anxiety that can't be quite placed."

"Jacob Agner's distinctive research interest promises to add to the high caliber of scholarship of previous Welty Fellows," said Julia Marks Young, director of the MDAH Archives and Record Services Division.

Established by the Eudora Welty Foundation and MDAH, the fellowship seeks to encourage and support research use of the Eudora Welty Collection by graduate students.

Groundbreaking Mississippians Chosen



MDAH outreach programs coordinator Claire Gwaltney, Madison Caffey (honorable mention), gifted teacher Allie Reed, principal Paul Lawrence, Alexandra Guzman (winner), gifted teacher Beryl Jones, Mila DouBrava (winner), Hagan Ware (honorable mention), and MDAH director of education Stacey Everett.

An author, actress, and school teacher were recognized as groundbreaking Mississippians thanks to MDAH's inaugural art contest for children and online poll.

Camden Elementary School teacher Derian Knox was the write-in winner of the Groundbreaking Mississippian poll featured on the MDAH website. A graduate of Jackson State University, Belhaven University, and Mississippi College, Knox, pictured at right with his wife Micca, is active in numerous professional teaching associations and community organizations. At Camden Elementary he is the lead math teacher and advisor for their local chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society. At Velma Jackson High School Knox coaches football, track, and powerlifting, and at the Fairview Learning Academy he is a volunteer basketball coach. His wife Micca is a principal at Isable Elementary School. They have two children,

Aiden and Ethan.

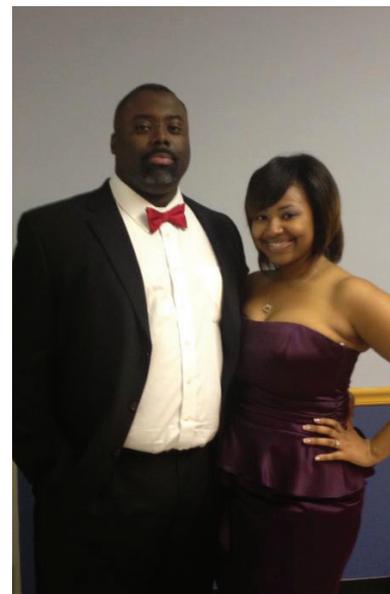
Voting was open to everyone, and people were asked to choose the most groundbreaking Mississippian from a list or nominate someone. The ballot included James Thomas "Cool Papa" Bell, Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield, James D. Hardy, Jim Henson, and Eudora Welty.

Two Winona Elementary School students took first place in the state-wide art contest. Third-grader Mila DouBrava submitted a drawing of acclaimed author Eudora Welty, and fourth-grader

Alexandra Guzman depicted actress and Meridian native Sela Ward. Children across the state

were asked to illustrate and submit their choice of the most innovative, inspiring, heroic, or otherwise significant person in Mississippi history.

Both contests were designed to celebrate the construction of the new Museum of Mississippi



History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. To learn more about family and educational activities check the Learn tab on the MDAH website, www.mdah.state.ms.us.

MHS Presents History Awards

State's Museums Explored as Theme Of Annual Meeting

The Mississippi Historical Society honored groups and individuals for achievements in the field of Mississippi History at its annual meeting March 6-8 in Jackson. Presentations highlighted the state's art, history, and music museums to match the conference's theme as chosen by president Charles L. Sullivan.

"Museums are where the work of the historian reaches the public across all bounds of age, gender, race, and creed. The vast majority of people do not read very much, but whole families will visit these institutions," said Sullivan. "Museum exhibits are the single most important disseminator of historical knowledge."

MDAH Museums Division director Lucy Allen, Mississippi Civil Rights Museum project

project at the Friday luncheon. Beauvoir Foundation president Bertram Hayes-Davis presented the keynote banquet address, "The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum."

