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The Eighth
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Journey Stories

October 8-10, 2009
Natchez, Mississippi
Journey Stories
2009 Historic Natchez Conference

The 2009 Historic Natchez Conference shares the title of the Smithsonian traveling exhibit, *Journey Stories*, one of several exhibits that will be featured at the conference.

The Smithsonian has created a traveling exhibit that illustrates the critical roles travel and movement have played in building our country. The exhibit includes accounts of immigrants coming in search of promise to a new country; individuals moving within our country to seek a better life; the forced migration of American Indians and African Americans; and journeys related to war and the Civil Rights Movement.

Programming for the 2009 Historic Natchez Conference reflects themes addressed in the exhibit. Scholars will discuss such topics as the early mapping of the Lower Mississippi River Valley, the diaspora of the Natchez Indians, African enslavement, the Civil War, immigrant Jews finding a home in the South, and the Civil Rights Movement in Natchez.

Conference programming also includes the grand opening of comprehensive new exhibits at the Natchez Visitor Center. Natchez National Historical Park will unveil new exhibits that provide visitors and local residents with a broad overview of Natchez history and culture. The grand opening of these new exhibits coincides with the twenty-year anniversary celebration of the creation of Natchez National Historical Park. A conference session will address the influence of the National Park Service in interpreting the history of Natchez.

The First Presbyterian Church will host the grand opening of a new exhibit on the history of the church. The new exhibit complements the church’s popular photographic gallery, “Natchez in Historic Photographs,” which highlights the work of Natchez photographers Henry and Earl Norman. A student paper will address the work of the Normans and Tom and Joan Gandy who preserved and interpreted the collection, which is now housed at Louisiana State University Libraries, Special Collections.

The purpose of the Historic Natchez Conference is to foster the study, preservation, and appreciation of the history of the Natchez region by providing a forum for established scholars, graduate students, representatives from major archival collections, and the general public to share research, resources, and ideas.

The conference is an outgrowth of the Adams County Courthouse Records Project, a public records preservation program initiated in 1992 by the Historic Natchez Foundation and California State University, Northridge, with major funding and assistance provided by the Natchez National Historical Park. Graduate students serve as interns in a comprehensive program involving conservation, research and interpretation of multiple manuscript sources.

The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas will discuss their recently acquired Buckner Collection, archival material related to the Buckner family of Natchez and their historic house, Airlie.

The Smithsonian exhibit, *Journey Stories*, is produced in cooperation with the Mississippi Humanities Council. Co-sponsors of the exhibit are the Historic Natchez Foundation and the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life.

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Registration
For registration information, contact the Historic Natchez Foundation:
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Website: www.natchez.org
Accommodations: Conference headquarters is the historic Natchez Eola Hotel, which offers a special conference rate. (601) 442-6090.
Transportation: Airline and car rental service is available at Baton Rouge (85 miles), Jackson (110 miles), and New Orleans (185 miles).

