

## Please Join Us!

On February 13, 2015, 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. This year's conference will examine some of the unsung personalities of African-Americans in Tennessee, including John McCline, King Daniel Ganaway, and Samuel F. Yett.

New for this year will be the airing of the winning student documentaries from 2014's Tennessee History Day competition. Honored for the best projects in African-American history, sponsored by the Nashville Conference Committee at the 2014 competition, these middle- and high-school students and their teachers will show their winning documentaries.

Dr. Sybril Bennett, Journalism professor at Belmont University, will focus on the lessons of the Underground Railroad, and how its innovative network can be adapted for networking in the 21st Century. Her book *Innovate: Lessons from the Underground Railroad* has been called "masterful," "creative," and "inspiring" by reviewers. State Historian Dr. C. Van West will conclude the conference with an analysis of the students from American Baptist College and their role in the Voting Rights Movement in Selma, Alabama.

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND THE  
METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Present the  
34th Annual



Friday, February 13, 2015

8:30 am—4:00 pm

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



Metropolitan Historical Commission

Sunnyside in Sewier Park

3000 Granny White Pike

Nashville, Tennessee 37204

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## Preliminary Program

- 9:00 am Welcome**  
Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director  
Metropolitan Historical Commission  
Mrs. Linda T. Wynn, Conference Co-Chair
- 9:20 am Lessons from the Underground Railroad**  
Dr. Sybril Bennett, Belmont University
- 9:40 am John McCline and Cloverbottom Plantation**  
Mr. Steve Rogers, TN Historical Commission
- 10:10 am Break**
- 10:30 am Ananzi the Spider**  
Wishing Chair Productions
- 11:00 am Remarks:**  
The Honorable Brenda Wynn,  
Davidson County Clerk  
Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, President  
Tennessee State University
- 11:30 am Tennessee History Day Student Presentations**
- Noon Lunch (provided)**
- 1:20 pm Interpreting Plantation Slavery: Tennessee State Museum's Exhibit on Wessington Plantation**  
Mr. Rob DeHart, TN State Museum
- 1:50 pm King Daniel Ganaway: African-American Photographer**  
Mrs. Brenda Fredericks, independent scholar
- 2:15 pm TSU Jazz Collegians**
- 2:50 pm Samuel F. Yett and the Founding of The Meter, TSU's Student Newspaper**  
Ms. Pamela Foster, independent scholar
- 3:15 pm Where Giants Walked: American Baptist College and Selma's Voting Rights Movement**  
Dr. Carroll Van West, TN State Historian
- 3:45 pm Closing Remarks**  
Dr. Reavis L. Mitchell, Jr., Conference Co-Chair

## Conference Registration



## February 13, 2015

Registration fee is \$20.00.

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 23, 2015.

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