The society's highest honor, the B.L.C. Wailes award for national distinction in the field of history, went to Vicksburg native William R. Ferris, founder of the groundbreaking Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi and former chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

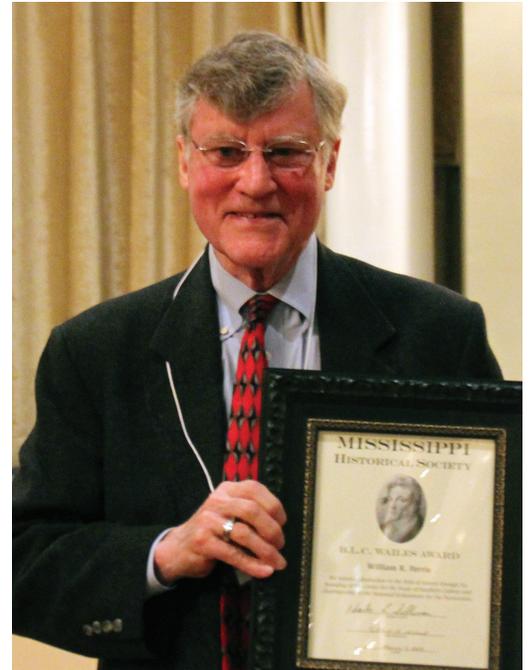
Ferris's broad areas of scholarship cover the fields of folklore, American literature, music, and photography. While at the University of Mississippi he co-edited the *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, a major reference work with entries on every aspect of southern culture that links popular, folk, and academic cultures. His film *Mississippi Blues* (1983) was featured at the Cannes Film Festival. Among his sound recordings are *High-*

Color (1982), and *Images of the South: Visits with Eudora Welty and Walker Evans* (1978). His most recent books are *Give My Poor Heart Ease: Voices of the Mississippi Blues* and *The Storied South: Voices of the Writers and Artists*. Ferris is senior associate director of the Center for the Study of the American South and the Joel R. Williamson Eminent Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Barbara Carpenter, retired director of the Mississippi Humanities Council, received the Dunbar Rowland Award for her lifelong contributions to the preservation, study, and interpretation of Mississippi history. Car-

Stuart Rockoff. "These records of the state's rich and diverse history will be used for generations to come."

William F. Winter and the *New Mississippi: A Biography* by University of North Carolina-Greensboro professor Charles C. Bolton was awarded the McLemore Prize for best



B.L.C. Wailes Award winner William Ferris.



MHS president Ann Simmons and outgoing president Charles Sullivan.

director Jacqueline K. Dace, and Museum of Mississippi History project director Cindy Gardner gave an overview of the 2 Mississippi Museums

way 61 Blues: James "Son" Thomas (1983) and *Bothered All the Time* (1983). He is the author of *Ray Lum's Tales of Horses, Mules, and Men* (1992), *Local*

history book of 2013. This first biography of Winter, the former Mississippi governor known for his fights for education and racial reconciliation, traces his life and influences from boyhood days in Grenada County to his service in World War II and through his long career of public service in Mississippi.

Ty Adair received the John K. Bettersworth Award for outstanding history teacher. Adair served eight years in the United States Navy before becoming a teacher. He teaches Advanced Placement European history and United States government, U.S. history, world history, and Mississippi studies at Starkville High School.

"Dr. Carpenter helped to create the Mississippi Oral History Project, a partnership with MDAH and the Center for Oral History at the University of Southern Mississippi, that has helped capture the story of Mississippi through the voices of its people in hundreds of recorded interviews," said MHC director

"One of the qualities that sets

Mr. Adair apart is his rigor in the classroom,” said MHS board member William “Brother” Rogers. “He requires lots of essay writing and gives personalized feedback on every essay, which takes a lot of time. He meets with students after school and, as the AP exam approaches, on Saturdays. He definitely goes above and beyond to prepare his students for success.”

The Chickasaw County Historical and Genealogical Society received the Frank E. Everett, Jr. Award for its outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of local history. Founded in 1979, the society has collected and preserved records dating back to the late 1800s and built the Chickasaw County Heritage Museum, including a 1,600-square-foot addition for research and additional exhibit space.

The Elbert R. Hilliard Oral History award was presented to Mississippi State University Libraries for “Echoes of Lloyd-Ricks-Watson.” The project recorded the memories and stories of more than forty MSU faculty and staff, former and current, who have worked at the Lloyd-Ricks-Watson Building, home to the university’s agricultural programs, including the extension service.

Wendy D. Smith of the University of Mississippi won the Franklin L. Riley Prize for her doctoral dissertation “‘Perfect Harmony’: the Myth of Tupelo’s Industrial Tranquility, 1937-1941,” which she completed for her Ph.D. in history from the University. Janet Bruce won the Glover Moore Prize for her master’s thesis “Nineteenth-Century Natchez, Mississippi in Photographs: Two Perspectives” at California State University at Northridge.

