

Please Join Us!

On February 9, 2018, Tennessee State University's College of Liberal Arts and the Metropolitan Historical Commission will celebrate the contributions of African Americans to Nashville and Tennessee history. For thirty-seven years, this award-winning conference has brought together historians, students, educators, community leaders, and others interested in African American history and culture.

This year's conference will celebrate the many ways African Americans have made an impact in Nashville and Tennessee. Dr. Jane Landers will present on Nashville's early Black history, Hermitage assistant curator Dr. Ashley Bouknight will use Black material culture as a lens to evaluate activism, and Vanderbilt history professor Dr. Brandon Byrd will speak on Toussaint L'Ouverture and his connection to Tennessee. Retired Vanderbilt professor Dr. Lewis V. Baldwin will examine Dr. King's legacy in the age of "Trumpism." Dr. Herbert Clark and Dr. Cynthia Bond Hopkins will both discuss the idea of "racial uplift;" Dr. Clark through the life of James Carroll Napier, and Dr. Bond Hopkins through the impact of HBCU-educated African Americans in rural communities. Continuing the conference's long-standing tradition in celebrating African-American music, TSU history professor Dr. K.T. Ewing will present on two jazz greats, Alberta Hunter and Lil Hardin Armstrong.

We are also pleased to welcome the TSU Meistersingers, directed by Dr. Susan Kelly, and poets Gray Bulla and Constance Bynum from Southern Word, as musical and artistic entertainment this year.

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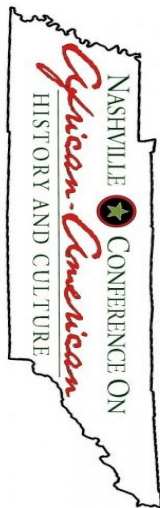
37th Annual



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

Friday, February 9, 2018
8:30-4:00 pm

Tennessee State University
Avon Williams Campus
10th & Charlotte Ave.
Nashville, Tennessee



Metropolitan Historical Commission
Sunmystide in Sevier Park
3000 Granny White Pike
Nashville, Tennessee 37204-2901

Conference Registration



February 9, 2018

Registration fee is \$25.00.

Make checks payable to:
TSU Foundation: TSU/MHC Conference

Mail to:
**Metro Historical Commission
3000 Granny White Pike
Nashville, Tennessee 37204**

Registration form and fee MUST be received by
January 19, 2018.

Name _____

Address _____

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Questions? Call us at 615-862-7970

Preregistration is strongly encouraged.

Registration cannot be taken over the phone.



Preliminary Program

- 9:00 am **Welcome**
Tim Walker, MHC Executive Director
Linda T. 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.
- 9:45 am **The Power in Preservation:
Re-evaluating Activism through
Black Material Culture**
Ashley Bouknight, Ph.D.
- 10:10 am **Finding Toussaint L'Ouverture in
Tennessee**
Brandon R. Byrd, Ph.D.
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 11:10 am **Remarks**
- 11:30 am **Witness Walls by poets
Gray Bulla and Constance Bynum**
Benjamin Smith, Executive Director,
Southern Word
- Noon **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:30 pm **Reclaiming Martin Luther King, Jr. in
the Age of Trumpism: The Enduring
Challenge**
Lewis V. Baldwin, Ph.D.
- 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.
- 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.
- 3:30 pm **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Reavis L. Mitchell,
Conference Co-Chair

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