

## Please Join Us!

On February 14, 2014, 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 over thirty years, this award-winning conference has brought together historians, students, educators, community leaders, and others interested in African American history and culture. The 2014 conference will focus on the educational and musical legacies of the African-American community in Nashville, and commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Nashville in the American Civil War.

Dr. Sonya Ramsey will speak on the subject of her recent book, *Reading, Writing, and Segregation: A Century of Black Women Schoolteachers in Nashville*. Some of Ramsey's research was drawn from interviews with our own Conference attendees!

Dr. Don Cusic will speak about the contributions of poet, educator, and activist James Weldon Johnson. Dr. Janet Walsh and Mrs. Beverly Robertson will highlight research and interpretation of the African-American experience at their institutions. In commemoration of the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Nashville, Mr. Norm Hill and Dr. Tim Johnson will discuss the Civil War experiences of Nashville's African Americans during the battle. The Fisk University Stagecrafters and Tennessee State University's Jazz Collegians will provide entertainment.

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND THE  
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33rd Annual



Friday, February 14, 2014

8:30 am—4:00 pm

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



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## Preliminary Program

9:00 am	<b>Welcome</b> Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director Metropolitan Historical Commission Mrs. Linda T. Wynn, Conference Co-Chair
9:20 am	<b>Black Soldiers and the War of the Rebellion</b> Mr. Norman J. Hill, Commissioner Tennessee Historical Commission
9:40 am	<b>A Magnificent Beginning: Remembering the Battle of Nashville</b> Dr. Timothy Johnson Lipscomb University
10:10 am	<b>Break</b>
10:30 am	<b>Libraries as Cultural Keepers: Sharing Information, Building Communities, Preserving Stories</b> Dr. Janet Walsh Avon Williams Library, Tennessee State University
11:00 am	<b>Remarks:</b> The Honorable Brenda Wynn, Davidson County Clerk Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, President Tennessee State University
11:30 am	<b>The Watsons Go To Birmingham, 1963</b> Fisk University Stagecrafters Prof. Persephone Fentress, Director
Noon	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
1:30 pm	<b>Musical Performance</b> TSU Jazz Collegians Prof. James Sexton, Director
2:00 pm	<b>James Weldon Johnson, Songwriter</b> Dr. Don Cusic Belmont University
2:30 pm	<b>Reading, Writing, and Segregation: A Century of Black Women Schoolteachers in Nashville</b> Dr. Sonya Ramsey University of North Carolina at Charlotte
3:00 pm	<b>Preserving a Legacy: The National Civil Rights Museum</b> Mrs. Beverly Robertson, President National Civil Rights Museum
3:30 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Dr. Reavis L. Mitchell, Jr., Conference Co-Chair

## Conference Registration



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Registration fee is \$20.00.

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

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**Metro Historical Commission  
3000 Granny White Pike  
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