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All conference lectures and the Opening Cocktail Reception at the Natchez Visitors Center are free.
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Thursday, October 8
9:00 a.m. Registration Open , Natchez Eola Hotel
10:00 a.m. Student Session Pursuing the Natchez Past and the Courthouse Records Project —California State University, Northridge
Moderator: Ralph Vicer, Dean Emeritus, California State University, Northridge
Session #1: Antebellum Munderings
Lydia Dowell, Entrepreneur in Antebellum Natchez
Cai Ryan
The Claiborne Connection: An Intersection in Black and White
Charity Hayes
Session #2: Post-Bellum Explorations
Natchez College: Its Untold History
Debra White-Hayes
Historic Natchez Photography: From the Normans to the Gandys
Janet Bruce
1:00 p.m. Welcome. Eola Hotel Ballroom
Margaret Perkins, President, Historic Natchez Foundation; H. T. Holmes, Director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History; Kathleen Jenkins, Superintendent, Natchez National Historical Park, Jake Middleton, Mayor, City of Natchez
Session #3: Post-bellum Crosscurrents: Prosperity and Pestilence
Moderator: Anne Lipscomb Webster, Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Builders of the New South: Merchants, Capital, and the Remaking of Natchez, 1865-1914
Aaron Anderson, Alcorn State University
Yellow Fever in Mississippi and the Epidemic of 1897
Deanne Nauzer, University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast
3:00 p.m. Session #4: In Search of Place: The Southern Jewish Experience
Temple B’nai Israel, 213 South Commerce Street
Moderator: Julia Young, Mississippi Department of Archives and History
The Wandering Jew
Stuart Rockoff, Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life
Jewish Roots in Southern Soil
Mark Greenberg, University of South Florida
5:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception Celebrating 20 Years of Natchez National Historical Park and Grand Opening of Natchez Exhibits Natchez Visitors Center, 640 South Canal Street
7:00 p.m. Session #5: Bringing the Past to Life: The Natchez Interpretive Experience
Natchez Eola Hotel
Moderator: Art Frederick, Deputy Regional Director, National Park Service, Southeast Region
Bringing the Past to Life
David Vela, Regional Director, National Park Service, Southeast Region
Interpreting and Reinterpreting the Natchez Past
Ronald L. F. Davis, California State University, Northridge
Friday, October 9
9:00 a.m. Student Session Session #6: Revising into the Past
Moderator: John O’Hear, Mississippi State University
Of Pots and People: Excavations at Futlens Mounds, Jefferson County, Mississippi
Meg Kassenbaum, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The Glass Site: A Late Prehistoric Mound Center in Warren County
Lauren Downs, University of Alabama
10:00 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Session #7: Archaeological Expeditions
Moderator: Jim Barnett, Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, Mississippi Department of Archives and History
The Diaspora of the Natchez Indians: Refugees, Resettlement, and the Archaeology of Identity
Brad Lifd, Division of History and Culture, the Chickasaw Nation
Mapping the Lower Mississippi Valley, 1682 –1730
Vinca Steponaitis, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
12:30 p.m. Sandwiches and Student Workshop
Natchez Museum of African American History 301 Main Street
Session #8: Student Ventures: Students from California State University, Northridge, Introduce Their Research Topics
Moderator: Darrell White
Colonial Natchez: The Development of a Slave Society, 1720-1800
Devin Brown
The Intellectualism of Elite Women: Education and the Role of Books in Antebellum Natchez
Rebekeh Harding
The African American Experience in Natchez, 1930-1940
Samantha Jones
Behind the Southern Badge: Post-bellum Law Enforcement in Natchez
Darren Raipa
Yellow Plague: Yellow Fever’s Attack on 19th-Century Natchez
Beth Saller
African American Teachers in Natchez During School Integration
Kha Tura Steen
Natchez Civil War Veterans: Tracings Across the Years for Soldiers Black and White
Cheryl L. Wilkinson
2:30 p.m. Session #9: Slavery and the Episcopal Church
Trinity Episcopal Church, 305 South Commerce Street
Moderator: The Rt. Rev. Alfred E. Mable, Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina
The Episcopal Church and Slavery in the Natchez District: Race, Racism, Paternalism, and Civil Disobedience in a Southern Diocese
Edward L. Bond, Alabama A & M University
“Hitherto excluded for want of room.” Efforts of later Mississippi Bishop William Mercer Green to Accommodate the Enslaved Population within the North Carolina Episcopal Church, 1820-1850
The Rev. Brooks Grueneine, Historiographer, Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina
5:00 p.m. Exhibit Opening and Refreshments
The First Presbyterian Church: A Witness to Natchez and Natchez History In Photographs
First Presbyterian Church, 17 South Pearl Street
Session #10: Civil War Detours: New Perspectives on an Old Story
First Presbyterian Church, 17 South Pearl Street
Occupied Natchez, Elite Women, and the Feminization of the Civil War
Joyce Broussard, California State University, Northridge
U. S. Grant’s Peaceful Return to Mississippi
Michael B. Ballard, Associate Editor, U. S. Grant Papers Projects, Mississippi State University
7:30 p.m. Cocktail Buffet and Smithsonian Exhibit: Journey Stories
Co-sponsored by Mississippi Humanities Council and Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life
Historic Natchez Foundation, 108 South Commerce Street
Saturday, October 10
8:30 a.m. Session #11: Confronting Jim Crow: The Journey Forward
Moderator: Don Carleton, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas, Austin
The Deacons for Defense: Armed Resistance and the Civil Rights Movement
Lance Hay, Southern Institute for Education and Research, Tulane University
Black Natchez: Filming History in 1965
Ed Pincus, Documentary Filmmaker
10:30 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Session #12: Following Archival Trails
Moderator: Tom Scarborough, Historic Natchez Foundation
Plantation Spinster: The Antebellum Diary of Eliza L. Magruder
Tara Zlotkowski, Louisiana State University Libraries, Special Collections
New Collections and New Sources on the Natchez Region and the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History
Brenda Glenn, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History
12:00 p.m. Session #13: Family Structures: Doing Genealogical History
Karen Bilby, State Library of Louisiana
Teri Tillman, Certified Genealogist, Historic Natchez Foundation
Cocktail Buffet: Journey’s End
Brandon Hall on the Natchez Trace Celebrating Mississippi’s Large Donation for Historic Preservation
6:00 p.m.