

FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

3:00 to 5:00 PM – Registration on the second floor of the Student Union; Tour of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library on the first floor; the Grisham Room on the third floor; and the Templeton Music Museum on the fourth floor of Mitchell Memorial Library.

6:00 to 7:00 PM – Reception in the Old Main Lounge (Student Union)

7:00 PM – Dinner in the Foster Ballroom (Student Union)

Master of Ceremonies: John F. Marszalek, USGPL

Welcome from MSU President or Provost

Keynote speaker: Dr. Doug Egerton, LeMoyne College – The Early Years of Reconstruction

Discussion/Questions

Information on the following days' activities

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

Breakfast on your own --- at hotel, on campus, or in Starkville

10 AM-12 PM – Panel of judges

Rhode Island Chief Justice (ret) Frank J Williams, Mississippi Chief Justice William Waller, and Mississippi Justice (ret) Fred Banks, moderated by Governor William Winter

12 PM-1:15 PM – lunch on your own

1:15 PM-3:15 PM – Panel of speakers

Dorothy O. Pratt (University of South Carolina), “Mississippi Constitution of 1890 and the Fifteenth Amendment”

Stacy D. Allen (National Park Service), “Hardscrabble Slave-Owner to Suffrage Warrior: Ulysses S. Grant’s Unwavering Ascension to Civil Rights Guardian”

Stephen A. West (The Catholic University of America), “Second-Guessing Reconstruction: Americans Debate the ‘Mistake’ of the Fifteenth Amendment, 1870-1920”

3:30 PM-5:30 PM – Panel of speakers

“The Civil Rights Division and Voting Right Before 1965” – Judge Gordon A. Martin (Boston), Mr. Gerald Stern (Washington, DC), Dr. John T. Elliff (Alexandria, VA)

6 PM – Dinner on own in Starkville’s downtown; there are numerous restaurants

7:30 PM – Informal after-hours and reception for panelists and students, downtown Starkville. Location TBA.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

Breakfast on your own --- at hotel, on campus, or in Starkville

10 AM-12 PM – Panel of speakers

Richard L. Engstrom (Duke University) and Tommie S. Cardin (Jackson, MS), “Preclearance Politics in Mississippi”

Barbara H. Combs (Clark Atlanta University), “The Promise and Fulfillment of the Franchise Post Shelby County, AL vs. Holder”

12 PM-1:15 PM – lunch on own

1:15 PM-3:15 PM – Panel of speakers

Zachary L. Wakefield (Auburn University), “By Any Means Necessary: Theodore Bilbo’s 1946 Senate Campaign and the Limits of the Fifteenth Amendment”

John L. Bullion (University of Missouri), “Segregation or Pork? Lyndon Johnson, Civil Rights, and the Democratic Party in the South, 1964-65”

Ryan P. Semmes (Mississippi State University), “The ‘So-Called Civil Rights Movement’: White Mississippians React to Social Change”

3:30 PM-4:30 PM – National Park Service Panel of Speakers

Tim Good, Dave Schafer (LBJ National Historic Park)

Thersea Hall (Selma to Montgomery)

Enimini Ekong (Little Rock Central)

4:30 PM- 5:30 PM – Wrap-up discussion of all panel speakers, moderated by Frank Williams

6:00 PM – Cash Bar Reception at Hunter Henry Center

7:00 PM – Dinner at the Hunter Henry Center

Master of Ceremonies: Stephen Middleton, African American Studies

Speaker: Dr. Michael Fauntroy, Howard University – The Voting Rights Act and its impact on African American political participation

Discussion/Questions

Adjournment of the symposium