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Annual Meeting
October 25-26, 2007
Troy University, Dothan Campus
Dothan, Alabama

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"When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world."

--- George Washington Carver

Society of **AL**abama Archivists 2007 Conference Program

Thursday, October 25, 2007

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Workshop registration** **Malone Hall**

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Workshop:**
Arts and Humanities Grants in Alabama **Harrison Room, Malone Hall**

Workshop Presenters: Susan Perry, Grants Director, Alabama Humanities Foundation &
Randy Shoults, Community Arts Program Manager, Alabama State Council on the Arts

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Wine tasting and Reception** **Vino-Vino Marketplace**
reception courtesy of Vino-Vino 2620 Montgomery Hwy, Ste 2

7:30 p.m. - **Dinner on your own** **Around town**

Friday October 26, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Open registration and breakfast** **Lobby, Malone Hall**

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Opening Plenary Session** **Harrison Room, Malone Hall**

Welcome to Dothan: **Marty Oliff**, SALA Local Arrangements Coordinator
Welcome to SALA 2007: SALA President **Laura Caldwell Anderson** & incoming President, **Jessica Lacher-Feldman**
Archives Proclamation: Dothan Mayor **Pat Thomas** & Councilman **Keith Seagal**
Plenary Presentation: **Steve Murray**, Assistant Director for Administration and Development, ADAH

“Voices from the Archives: Connecting Visitor and Record at the New Museum of Alabama”

Murray will provide an overview of the museum as a whole but focus on how we will present the state’s history through the “voices” represented in records.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break** **Lobby, Malone Hall**

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions 1, 2, & 3**

Session 1: “The Center of the Community: Documenting Churches in Alabama.” **M 110**

“Every Where in Every Church”: Documenting Alabama’s Episcopal History”

Jim Baggett, Head of the Department of Archives and Manuscripts at the Birmingham Public Library and Archivist for the City of Birmingham.

The editor of four books on Birmingham history, he has served as president of the Society of Alabama Archivists and Chair of the Jefferson County Historical Commission. He is currently writing a biography of one of Birmingham’s best known political figures entitled A Fine Time to Fight: Bull Connor and the Politics of Confrontation.

“The Wiregrass Church Documentation Project: Benchmarking an Important Cultural Institution.”

Marty Olliff, Director, Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture, Troy University—Dothan Campus.

Olliff holds three degrees from Auburn University, where he served on faculty 1996-2002 before moving to Troy University--Dothan Campus. In addition to his duties as archivist there, he serves as an Associate Professor of History. Olliff is past president of the Society of Alabama Archivists and the Alabama Association of Historians.

Session 2: "Oral History and Digital Technology: Recording, Preservation, and Digital Archives." M 122

Doug Boyd, Digital Program Manager, University of Alabama Libraries, The University of Alabama.

Doug Boyd received a Ph.D in Folklore from Indiana University. Boyd is the former director of the Kentucky Oral History Commission, as well as the Senior Archivist for the oral history and folklife collections at the Kentucky Historical Society.

Session 3: "Sources for Civil Rights Scholarship in Mobile Alabama." M 123

Carol Ellis and Scotty Kirkland, University of South Alabama

This session will explore and discuss the civil rights collections at the University of South Alabama Archives comprise one of the most important archival collections on social activism and the legal struggle against segregation on the Gulf Coast.



11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and keynote address: Harrison Room, Malone Hall

Elizabeth Adkins, Director of Global Information Management (GIM) at Ford Motor Company and immediate past-president of the Society of American Archivists.

Elizabeth Adkins is the Director of Global Information Management (GIM) at Ford Motor Company. In 2006-2007, Elizabeth served as President of the Society of American Archivists. Her efforts relating to advocacy in archives have brought the world of archives to new frontiers. She holds a B.A. in history from the State University of New York at Binghamton and an M.A. in history from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In addition to her leadership with the Society of American Archivists, she is a past president of the Academy of Certified Archivists, and serves on the Steering Committee of the Section on Business and Labour Archives of the International Council on Archives. In 2002, she was elected a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists.

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions 4 & 5

Session 4: "Bringing Alabama's African-American History to Light: A Progress Report." M 122

Clark Center, Donnelly Lancaster Walton and Merrily Harris: University of Alabama, & Dana Chandler, Tuskegee University

This session will present an update on the NHPRC grant-funded project to build up the Tuskegee University archives and provide for the processing of African-American-related collections at The University of Alabama and at Tuskegee.

Session 5: Graduate Student research projects M 123

Dusty Folds, School of Library & Information studies, The University of Alabama

"We are a Different Field, We Require a Different Education: Examining the History and Future of Creating a Master of Archival Studies Program in the United States and Canada."

Amanda Clark, School of Library & Information studies, The University of Alabama

"Archiving the Middle Kingdom: Tracing China's Print Record."

Greg Markley, Auburn University

"The Coca-Cola Archives: Succeeding Where 'Dilbert, not Schellenberg' Matters"

Marliese Thomas, School of Library & Information studies, The University of Alabama

"Cover Story: Quilts as Information Carriers"

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Business Meeting/Closing Remarks

Harrison Room, Malone Hall

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tour of Wiregrass Archives (optional)

Start @ Harrison Room

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Your 2007 Society of Alabama Archivists Schedule and Registration has arrived!

**Thursday, October 25 & Friday October 26, 2007
Troy University Dothan in Dothan, Alabama**



Johnny Mack Brown, aka **“the Dothan Antelope”** was born and raised in Dothan, Alabama. Brown attended The University of Alabama and played football the Crimson Tide – he was on the 1926 National Championship team, and was MVP of the Rose Bowl Game, scoring two of his team's three touchdowns in an upset win over the favored Washington Huskies.

Ruggedly handsome and talented, he went from the gridiron to the front of a *Wheaties* box and in 1927 was asked to screen test in Hollywood. He was cast in small roles right away, and in 1930 played in his first starring role in King Vidor’s Billy the Kid. Brown went on to appear in over 160 films over the next forty years, predominantly Westerns, as well in serials and television, a long and successful career in Hollywood. In recognition of his contribution to the motion picture industry, Brown was given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



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