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Save the Date

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2014 Public Humanities Awards

February 28, 2014

6:00 p.m.

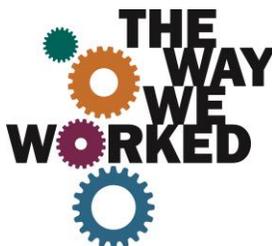
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Jackson, MS

More details to follow

For questions please call the MHC at 601.432.6752

The Way We Worked Continues Mississippi Tour in 2014



The Mississippi Humanities Council–sponsored Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit, *The Way We Worked*, an exhibit addressing work in America from the late 19th to late 20th centuries, is on the road! Following its grand opening at the Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum in Meridian in October, it was transported (thanks to Dr. William Lewis, Daniel Smith and the trucking school at Pearl River Community College) to its second stop at the Henry M. Seymour Public Library in Indianola in

early November. The exhibit will remain on display in Indianola until early January 2014 and then travel to the Union County Heritage Museum in New Albany with an opening in that location scheduled for the week of January 11. Subsequently, the exhibit will travel to East Central MS Community College in Decatur, Co-Lin Community College in Wesson and the Tunica Museum in Tunica before being returned to the Smithsonian in Washington next July. For more information go to www.mshumanities.org or contact David Morgan at david@mhc.state.ms.us or 601-432-6752.

MHC Embraces Digital Humanities, Leverages the Power of Technology



The Mississippi Humanities Council has joined the social-networking revolution in attempts to both modernize the Council and reach a new demographic. MHC uses resources like Twitter and Facebook to publicize Council-funded programs across the state, Council-conducted projects and other humanities-related events across the country.

For current updates on MHC grant deadlines, sponsored events and news from the humanities world, please “like” us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter: @MS_Humanities

MHC Selects 2014 Sites for Family Literacy Programs

The Mississippi Humanities Council’s Family Literacy Project programs have concluded for 2013. Programs during the past year included Family Reading Bonds reading and discussion series at Brookhaven Elementary in Brookhaven, Pearman Elementary in Cleveland (in conjunction with the Bologna Performing Arts Center), Greenhill Elementary in Sardis (in conjunction with AmeriCorps VISTA), the I.S Sanders YMCA in Jackson, Leflore County Schools in Greenwood, the Petal School District in Petal and TN-Tom Moving Youth in Aberdeen. These programs served a total of 92 families, including 112 adults and 146 children. Luciérnagas Family Reading Programs (a bilingual Spanish and English program) were held in Laurel (in conjunction with the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and MS Association for Arts Education) and, for a fourth consecutive year, at the M.R. Dye Public Library in Horn Lake. These programs served an additional 47 families, including 66 parents and 108 adults. Since 2005 a total of 881 families, 935 parents and 1462 children have been served by our Family Literacy Project programs.



Site selections for next year are now under way with potential 2014 programs at Central United Methodist Church/Brown Elementary School in Jackson and the Ohr-O’Keefe Museum in Biloxi. A program has already been confirmed for late 2014 at the public library in Itta Bena. The Mississippi Arts Commission contributes with grants to fund storytellers.



Join us on the Mississippi Gulf Coast
in celebrating the rich history and culture of the Mississippi Delta

***From the Flatlands to the Coast:
Bringing the Mississippi Delta to the Mississippi Gulf Coast***

Thursday, January 30 | 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus
Gulf Coast Library Third Floor

*Roundtable Discussion Featuring: Dr. Douglas Bristol, Dr. Luher Brown,
Kathleen Robbins, and C. Sade Turnipseed*

Friday, January 31 | 6 – 7:30 p.m.

The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center, Ocean Springs

Mississippi Delta Blues musical presentation by Robert Terrell and Leo 'Bud' Welch



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All events are free and open to the public.

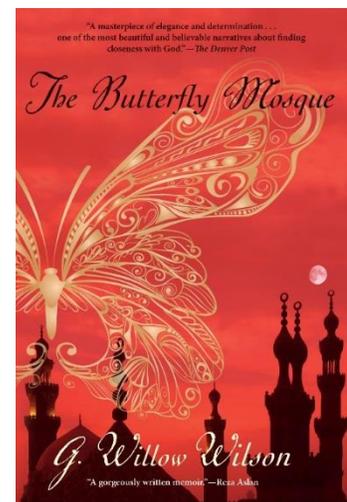
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Center for the Study of the Gulf South, The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center,*

***Muslim Journeys* Discussion Series to Resume in February 2014**

The Mississippi Humanities Council will resume its *Muslim Journeys* reading and discussion series in February 2014 with two final discussions before launching a second series in March 2014.

