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43rd Annual

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HISTORY AND CULTUR

"Marching Towards an Inclusive Future: Seismic Shifts in Tennessee Communities"

Friday, February 9, 2024 8:30-3:30 pm

Tennessee State University Avon Williams Campus 330 10th Avenue North Nashville, TN 37203

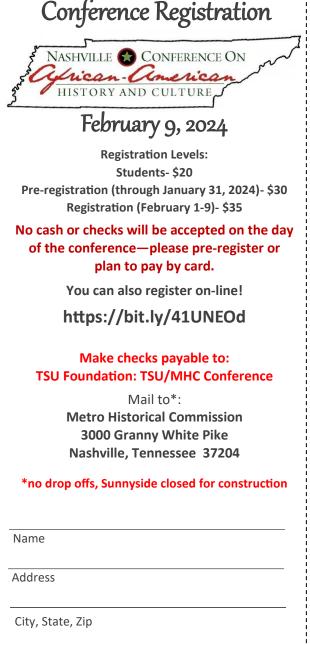
Please Join Us!

On Friday, February 9, 2024 join Tennessee State University's (TSU) College of Liberal Arts and the Metropolitan Historical Commission (MHC) for a celebration of the myriad contributions of African Americans to Nashville and Tennessee history. For forty-three years, this award-winning conference has brought together historians, students, educators, community leaders and others interested in learning and celebrating African American history and culture.

The theme of this year's conference is "Marching Towards an Inclusive Future: Seismic Shifts in Tennessee Communities," with a focus on civil rights history. Knox County archivist Zachary Keith will discuss mapping the destruction of Tennessee's African American communities, then author Dr. Rachel Martin will detail the explosive beginnings of school desegregation. Paula Blackman lacampo of Harper Collins Publishers will explore integration of the airwaves, followed by an examination of Meharry Medical College's role in the Civil Rights Movement by MMC Library Executive Director, Sandra Parham. Singer Deni E. Lowe will undoubtedly captivate all with her performance, "Songs of the Movement." After lunch. Robbie Jones of Richard Grubb and Associates will present an overview of the Nashville Student Movement from 1942-1969. Next, we'll hear about the Nashville Public Library's Civil Rights Room from one of their own, Special Collections staff member Elliott Robinson. A theatrical performance by Gerold Oliver and Tyrone Robinson will shine a light on the inspirational legacy of basketball great Perry Wallace's fortitude and the intersection of race and sports in the South. Dr. André Churchwell of Vanderbilt University will close the program with a session on the history of minority communities in Nashville.

Conference co-chairs Linda Wynn and Dr. Lea Williams, Nashville Mayor Freddie O'Connell, MHC's Tim Walker, and TSU's College of Liberal Arts Dean, Dr. Samantha Morgan-Curtis, will provide additional remarks.

Conference Registration



Email Address (for confirmation)

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Ouestions? Call us at 615-862-7970 Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

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Preliminary Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks Tim Walker, MHC Executive Director Linda T. Wynn, Conference Co-Chair Freddie O'Connell, Mayor of Nashville

Mapping the Destruction of Tennessee's African American Neighborhoods Zachary Keith, Knox County Archives

The Explosive Beginning of School Desegregation Dr. Rachel Martin, writer and historian

10:15 am

9:00 am

9:25 am

9:50 am

10:45 am

11:10 am

1:30 pm

1:35 pm

2:00 pm

2:25 pm

2:50 pm

3:15 pm

Integrating the Airwaves Paula Blackman Jacampo, Harper Collins Publishers

Meharry Medical College and the Nashville Civil Rights Movement Sandra Parham, Meharry Medical College Library and Archives

11:35 am **Performance: Songs of the Movement** Deni E. Lowe

12:00 pm Lunch (provided)

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Remarks, Dr. Samantha Morgan-Curtis, Dean of Tennessee State University's **College of Liberal Arts**

Nashville's Civil Rights Movement Landmarks, 1942-1969 Robbie D. Jones, Richard Grubb and Associates

The Civil Rights Room: No Longer a Hidden Gem Elliott Robinson, Nashville Public Library Special Collections Division

Performance: Theatrical Adaptation of Andrew Maraniss' Strong Inside: Perry Wallace and the Collision of Race and Sports in the South Tyrone L. Robinson and Gerold Oliver

Then and Now: The History of Minority Communities in Nashville, A Vanderbilt University project in collaboration with the Nashville Public Library Dr. André Churchwell. Vanderbilt University

> **Closing Remarks** Dr. Learotha Williams, Conference Co-Chair

Planning Committee

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