

2009 Tennessee Conference of Historians
Cumberland University
Lebanon, Tennessee
25-26 September 2009

Friday, September 25

Location: Labry Atrium and Tiered Classroom

- 6:30-7:30 Opening Reception
7:00-7:30 Book Signing by Dr. Mark M. Smith
7:30-9:00 Roundtable Discussion: "Recent Scholarship on Andrew Jackson"
 Panelists: Mark R. Cheatham, Cumberland University
 Daniel Feller, University of Tennessee and
 Editor, *The Papers of Andrew Jackson*
 Ann Toplovich, Tennessee Historical Society

Saturday, September 26

Location: Labry Hall

- 8:30-10:15 A.M. SESSION 1
1. Labry 207 Labor and the South

Chair: TBA

"Birth of a Union-Fighter: N.F. Thompson, the KKK, and the Roots of the Southern Open-Shop Drive"

Chad E. Pearson, University of Alabama in Huntsville

"The Monongah Coal Mines Disaster, 1907"

Jeffery B. Cook, North Greenville University

2. Labry 209 The Dogs of War: Chivalry, Memory, and Football

Chair: TBA

"'Deference and Honor': Remembering the 13th Tennessee Voluntary Cavalry (USA)"

Melanie Storie, East Tennessee State University

"The Relationship between Football and War from the Journals of General Robert R. Neyland"

Rob Hardin, University of Tennessee

“Save the Women and Children: U.S. Newspapers’ Role in Promoting Chivalry as Motive for War, 1898 and 1917”

Mark Bernhardt, Jackson State University

3. Labry 210 Agents of Change for African American Civil Rights

Chair: Joan Browning, Independent Scholar

“Surviving the Great Depression: A Case Study of the Impact of the Great Depression on African American Women in Rural Georgia”

Candace Cunningham, University of South Carolina

“Clinton’s Finest Hour”

Heather Flood, Independent Scholar

“African American Women as Agents of Change in the Tennessee-Kentucky Upper Cumberland”

Wali R. Kharif, Tennessee Tech University

4. Labry 211 Reform, Reinvention, and Religion in Early Tennessee History

Chair: Charles Crawford, University of Memphis

“Institutions of Control and Uplift: Tennessee’s Experience with Antebellum Asylums

Mike Taylor, University of Tennessee

“Reinventing the State of Franklin: Politics, Prosperity, and the Legacy of a Failed State”

Kevin Barksdale, Marshall University

“Elder Tidence Lane and His Recollections of Shubal Stearns”

John Sparks, Independent Scholar

10:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M. SESSION 2

5. Labry 207 Popular Culture in Media and Sports

Chair: Michael Bertrand, Tennessee State University

“Beads, Feathers, and Federal Policy: A Discussion of Federal Indian Policy and Popular Media”

Audrey Swartz, Bowling Green State University

“Popular Culture on Campus: College Football Stadiums in the South, 1913-1929”

Brian M. Ingrassia, Georgia State University

6. Labry 209 New Directions in Public History

Chair: Antoinette van Zelm, Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University

“Scholarship and Technology in the 21st Century”

Karen S. Needles, Lincolnarchives Digital Project

“Art and Artists of Civil War Tennessee”

Celia S. Walker, Peabody Library, Vanderbilt University

Susan W. Knowles, Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University

“Lessons Learned at Sunnyside: Deconstructing Local History”

Tara Mitchell Mielnik, Metropolitan Historical Commission

7. Labry 210 Chills and Fevers of the Cold War

Chair: Christos G. Frentzos, Austin Peay State University

“James F. Byrnes: The Definitive Cold Warrior”

Braden Hall, North Greenville University

“The Cold War, the 1948 Election, and the End of the Solid South”

Zach Gilliam, North Greenville University

“The Black Lady of Espionage”

Seth Withers, North Greenville University

8. Labry 211 19th-Century Religion

Chair: Susan Myers-Shirk, Middle Tennessee State University

“The Transcendentalists: An American Religious Historiography”

Daniel C. Dillard, Florida State University

“‘I Don’t know about Man, but I know what God can do’: The Nineteenth-Century Black Church and Biblically Inspired Activism”

Judy LeForge, Union University

“‘An Abandonment of the Christian Religion’: Tolbert Fanning and David Lipscomb on War, Politics, and Society, 1856-1876”
Jason A. Mead, University of Tennessee

12:15-1:45 P.M. LUNCH

Lunch will be served in Baird Chapel, which is located in Memorial Hall

Keynote address: Dr. Mark M. Smith, Carolina Distinguished Professor of History,
University of South Carolina

2:00-3:45 P.M. SESSION 3

9. Labry 209 The United States and World Religion

Chair: Richard Garlitz, University of Tennessee at Martin

“Mr. Wesley goes to Nigeria: Resistance and Partnership in the Wesleyan
Methodist Missionary Society”
Kirk Fatool, Purdue University

“Fighting Christ in Africa and Appalachia: Manhood and Atheism in the Life of
Richard Lynch Garner, ca. 1880-1920”
Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University

“Assimilation of Middle Eastern Christians into the Native-Born Southern
Population”
Elizabeth Whitaker, Independent Scholar

10. Labry 210 Roundtable—*Tennessee Women: Their Lives and Times*

Chair: Pippa Holloway, Middle Tennessee State University

Panelists: Beverly Bond, University of Memphis
Carole S. Bucy, Volunteer State Community College
Sarah Wilkerson-Freeman, Arkansas State University

11. Labry 211 The Civil War and Tennessee

Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lincoln Memorial University

“The Tennessee Taliban: A History of Committees of Safety in Nashville and
Memphis, 1860-1862”
James B. Jones, Jr., Tennessee Historical Commission

“One Division Saves an Army”

Thomas W. Robinson, James Madison University

“The Memphis Race Riot of 1866 and Institutional Change”

Art Carden, Rhodes College