The Council was awarded a Muslim Journeys "Bookshelf" – a collection of 25 books, four DVDs and other programming resources selected to help public audiences in the United States become more familiar with the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims around the world and within the U.S. – by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. The Council also received a \$4,500 grant from to host two five-part reading and discussion series using the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf. Participation is free and open to all. Discussions take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Margaret Walker Center, located in historic Ayer Hall



on the campus of Jackson State University. Participants must provide their own books, either borrowed from a library or purchased.

The final discussions will be Feb. 13, 2014, featuring *A Quiet Revolution: The Veil's Resurgence, from the Middle East to America* by Leila Ahme and March 6, 2014, featuring *The Butterfly Mosque* by G. Willow Wilson.

Applications Invited for National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards

Nomination/application materials for the 2014 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards are now available online at www.nahyp.org. These awards honor 12 outstanding out-of-school arts and humanities programs for children and youth. A list of the 2013 NAHYP awardees is available [here](#). To view eligibility requirements, please visit <http://www.nahyp.org/how-to-apply/eligibility-criteria/>. The deadline for application submission is February 10, 2014.

Have You Seen Our Events Calendar?

Did you know our Calendar page is updated weekly with humanities events all over Mississippi? Even better, most events are free and open to the public! Travel to New Albany in January for a month of programming around the Smithsonian Institution exhibit, *The Way We Worked*, which will travel the state through July 2014. Sit in on the next War and Society Roundtable at the Library of Hattiesburg, Library of Hattiesburg, Petal and Forrest County Jan. 14 and again Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. Learn about the Mississippi Delta's influence on Mississippi's music, culture, traditions and landscape at *From the Flatlands to the Coast: Bringing the MS Delta to the MS Gulf Coast* Jan. 30 and 31 in Long Beach.



Keep coming back to our Calendar page; there will always be new events added each week for you to attend. Click this [link](#) to find a humanities program occurring in your community.

Next MHC Grant Deadline January 15, 2014

January 15, 2014, is the next MHC mini-grant application deadline for proposals for amounts up to \$1,500. Application guidelines and forms are available at www.mshumanities.org. Mini-Grant deadlines are January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 each year. Mini-Grant applications must be submitted a minimum of 8 weeks before the proposed program begins.

April 15, 2014, is the next MHC Regular Grant application deadline for proposals up to \$7,500. Application guidelines and forms are available at www.mshumanities.org. Regular Grant deadlines are April 15 and September 15 each year. Regular Grant applications must be submitted a minimum of 12 weeks before the proposed program begins.

The Council invites grant proposals that address one or more of four focus areas: Books and Reading, Mississippi History and Culture, Civil Discourse and Capacity Building.

MHC Welcomes Your Support

The humanities can be hard to quantify. How do you measure the excitement of a family starting to read together, or of a Smithsonian exhibit opening in a rural county? How do you measure the value of using oral histories to preserve the precious legacy of our state, or of exhibits, documentary films, and public events that would not exist were it not for our grants?

Yet as the numbers on the front cover show, in 2013 the Mississippi Humanities Council had an impact in every corner of our state. As you unfold this card, you will see the scope of our work: a map of the state showing how our programs reached every county in Mississippi over the past two years. As this map reflects, we truly believe “the Humanities are for Everyone.”

With your donation, we can continue to make a difference all across Mississippi. We graciously thank you for your support.

Wishing you a happy and joyous holiday season,


Executive Director


Board Chair

Mississippi Humanities Council programs are engaging, inspiring and free of charge. Your gift makes a big difference to our mission of cultivating an understanding of our history and culture throughout the state. You help us enrich peoples' lives through programs incorporating history, literature, music, politics, philosophy and other humanities-based disciplines that illuminate the human condition. Thanks to your support, we are able to serve all Mississippians: all ages, all geographic areas of the state, all walks of life.

A small gift of \$25 will purchase two books for children participating in the Mississippi Humanities Council's [Family Reading Bonds](#) program.

A larger gift of \$250 will fund a lecture in a school classroom, local library or civic club, by a member of the Mississippi Humanities Council [Speakers Bureau](#).

A \$2,500 contribution will underwrite a six-week [Family Reading Bonds](#) series, part of the Mississippi Humanities Council's literacy program.

A gift of any amount can support any one of our ongoing programs:

- [Oral History Projects](#)
- [Lecture Series](#)
- [Smithsonian Exhibits](#)
- [Public Humanities Awards](#)

To donate online, visit <http://www.mshumanities.org/Donor/Donations.asp>. Or call 601-432-6752.



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