Awards of merit were presented to the Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage at the University of Southern Mississippi for its collaborations with statewide and national



Dunbar Rowland Award winner Barbara Carpenter (top); MHS board member William “Brother” Rogers (above left) and McLemore Prize winner Charles C. Bolton; MHS Bettersworth award committee member Betty H. Shaw (below left) with winner Ty Adair.



museums; Greenwood Cemetery Association for its work in preserving, maintaining, and interpreting the historic Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson; Paul Jermyn of Long Beach for his work in locating, securing, and sharing innumerable historic images and documents; Mississippi College Law Library for its work in establishing the Judicial Data and Legislative History projects; Lois Swaney Shipp of Oxford (formerly Holly Springs) for her leadership in helping establish and direct the Marshall County Historical Museum; and the Warren County Master Gardeners and the Vicksburg National Military Park for their work in establishing, maintaining, and interpreting the Heritage Demonstration Garden at the park.

Newly elected officers of the Mississippi Historical Society are Ann Atkinson Simmons, Columbia, president; Dennis Mitchell, Mississippi State University–Meridian, vice president; and Elbert R. Hilliard, Madison, secretary-treasurer.

Simmons has served on the MHS board of directors as well as the board of directors of the Mississippi Heritage Trust. A former president of the Marion County Historical Society, president of the Marion County Museum and Archives, and chair of the Columbia Planning Commission, Simmons helped establish the Historic Preservation Commission for the city of Columbia and served as the commission’s chair.

“At the 2015 annual meeting in Corinth the society will finalize its observance of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War,” said Simmons. “I encourage all Mississippians to join us March 5–7.” Longtime preservationist and MDAH trustee emerita Rosemary Williams will serve as chair of the local arrangements committee.

To learn more about the Mississippi Historical Society, call 601-576-6849 or email info@mdah.state.ms.us.

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JUNE-AUGUST 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 cwilson@mdah.state.ms.us.

June 4—John Hailman will discuss his book *From Midnight to Guntown: True Crime Stories from a Federal Prosecutor in Mississippi*. Book sales and signing to follow. **OCM**

June 11—Paul Canonici will discuss his book *Delta Italians, Volume II*. Book sales and signing to follow. **WFW**

June 18—Former Secretary of State Dick Molpus will discuss

his experience during the Philadelphia Freedom Summer 1964 murders. **OCM**

June 25—Polly Dement will discuss her book *Mississippi Entrepreneurs*. Book sales and signing to follow. **WFW**

July 2—Wilma Mosley-Clopton will screen her film about people of African descent who fought to free themselves in the Civil War, “Did Johnny Come Marching Home?” **WFW**

July 9—MSU—Meridian professor Dennis Mitchell will discuss his book *A New History of Mississippi*. Book sales and signing to follow. **OCM**

July 16—Shirley Burris will present “Exercising Godly Discipline in Southwest Mississippi

Churches, 1830-1940.” **WFW**

July 23—Diane Williams will discuss her book *Mississippi Folk and the Tales They Tell: Myths, Legends, and Bald-Faced Lies*. Book sales and signing to follow. **WFW**

July 30—David Crosby will discuss his book *The Complete Antislavery Writings of Anthony Benezet, 1754-1783*. Book sales and signing to follow. **WFW**

August 6—Vincent J. Venturini will present “General William Raphael Miles: Slavery, Civil War and Catholic Evangelical Activities among African Americans in Holmes County.” **WFW**

August 13—Joedda Gore will discuss her book *Sugarman*, about the hero of the Clear

Creek Bridge disaster of 1939. Book sales and signing to follow. **WFW**

August 20—Stephen Enzweiler will discuss his book *Oxford in the Civil War*. Book sales and signing to follow. **OCM**

August 27—Glass artist Elizabeth Robinson, owner of Spirit House Glass, will discuss her distinctive art. **WFW**

Archaeology Program Series at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians
601-446-6502

June 5, 6:30 p.m.—Jim Barnett will present “The Portage of the Cross: A Forgotten French Colonial Landmark on the Lower Mississippi River”