



“A Panoramic View of the African American History of Nashville and Tennessee”

Friday, February 9, 2018

Tennessee State University, Avon Williams Campus

8:30 am	Registration begins
9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Metropolitan Nashville Historical Commission Prof. Linda Wynn, Conference Co-Chair
9:20 am	Researching and Preserving Nashville’s Early Black History: From the Hermitage to Fort Negley Jane Landers, Ph.D., Vanderbilt University
9:45 am	The Power in Preservation: Re-evaluating Activism through Black Material Culture Ashley Bouknight, Ph.D., Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage
10:10 am	Finding Toussaint L’Ouverture in Tennessee Brandon R. Byrd, Ph.D., Vanderbilt University
10:30 am	Break
11:10 am	<i>Witness Walls</i> by Poets Gray Bulla and Constance Bynum Benjamin Smith, Executive Director, Southern Word
11:30 am	Remarks by Megan Barry, Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, and Dr. Glenda Glover, President of Tennessee State University
12:00	LUNCH
1:30 pm	Reclaiming Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Age of Trumpism: The Enduring Challenge Lewis V. Baldwin, Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, retired
1:50 pm	James Carroll Napier: Uplifting a Race, 1845-1940 Herbert Clark, Ph.D.
2:10 pm	The Impact of HBCU-Educated African Americans in Small Rural Communities: Lifting as They Climb to Improve Themselves and Us Cynthia Bond Hopson, Ph.D., The Black College Fund, The United Methodist Church
2:30 pm	Musical Performance TSU Meistersingers Susan Kelly, Ph.D., Director
3:00 pm	When Tennessee Travels: The Music of Alberta Hunter and Lil Hardin Armstrong K. T. Ewing, Ph.D., Tennessee State University
3:30 pm	Closing Remarks

This year’s *Profiles of African-Americans in Tennessee* are: Edgehill neighborhood, George Edmund Haynes, Nettie Langston Napier, Nashville and Davidson County Schools Named for African Americans, and Remembering the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

ALKEBU-LAN IMAGES

ARAMARK

FRIERSON FOUNDATION

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JEFFERSON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRUCE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

TSU FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

---

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Reavis L. Mitchell, Jr., *Fisk University*

Co-Chair Linda T. Wynn, *Tennessee Historical Commission/Fisk University*

Gloria C. Johnson, ex-officio, *Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Tennessee State University*  
*Tennessee State University*

Pamela Bobo, *Tennessee State University*

Murle Kenerson, *Tennessee State University*

Gloria McKissack, *Tennessee State University (ret.)*

Jessica G. Reeves, *Metro Historical Commission*

Jamaal B. Sheats, *Fisk University*

Sharon Hull Smith, *Tennessee State University*

Tim Walker, *Metro Historical Commission*

Learotha Williams, Jr., *Tennessee State University*

---

## EXHIBITION

African-Americans of Nashville

Jamaal B. Sheats, curator

