

**THE NATCHEZ LITERARY AND CINEMA CELEBRATION**

NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

PRESENTS

THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION, THURSDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20-23, 2014

**60 YEARS AND COUNTING: VOICES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

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**William F. Winter**, Director of Proceedings, Jackson, Miss.

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

**PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS**

**THURSDAY, FEB. 20, 2014**

9 a.m. "The Mindset for Success: You Can Walk on the Moon," **Clifton Taulbert**, Tulsa, Okla., *The Invitation*, *Eight Habits of the Heart*, *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored*, and other books, Natchez High School, for students, faculty, and staff at Natchez High, Adams County Christian School, Cathedral School, and Trinity Episcopal School

11 a.m. "Leveraging Entrepreneurial Thinking: Winning in the 21st Century," **Clifton Taulbert**, Copenh-Lincoln Community College

7 p.m. "The Development of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum: The Story Will Be Told," **Jacqueline Dace**, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson; "Bishop Duncan M. Gray Jr. at Ole Miss, 1962," **Araminta Stone Johnston**, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, *And One Was a Priest: The Life and Times of Duncan M. Gray Jr.*; followed by a Conversation with **Duncan M. Gray Jr.**, Retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, Jackson; moderated by **Duncan M. Gray III**, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, Jackson; reception to follow, Trinity Episcopal Church

**CONFERENCE EVENTS, NATCHEZ CONVENTION CENTER**

**FRIDAY, FEB. 21, 2014**

9 a.m. Opening ceremony with **Ronald Nettles**, President, Copenh-Lincoln Community College; **Larry "Butch" Brown**, Mayor of the City of Natchez; and **William F. Winter**, former Governor of the State of Mississippi and NLCC Director of Proceedings.

9:15 a.m. "Fulfilling the Dream," **David G. Sansing**, The University of Mississippi, *A Place Called Mississippi* and other books

10:30-11 a.m. "The Importance of the Humanities," **Thad Cochran** (U.S. Senate, R-Miss.), with the presentation of the Thad Cochran Humanities Award event to **Barbara Carpenter**, Executive Director Emeritus, Mississippi Humanities Council

11 a.m. "Southern Literature: A Powerful Force," **Clifton Taulbert**, Tulsa, Okla., *The Invitation* and other books

1:30 p.m. Premiere screening of a documentary film about the life and career of **William F. Winter**, focusing on racial reconciliation and education, produced by The Southern Documentary Project, The University of Mississippi, and introduced by **Andy Harper**, The University of Mississippi

3 p.m. " 'Why Not Let the Past Rest?' -- Award-Winning Journalists and a Bestselling Novelist Discuss the Necessity of Confronting the Darkest Chapters of America's Past," **Stanley Nelson** (Pulitzer Prize finalist at *The Concordia Sentinel*), Ferriday, La.; **Jerry Mitchell** (Pulitzer Prize finalist at *The Clarion-Ledger*), Jackson, Miss.; and **Greg Iles**, *New York Times* best-selling author of a forthcoming trilogy of books set in Natchez during the Civil Rights Movement, Natchez, Miss.

5-6 p.m. Reception, Natchez Museum of African-American History and Culture (\$10)

7 p.m. Screening of *The Help*, a 146-minute film written and directed by **Tate Taylor**, Church Hill, Miss., based on a novel by the same name by **Kathryn Stockett**, Atlanta, Ga.

#### **SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 2014**

9 a.m. "The Help – Fact, Fiction, and Appeal," **Eugene Dattel**, New York, N.Y., and Ruleville, Miss., *Cotton and Race in the Making of America*

10:30 a.m. Awards event honoring outstanding writers:

The **Richard Wright** Literary Excellence Award

- **James Meredith**, author of *A Mission from God: A Memoir and Challenge for America*
- **Kathryn Stockett**, author of *The Help*

The **Horton Foote** Award for Special Achievement in Screenwriting

- **Tate Taylor**, writer of the screenplay, *The Help*

11:45 a.m. Luncheon, Carriage House at Stanton Hall, with musical selections from the Civil Rights Era by **Alvin Shelby** and the Holy Family Catholic Church Choir (\$25 ticket)

1:30 p.m. Introduction of past NLCC speakers, award winners, and other leaders

1:35 p.m. "The Storied South and the Civil Rights Movement" by **William R. Ferris**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, *The Storied South: Voices of Writers and Artists*, featuring interviews with **Pete Seeger, Robert Penn Warren, Alice Walker, and Eudora Welty**

2:45 p.m. "Nothing Beats a Made Up Mind: How Optimism and Education Changed My Life," by **David L. Jordan**, Greenwood, Miss., *From the Mississippi Cotton Fields to the State Senate: The Journey of David L. Jordan*, written with Robert L. Jenkins, with a Foreword by Mike Espy

3:30 p.m. "Mississippi Rebels: Elvis Presley, Fannie Lou Hamer, and the South's Culture of Religious Music," by **Charles Reagan Wilson**, University of Mississippi, co-editor, *The Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*

5-6:30 p.m. "**The NLCC's Silver Anniversary Celebration**," a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary reception, free and open to the public, honoring speakers, award winners, and other leaders of the NLCC, Natchez Visitors Center, hosted by Natchez Convention & Visitor Bureau

6 p.m. Gala fundraising reception and seated dinner honoring 2014 speakers and award winners, **Dunleith**, a National Historic Landmark. (\$135 ticket, with \$100 tax-deductible)

8 p.m. "Overcoming: The Role of Tougaloo (Miss.) College during the Civil Rights Movement" by **Ed King**, former chaplain, Tougaloo College, followed by a Concert of Civil Rights-Era Music by the **Tougaloo College Choir** (\$10 ticket)

#### **SUNDAY, FEB. 23, 2014**

1:30-5:30 p.m. "Sermons, Songs, and Solutions: Natchez Black Churches during the Civil Rights Movement," a free walking tour of **Rose Hill Baptist Church, Beulah Baptist Church, Zion Chapel A.M.E. Church, and Holy Family Catholic Church**